

GMTA Theory Achievement Tests Report on 2009 Results

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This was our first year administering the theory tests under GMTA's new curriculum, and with both increased participation and increased average scores, it looks to have been a success. I am pleased to report that **207 students** took the tests this year, 12% more than 2008 and 16% more than 2007. Of those, **157 students (a stunning 76%!!) earned a 90 or above**, with **29 students scoring a perfect 100!**

Level	Average Score	Number of Participants
I	96.5	71
II	92.9	60
III	87.7	47
IV	85.3	22
V	93.4	7

Last fall, GMTA's Executive Board and FAC approved the formation of a committee to assist the theory chair in implementing the revised and expanded theory achievement testing program, and the following GMTA members have agreed to serve with me on this committee:

- ❑ Dr. Priscilla Jefcoat (Brenau University)
- ❑ B.J. Sutherland (retired, Georgia State University)
- ❑ Gayle Vann
- ❑ Ben Mason

These committee members have a proven commitment to music theory instruction and testing, and their experience at all levels, from young children through college music majors to adults, has already proven an invaluable asset to GMTA and this committee. I would like to express my gratitude to each of them for their willingness to serve GMTA's members and for their professional commitment to improve music theory education in Georgia.

The 2009 tests were written by these committee members. This year, I wanted to grade all the levels myself, as I have done in the past, to learn how the students responded to the new curriculum and get an overview of the effectiveness of the tests. Beginning in 2010, the tests will be graded by the committee members, which should allow us to get your results to you **much** faster than before.

I am hoping to create a separate page on GMTA's website and post not only the 2009 tests and answer keys, but also all the tests and answer keys that I have on file from years past, including those before I became theory chair. You can view, print, and download these from the website. I am also working to post audio recordings

from the ear training CDs. If successful, you will be able to listen to the recordings or download them to your computer and burn them onto CDs.

As I said last year, you, the dedicated teachers of GMTA, are to be commended for ensuring that your students were prepared for the 2009 tests under the revised curriculum. Thank you for supporting GMTA's Theory Achievement Program, and thank you for continuing to emphasize to your students the importance of understanding and applying music theory.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT RESULTS

100	Outstanding Theorist with Honors
90-99	Outstanding Theorist
80-89	Excellence in Theory
70-79	Achievement in Theory

OUTSTANDING THEORIST WITH HONORS				
First Name	Last Name	Level	Association	Teacher
Luka	Marinkovic	2	Atlanta MTA	Janice Broadhurst
Ashli	Alexander	2	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Phyllis LaFon
Jonathan	Kinnemore	2	Decatur MTA	Kristi Helfen
Shushmita	Hoque	2	Gwinnett County MTA	Jean Mann
Laboni	Hoque	1	Gwinnett County MTA	Jean Mann
Samuel	Pak	3	Gwinnett County MTA	Lusia Glagoleva
Anna	Kakizaki	1	Gwinnett County MTA	Yumi Patterson
Allie	Schureck	1	Gwinnett County MTA	Yumi Patterson
Anna	Tipton	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Aurelia Campbell
Hailey	Kim	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Patti Bennett
Ellie	Peterson	2	Northeast Georgia MTA	Priscilla Jefcoat
Lauren	Misley	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Sylvia Beard
Sarah	Ross	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Francis	Yang	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Anna	Huntington	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Carson	Collins	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Noah	Andrews	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Arielle	Pantano	2	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Rishi	Singh	2	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Brianna	Taylor	2	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Dawn	Andrews	3	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Nolan	Handali	3	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Daley	Cass	1	Savannah MTA	Diane Boyd
Will	Brawner	2	Savannah MTA	Diane Boyd
Alexandra	Thompson	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Sydney	Scooler	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Nathan	Hung	1	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Inna Satunovsky
Hannah	Muse	2	Western Georgia MTA	George
Nathan	Hayes	1	Western Georgia MTA	Judy Hayes

