

The Georgia Music Teachers Association Auditions are dedicated to providing recognition for outstanding achievement in music theory. GMTA offers the students of its members an opportunity to participate in annual theory tests and earn the following recognition:

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

All other entrants will receive "Participant" certificates.

Participating students who achieve the above distinctions will receive a certificate and have their names published both in a GMTA newsletter and on GMTA's website.

In 2009, the theory tests expanded to 5 levels (renamed I, II, III, IV, & V). The theory curriculum & study guide can be downloaded from GMTA's website. Go to www.georgiamta.org and click on "Student Activities". From there, go to the "Theory" link for the most up-to-date Theory Achievement Test information.

Theory Curriculum. You can access the complete theory curriculum for study in the following two ways:

- 1) View, download, & print either a 7-page version formatted for letter-size paper (8½" x 11") or a 1-page version formatted for tabloid-size paper (11" x 17"); OR
- 2) If your printer can't print tabloid-size paper, you can request a copy by sending your name, address, and a check for \$7.00 (made payable to "Jason Bennett") to the GMTA Theory Chair at the following address:

Jason Bennett
196 Henderson Avenue
Athens, GA 30605-1035

SECTION A: LOGISTICS

All GMTA theory tests will be administered only at the local level and will be coordinated by each local association's theory chair.

Test Date, Location, & Time: Each local association will select one or more dates to administer the theory tests locally. The GMTA Theory Chair will mail the tests to the local associations by September 30th. The deadlines for local associations to return completed tests to the GMTA Theory Chair for grading are:

FALL test administrations

Postmark by **November 30, 2010**

SPRING test administrations

Postmark by **March 15, 2011**

Application Deadline: Set by the local association. Mail completed application and fee to your local auditions chair.

Fee: \$10.00 per student (no separate teacher fee). Teachers should make checks payable to their local association. (The local association will then write *one* check to GMTA for its students' fees.)

Teacher Eligibility: MTNA / GMTA & Local Association dues must be paid by the local association application deadline or as required by the local association, whichever is earlier.

Application Form: Application forms are included in the GMTA Directory and are also posted online at GMTA’s website, <http://www.georgiamta.org>. Click on “Student Activities” and then click on the “Theory” link for the most up-to-date Theory Achievement Test information.

You may photocopy or print forms as needed.

SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY

GMTA Theory Achievement Tests are open to any student currently studying with a GMTA member in good standing, regardless of age, school grade, etc.

SECTION C: GENERAL REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

1. The GMTA website (www.georgiamta.org) is the official source for all information pertaining to the administration of GMTA’s Theory Achievement Tests.
2. Since 2009, the GMTA Theory Achievement Tests are only offered through participating local associations, and LAs may offer the tests as often as practicable.
- ~~3. Each student may sit for the test once, and only once, each year. No student may take two different levels in one year. No student may take the same level, or different levels, at more than one location in the same year. [UPDATED: see below.]~~
4. Students are responsible for providing their own pencils at the exams and may not bring any study aids into the testing area.
5. Although previous theory tests and materials are free to download from GMTA’s website, members may also request a packet of previous tests, answer keys, & ear training CDs (from 2007 to the present) by mailing their name, address, and a check for \$20.00 (made payable to “Jason Bennett) to the GMTA Theory Chair.
6. The GMTA Auditions General Rules and Regulations state that application fees are non-refundable.
7. No copies of the test may be made available to teachers or students until after all participating Local Associations have administered the tests, except for those persons who administer the test.
- 8. Teachers and students should understand that the actual tests will be based on the published GMTA theory curriculum and will not necessarily be limited to the type and number of sample questions provided on GMTA’s website or on past years’ tests.**

9. IMPORTANT: NEW IN 2010-2011

- a. Deadlines. There will be two grading periods in 2010-2011.

9/30/10	Postmark deadline for GMTA Theory Chair to mail testing packets to Local Associations
11/30/10	Fall postmark deadline for Local Associations to mail completed tests to GMTA Theory Chair for grading
3/15/11	Spring postmark deadline for Local Associations to mail completed tests to GMTA Theory Chair for grading
5/2/11	Postmark deadline for GMTA Theory Chair to return all graded tests & certificates to teachers.

- b. Each Local Association must designate one member who will be present at all its administrations of the 2010-2011 theory tests and should strive, if possible, to create consistent and similar testing experiences at each of its test administrations.
- c. Local Associations must report the dates of each theory test administration in advance to Jason Bennett, GMTA Theory Chair.
- d. Each student must be given a minimum of 60 minutes, but no more than 75 minutes, to complete the written part of the test.
- e. Students may now take more than one level in a given year, but they may not take more than one level at any single administration of the tests. In other words, a student may not take more than one level on one day. Each test/level a student takes requires a separate application and fee.
- f. In any year, each level may have no more than 3 new types of questions, *i.e.*, a type of question that hasn't appeared on previous years' tests. However, this limitation does not apply to simply altering instructions, nor does it mean that each level will have new questions. Simply put, this limitation is on the test creators to ensure that new tests will substantially resemble past tests. As always, it is important for students to read the instructions carefully to be sure what is being asked, even if the instructions initially appear to resemble past years' tests.
- g. An approved scratch paper form will be included with the theory tests this year, and Local Associations must provide enough copies for each student taking the tests. The scratch paper will include empty staves, a picture of a keyboard, and blank space. If students use the scratch paper, they must write their names on it and turn it in with their tests. Nothing on the scratch paper will count either towards or against a student's grade.