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From the President's Desk

Dr. Scott Beard, NCTM
President

"Music and rhythm find their way into the secret places of the soul."

-----Plato

Colleagues,

As I sit here on the seventh floor of my hotel room in Denver, gazing out over the mountains, having just come back from a truly inspired and inspiring master class by pianist Lang Lang, I am reminded (again) of the power of music--how it can touch the soul, how a moment in time can change someone's life, and how one person can make a difference in this hectic world.



Everyday in West Virginia, you, my fellow teachers are making a difference in the lives of others. I look at the National Conference as a *gift* I give to myself every year (when possible!). My students always *know* when I've been to a conference, heard a great concert, or soaked up a new idea from a clinician. I return to my teaching *refired* and *inspired* by the great ideas I have heard from others. I am literally stumbling over words at times, because there is *so* much I want to communicate to my students so they can share in that same excitement.

As we look to the 2008 Convention, I am truly proud to announce that one of the *greatest* pianists of our time will be performing at our state conference: Leon Fleisher. Talk about inspiration! I was very honored to recently have two of my students perform for Mr. Fleisher in a master class. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was an inspiration to the student performers and to the students I brought along as audience members. Be sure not to miss this incredible opportunity at our West Virginia State Conference. Give the gift of inspiration to *yourself* and *your students* by supporting this endeavor and registering for the convention in historic Shepherdstown. I am also pleased that my colleague Dr. Lucy Mauro and tenor Donald George will be joining us for additional performances and master classes. But wait, there's more. . . look for ensemble reading opportunities, activities for collegiate members and more!

I hope that as your school year and season comes to a close, you will take the opportunity to plan for these exciting events in the fall. For now, having heard the master class, I, along with the other 600 audience members await to be inspired by Lang Lang's concert tonight. We musicians are unique and special creatures. How many other endeavors do *you* do every day, always striving to become better? I hope to see you at the convention where we can share in the inspiration that only music can bring.

News from the MTNA National Conference in Denver

Shepherd Professor's Students Win National Competition

The piano duet team coached by Dr. Scott Beard has won the inaugural NATIONAL Senior High Piano Duet competition at the Music Teachers National Association Conference in Denver, Colorado. George Fu (student of Dr. Scott Beard) and Jesse Wong (student of Nancy O'Neil Breth) went through three levels of competition, winning the West Virginia, Eastern Division (13-state region) contests before advancing to the national finals. The team performed works by Bach, Mendelssohn, and American composer Samuel Barber. For their prize, sponsored by Kawai Corporation of America, the team received \$2,000.

George Fu is a junior at Urbana High School and has studied with Dr. Scott Beard for the last 5 years. He is the winner of numerous competitions and will be making his orchestral debut with the National Symphony this May. Jesse Wong is a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and has won numerous competitions throughout the county. Beard and Breth worked together to coach the team to national prominence.

Additional News:

Dr. Scott Beard, Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, has been named chair of the State Presidents' Council of the Music Teachers National Association.

♪ Awards ♪ Teacher of the Year

May 1st is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2008 WVMTA Teacher of the Year. According to rules as set up by the WVMTA Administrative Board on October 25, 1996, "Nominations will be limited to three." Also according to rules, the qualifications are:

- ◆ demonstrates innovative teaching and creative musicianship
- ◆ has held membership in WVMTA for at least five years

Nominees will be introduced in the June issue of WVMTA NEWS. Mail nominations to: Dr. Scott Beard, NCTM • Shepherd University Department of Music • PO Box 3210 • Shepherdstown, WV 25443 or email to pianorobby@yahoo.com

Past Teacher of the Year Recipients

- * 1991 Peggy Johnston, NCTM
- * 1992 Christine Kefferstan, NCTM
- * 1993 Carol Beall, NCTM
- * 1994 Linda Seime, NCTM
- * 1995 Lena Lim, NCTM
- * 1996 Mary Wilson
- * 1997 Ray Martin, NCTM
- * 1998 Leslie Petteys, NCTM
- * 1999 Ruth Carder, NCTM
- * 2000 Catherine Crotty, NCTM
- * 2001 Bonnie Miltenberger
- * 2002 no award given
- * 2003 Lya Cartwright
- * 2004 Olive Meyer, NCTM
- * 2005 Mila Markun, NCTM
- * 2006 Scott Beard, NCTM
- * 2007 Elaine Tutt

Distinguished Leader of the Year

Congratulations to **Carol Beall, NCTM** (Morgantown Area MTA) **2007 WVMTA**

Distinguished Leader of the Year!