OUTSTANDING THEORIST				
First Name	Last Name	Level	Association	Teacher
Marlan	Adams	1	Athens MTA	Sharon Reid
Emily	Bragg	5	Augusta MTA	Ann Arrington
Travis	Williams	2	Cherokee MTA	Boyce Leni
Claire	Jordan	1	Cherokee MTA	Boyce Leni
Maria	Motika	1	Cherokee MTA	Boyce Leni
David	Richards	2	Cherokee MTA	Boyce Leni
Lauren	Williams	1	Cherokee MTA	Boyce Leni
Danielle	Santos	1	Cherokee MTA	Boyce Leni
Collette	Bryan	3	Cherokee MTA	Boyce Leni
Charlotte	Greaser	1	Cherokee MTA	Boyce Leni
Sarah	Freeman	2	Cherokee MTA	Laura Lozier
Michelle	Stephenson	2	Cherokee MTA	Susan Naylor
Janelle	Hendrickson	5	Cherokee MTA	Susan Naylor
Brianna	Hendrickson	5	Cherokee MTA	Susan Naylor
Dan	Walton	2	Columbus MTA	Martha Aguirre
Gabrielle	Chan	2	Columbus MTA	Martha Aguirre
Kinsey	Johnston	2	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Annette Day
Hannah	Herndon	2	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Annette Day
Amy	Diffenderfer	2	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Annette Day
Charlie	Stalzer	2	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Annette Day
Allison	Foresman	2	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Annette Day
Theresa	Young	2	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Annette Day
Kaitlyn	Adams	1	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Mary Jane Server
Semhal	Hadgu	2	Decatur MTA	Ellen Feibish
Julia	Falgout	2	Decatur MTA	Ellen Feibish
Lauren	Saunders	3	Decatur MTA	Ellen Feibish
Jessie	Yuan	3	Decatur MTA	Fran Thrailkill
Sarah	Pass	1	Decatur MTA	Kristi Helfen
Tracye	Lamar	2	Decatur MTA	Kristi Helfen
Grace	Tam	1	Greater Marietta MTA	Cathy Sewell
Anne	Stillwagon	1	Greater Marietta MTA	Jacqueline Pope
Celia	McClure	1	Greater Marietta MTA	Jacqueline Pope
Joshua	Hunt	2	Greater Marietta MTA	Jacquelyn Hutson
Megan	Pham	2	Greater Marietta MTA	Jacquelyn Hutson
Jessica	Pham	1	Greater Marietta MTA	Jacquelyn Hutson
Eric	Park	1	Gwinnett County MTA	Jean Mann
Angela	Park	3	Gwinnett County MTA	Jean Mann
Hanna	Lin	4	Gwinnett County MTA	Jean Mann
Marion	Cassim	2	Gwinnett County MTA	Lusia Glagoleva
Dennis	Duong	2	Gwinnett County MTA	Lusia Glagoleva
Sharon	Pak	3	Gwinnett County MTA	Lusia Glagoleva
Gabrielle	Soong	1	Gwinnett County MTA	Robin Engleman

Nicolas	Soong	2	Gwinnett County MTA	Robin Engleman
Ashley	Gleason	2	Gwinnett County MTA	Robin Engleman
Shawn	Wong	1	Gwinnett County MTA	Yumi Patterson
Ellen	Johnston	1	Gwinnett County MTA	Yumi Patterson
Georgia Claire	Bourassa	1	Macon MTA	Nancy Claxton
Whitt	Locke	4	Macon MTA	Nancy Claxton
William	Ryals	2	Macon MTA	Nancy Claxton
Emily	Carroll	2	North Fulton MTA	Jana Ritchie
Jesse	Caswell	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Aurelia Campbell
Kori	Buchanan	4	Northeast Georgia MTA	Aurelia Campbell
Lindsey	Bleech	4	Northeast Georgia MTA	Aurelia Campbell
Evie	Dotson	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Aurelia Campbell
Rachel	Todd	3	Northeast Georgia MTA	Jacquelyn Hutson
Katie	Lim	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Patti Bennett
Emily	Nguyen-Phan	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Patti Bennett
Robert	Hunter	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Patti Bennett
Jena	Graves	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Patti Bennett
Ryan	Cribbs	4	Northeast Georgia MTA	Priscilla Jefcoat
Anna	Peterson	2	Northeast Georgia MTA	Priscilla Jefcoat
Jenny	Zimler	2	Northeast Georgia MTA	Priscilla Jefcoat
Josh	Cribbs	4	Northeast Georgia MTA	Priscilla Jefcoat
Ahvia	Moody	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Sylvia Beard
Marisa	Smith	3	Northeast Georgia MTA	Sylvia Beard
MacKenzie	Staples	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Sylvia Beard
Jonathan	Lenz	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Sylvia Beard
Simi	Shah	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Will	Claussen	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Esha	Singh	2	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Alex	Claussen	3	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
James	Miller	3	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Derek	Vann	5	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Anna	Um	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Candice	Lee	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Alex	Kim	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Benjamin	Gries	3	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Shefali	Jain	3	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Justin	Joe	3	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Suraj	Sehgal	3	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Lauren	Hann	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Sonam	Vashi	4	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Caroline	Ross	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Kelsey	Li	3	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Sarah	Gries	1	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Preeya	Banit	4	Noth DeKalb MTA	Gayle Vann
Connor	Croasmun	1	Savannah MTA	Diane Boyd
Amanda	Royek	1	Savannah MTA	Diane Boyd
Falls	Kennedy	2	Savannah MTA	Diane Boyd