- ◆ This new award is based on accumulated years of leadership and service contributed to the organization, over and above 10 years.
- ◆ This new award will be based on whether the award was or was not already received (award was once called "member of the year") by a particular member previously. (The award CAN be granted to the same individual more than once, however).
- ◆ This new award will be based on the recommendation, every year, of the current committee's research and records (if you are interested in becoming a future member of the Awards Committee, please notify Karen Taddie, NCTM, Scott Beard, NCTM, or Mary Wilson).

The first Distinguished Leader of the Year Award (2006) went to Barbara Heckert (Mid-Ohio Valley Area MTA). Carol Beall (Morgantown Area MTA) earned the 2007 award. It is the Committee's pleasure to inform the membership that the **2008 Distinguished Leader of the Year Award** will go to **Mary Wilson** (Morgantown Area MTA). According to records, in addition to several other volunteer assignments, Mary has contributed at least 13 consecutive years of service to WVMTA as Morgantown Area MTA (District 1) co-chair. Please join us as we celebrate Mary's dedication to the organization by presenting her with the Distinguished Leader of the Year Award (2008) at the Fall Convention Banquet in Shepherdstown in November.

Congratulations to **Mary Wilson!**

Member of the Year/Distinguished Leader of the Year Honorees

- * 1991 Mary Shep Mann, NCTM
- * 1992 Bobby Loftis, NCTM
- * 1993 Judy Lambert, NCTM
- * 1994 Jane Mangus, NCTM, & Sandra Hastings
- * 1995 Mila Markun, NCTM
- * 1996 Marija Sommer, NCTM
- * 1997 Marguerite Bostonia, NCTM
- * 1998 Jean Douglass, NCTM
- * 1999 Connie Arrau Sturm, NCTM
- * 2000 Olive Meyer, NCTM
- * 2001 no award given
- * 2002 no award given
- * 2003 James Miltenberger
- * 2004 no award given
- * 2005 no award given
- * 2006 Barbara Heckert
- * 2007 Carol Beall, NCTM

Preview of the 2008 WVMTA Convention

Mary Lynne Bennett, NCTM

The 2008 WVMTA Convention will be held on November 7-8, 2008 at Shepherd University. The conference will have a collaborative focus. Guest artists will be Leon Fleisher and his wife, Katherine Jacobsen, who will be giving a recital on Friday, November 7. Tickets for this special event will be around \$20 for WVMTA members, and will be an option on your conference registration form. Other guest artists will be pianist, Lucy Mauro and tenor, Donald George, who will present a master class and lecture recital together. We will also have an ensemble reading session and a university piano ensemble recital. We encourage collegiate members to attend, and would especially like to invite them to participate in the IMT luncheon on Saturday, where they will have an opportunity to ask questions of independent music teachers about developing a teaching studio. The conference schedule and registration form will be available in the June newsletter.

District News

Morgantown MTA (District I)

Janna Kisner, NCTM, Mary Morrison, NCTM, Mary Wilson, co-chairs

Mary Wilson, WVMTA's 2008 Distinguished Leader of the Year, also recently received the Studio Teacher of the Year award from the American String Teachers Association (ASTA), West Virginia chapter, for her significant contributions to the education of string students through private studio teaching. Also recognized was Arlene Bennett, string teacher in the Monongalia County public schools. She received the Classroom Teacher of the Year award for her many years of experience teaching orchestra/strings in West Virginia at the elementary and middle school levels. These were the first such awards presented by the ASTA West Virginia chapter.

Clarksburg MTA (District II)

Dr. Hooi Yin Boey, Chair

The annual Spring Adjudicated Performances for District II will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Wilcox Chapel of Alderson-Broadus College in Philippi.

Mid-Ohio Valley MTA (District IV)

Barbara Heckert, chair

Mid-Ohio Valley MTA district auditions are May 3rd at Trinity Episcopal in Parkersburg. Make-up theory tests are April 12th at Ohio Valley University.

Huntington MTA (District V)

Judy Lambert, Chair

District V held their theory and technic tests at Marshall University in Huntington, WV, on March 17, 2007. Fifty-three students took the theory test and 70 students took the technic test. Spring Performances for District V will be held on May 3, 2008.

District News, cont.

Eastern Panhandle MTA (District VI)

Gary Mullenax, Chair

District VI held theory and technic testing on March 15 at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV. Thirty students took both exams while three took just the theory exam and two took just the technic exam. Members of EPMTA administered the exams: Susan Carpenter, Ruth Raubertas and Gary Mullenax were in charge of the technic exams; and Sandy Paine, Jenny Anderson and Suzanne Tabb were in charge of the Theory exams. Spring Adjudicated Performances for District VI will be held on April 5, 2008. Currently, we have 64 students registered to play.

Eastern Panhandle MTA (District VI) Concerto Competition

The very first annual Siegel-Hoffmann Piano Concerto Competition was held January 26, 2008 in the Frank Creative Arts Center on the campus of Shepherd University. Nearly 35 students from the studios of Jenny Anderson, Dr. Scott Beard, NCTM, Ruth Carson, Gary Mullenax, Ruth Raubertas and Suzanne Tabb participated. Judges for the competition were Susan Carpenter (NCTM) and Suzanne Tabb for the senior level.

The competition was founded by Dr. Scott Beard, NCTM, to honor two of his former teachers, Helen C. Hoffmann and Judith Siegel, NCTM. Eastern Panhandle MTA (District 6) was thrilled to have Mrs. Siegel in attendance. Her face was in a great smile all day long as she heard the wonderful tradition of concertos and ensembles carried on to the next generations.

Prizewinners will perform on a winner's recital May 10th at the University.

Winners were:

JUNIOR LEVEL

Catherine Rollin Concerto in C

Movement I: Daniel Fierer, student of Gary Mullenax

Movement II: Noah Strand, student of Carole Kriewaldt

Movement III: Lily Fu, student of Carole Kriewaldt

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Alexander Peskanov, Concerto for strings

Movement I: Edward Yoon, student of Scott Beard/Carole Kriewaldt

Movement II: Micah Tsoi, student of Carole Kriewaldt

Movement III: Edward Yoon, student of Scott Beard/Carole Kriewaldt

SENIOR, LEVEL I

Mozart Concerto, K. 41

Winner: Darwin Yang, student of Scott Beard

SENIOR, LEVEL II

Winner: Leah Claiborne, student of Scott Beard

(Saint-Saens Concerto, Op. 22 in g minor)

WVMTA/MTNA \$500 Commissioned Composer Award

WVMTA is happy to announce that Dr. John Beall of West Virginia University in Morgantown has been elected the WVMTA Commissioned Composer 2008. Look for his bio in an upcoming WVMTA News Newsletter. The premiere of Dr. Beall's new work will be at the 2008 WVMTA Fall Convention on November 7, 2008 at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown.

Our Composer Commissioning program supports the creative musicians living among us, and offers a superb performance opportunity. Every WVMTA member is urged to continue to take every opportunity to aid or encourage a composer. Composers need talented, well-trained, and enthusiastic performers to perform and record their works. Promotion is virtually impossible without performance, and few composers can afford proper venues on their own. Performers who champion new music receive the greatest admiration and respect from their peers. Musicians must help each other make the world a better place with more beautiful and expertly crafted new music. Please continue to play a part in making our musical era the most exciting in history long after we are gone.

2006-2007 END-OF-FISCAL-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Dr. Mary Lynne Bennett, NCTM
Past Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning 06-07 Cash Balance (July 1, 2006):	\$ 6,257.32		
Total 06-07 Income:	+ \$ 23,088.10		
Total 06-07 Expenses:	<u>- \$ 22,772.17</u>		
Ending 06-07 Cash Balance (June 30, 2007):	\$ 6,573.25		
CD-SF 1009642701 (as of 6/30):	\$ 2,675.10	(matures 7/13/07)	(3.9%)
CD-SF 1013549081 (as of 6/30):	\$ 8,102.07	(matures 9/12/07)	(5.5%)
CD-SF 1015157617 (as of 6/30):	<u>\$ 3,688.96</u>	(matures 4/04/08)	(5.0%)
CDs (as of June 30, 2007):	\$14,466.13		
GRAND TOTAL 06-07 (Cash-on-hand, CDs)	\$21,039.38		

Dates to Remember

Nov. 7, 2008 & Nov. 8, 2008, WVMTA Convention, Shepherdstown, WV.
2009 Eastern Division Competition: West Chester University, West Chester, PA/date TBA.

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