Tierney	Hagan	2	Savannah MTA	Diane Boyd
Zachery	Johnson	1	Savannah MTA	Diane Boyd
Elizabeth	Kunde	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Chloe	Giorgianni	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Michelle	DeBry	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Cesar	Perez	2	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Madison	Byrne	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Drew	Priester	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Aderemi	Awe	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Hanna	Suddath	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Rachel	Kicklighter	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Danny	Park	2	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Kaitlyn	Purcell	3	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Joanna	Bayens	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Cassady	Williamson	1	Savannah MTA	Nancy Vogelsang
Marcel	Williams	4	Savannah MTA	Nancy Vogelsang
Gray	Amonette	5	Savannah MTA	Nele Ewaldson
Carrie	Hungerpiller	2	Savannah MTA	Suzanne Woodrum
Khoa	Trinh	2	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Gail Kidd
Jana	Cartee	2	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Gail Kidd
McKenzie	Hudgins	4	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Gail Kidd
Daniel	Sewall	1	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Grace Caudle
Anna	Sewall	2	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Grace Caudle
Jessica	Richardson	3	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Grace Caudle
Will	Childress	3	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Inna Satunovsky
Suzanna	Stapler	2	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Jeannine Morrison
Alexandria	Ensley	2	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Jeannine Morrison
Bryan	Anderson	5	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Jeannine Morrison
Diane	Turner	4	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Steve Shivers
Megan	Miles	1	Western Georgia MTA	Anna Higgins Miller
Michael	Jiles	1	Western Georgia MTA	Anna Higgins Miller
Kelli	Allen	3	Western Georgia MTA	Anna Higgins Miller
Vrixton	Phillips	3	Western Georgia MTA	Bobbie Gibbs
Caleb	Strickland	3	Western Georgia MTA	Bobbie Gibbs
Madilyn	Muse	2	Western Georgia MTA	George Mann
Carter	Culwell	3	Western Georgia MTA	Jan Adams
Lauren	Koch	5	Western Georgia MTA	Jan Adams
Kayla	Trotti	1	Western Georgia MTA	Rachel Griffin
Amy	Chou	3	Western Georgia MTA	Rachel Griffin

EXCELLENCE IN THEORY

First Name	Last Name	Level	Association	Teacher
Alec	Chen	3	Athens MTA	Joey Hokayem
Sheena	Sasaki	4	Cobb County MTA	Momoko Yamamoto
Kyle	Bruce	2	Columbus MTA	Martha Aguirre

Annabelle	Tuley	1	Columbus MTA	Martha Aguirre
Katherine	Tipton	3	Columbus MTA	Mary Katherine Morris
Michael	Avidano	3	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Annette Day
Jon	Diffenderfer	3	Coweta-Fayette MTA	Annette Day
Molly	Shortell	3	Decatur MTA	Ellen Feibish
Michael	Robinson	2	Decatur MTA	Ellen Feibish
Julia	Norton	3	Decatur MTA	Ellen Feibish
Rachel	Rieder	3	Decatur MTA	Ellen Feibish
John	Hunt	4	Greater Marietta MTA	Jacquelyn Hutson
Emma	Lin	3	Gwinnett County MTA	Jean Mann
Chandler	Stone	2	Macon MTA	Nancy Claxton
Jason	Hicks	1	Northeast Georgia MTA	Aurelia Campbell
Meagan	Cobb	2	Northeast Georgia MTA	Aurelia Campbell
Jessica	Holcombe	4	Northeast Georgia MTA	Aurelia Campbell
Reagan	Hooper	3	Northeast Georgia MTA	Jacquelyn Hutson
Joseph	Fowler	3	Northeast Georgia MTA	Jacquelyn Hutson
Wilson	Harmon	4	Northeast Georgia MTA	Jacquelyn Hutson
Alec	McQuade	3	Northeast Georgia MTA	Sylvia Beard
Julia	Carpenter	2	Savannah MTA	Diane Boyd
Caroline	Cox	1	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Victoria	Boyle-Wheeler	2	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Carolina	Perez	4	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Ruding	Tang	3	Savannah MTA	Kevin Hampton
Katherine	Pham	4	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Gail Kidd
Bethany	Sewall	3	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Grace Caudle

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Emily	Walton	2	Columbus MTA	Martha Aguirre
Hannah	Mishkoff	1	Columbus MTA	Martha Aguirre
Graci	DeWitt	3	Columbus MTA	Mary Katherine Morris
Caitlin	Deming	3	Decatur MTA	Ellen Feibish
Edmond	Sysomboun	3	Greater Marietta MTA	Margaret Jackson
Jonathan	Hughes	2	Northeast Georgia MTA	Priscilla Jefcoat
Destiny	Marira	3	Savannah MTA	Diane Boyd
David	Tobelman	2	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Michael	Butler	3	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Jordan	Balke	3	Savannah MTA	Donna Dasher
Jack	MacGuire	3	Savannah MTA	Nancy Vogelsang
Robert	Daniel	4	Savannah MTA	Nancy Vogelsang
Taylor	Brown	4	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Gail Kidd
Hally	Davidson	4	South Metro Atlanta MTA	Steve Shivers
Jennifer Diane	Nguyen	2	Western Georgia MTA	Bobbie Gibbs

