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Notes from the President, Dr. Johan Botes NCTM

This past weekend I attended my last MTNA Leadership Summit in Cincinnati as WV President and had such a wonderful time. I met with many presidents from states all over the US, and it was refreshing to hear that many folks are dealing with the same issues that we are dealing with here in West Virginia. But I must admit that the future of MTNA is as bright as ever! They have a robust budget and very capable people at headquarters. We had productive meetings where we discussed membership retention and how to help us smaller states. I'm looking forward to discussing this with you all during our annual conference. This is my last time that I'm writing to you as WV President, and I wanted to thank you all for the wonderful two years you entrusted me to the direction of this organization. We still have a lot of work to do, recruitment being one of them – an organization is only as good and healthy as its members. I wish Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao all the best as she starts her presidency in November!



Our annual conference will take place face-to-face this year, on November 3-4 at Marshall University in Huntington.

A big thank you to Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, president-elect, and Miles Helmick, competition chair, for making this happen! I can't wait to see all of you again and socialize during that time!

Please join me in congratulating our 2023 awardees, Robert Ellis (Teacher of the Year) and Dr. Henning Vauth (Distinguished Leader of the Year). Personally, I am grateful for all their leadership in our state. It is becoming much harder filling board positions, simply because we have a decline of population in our state. So, having folks like this who are always ready to step up to whatever needs to be done, makes my job so much easier! Congratulations, Robert, and Henning.

I look forward seeing each one of you at our Annual State Conference in Huntington in November! I also want to remind you of the 2024 National Conference that will happen on March 16-20, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia (and it's in-person)!!

With respect, admiration, and gratitude for your important work,

Johan Botes

President, WVMTA

Notes from President--Elect, Dr. Yuhsuan Liao NCTM

The 2023 WVMTA State Conference/Competition will be held at Marshall University on November 3-4, 2023, with Dr. Johan Botes as site coordinator and Miles Helmick as the competition coordinator. Thank you, Johan and Miles!!!

Conference Schedule—

Thu 11/2/23

6:30pm Board meeting at Le Bistro

Fri 11/3/23

9:30am--Registration opens SMH 123 (rest of the conference presentations/meeting are in SMH 143)

10-11--Presentation 1 **A long-term commitment: ideas to keep your students engaged in lessons for the long haul!**

11:15-12:15—Presentation 2 **Setting the Stage for the Beginning Adult Piano Student**

12:30-1:45--Lunch on your own

2:00-3:00—General Membership Meeting

3:15-4:15—Presentation 3 **Pedagogical Piano Gems from the Baltic Region**

5-7—Banquet at Marshall Hall of Fame Café 857 3rd Ave, Huntington, WV 25701, <https://mhofc.com/pdfs/20220930-mhofc-menu.pdf>

7:30. Guest Artist Andrew Satupe Piano Concert, recital hall SMH 133

Sat 11/4/23

10-11—Andrew Satupe Piano Masterclass, recital hall SMH 133

11- Competitions

Conference Program--

Featured Artist— Concert/Masterclass

I am excited to announce that we will host the American pianist Andrew Staupe as our Featured Guest Artist. He will be performing an evening recital on Friday evening, November 3, and he'll conduct a piano master class on Saturday morning, November 4. He has prepared an interesting program for the concert.

"Pianist Andrew Staupe's solo repertoire extends from the 16th century to works written this decade, and whose recitals comprise both beloved and unfamiliar masterpieces alike! Furthermore, during the 19th century recitals and concerts featured even more variety than the standard piano recital given today. And it is in this spirit that Andrew's recital will be a unique and broad survey of beautiful works by both the titans of piano writing (Beethoven, Rachmaninoff), and others that deserve even more recognition for their art (Max Reger, John Bull, Jan Václav Vorišek, Heitor Villa-Lobos)!

Please check out his impressive biography: <https://uh.edu/kgmca/music/about-us/faculty-staff/andrew-staupe/>

We also will have 3 very diverse presentations:

1. Dr. Thomas Swenson (NC): MTNA Southern Division Director (2022-2024)

Setting the Stage for the Beginning Adult Piano Student

"It takes great courage for an adult beginner to take those first steps into learning to play the piano. For many, they have never had a one-to-one teacher-student relationship quite like this. They may also have not been in the role of a "student" for many years. As piano teachers, who took our first lessons as children, it is easy for us to take so much of what we do for granted. Taking time, right away, to clarify and explain some expectations can immediately put the adult student at ease. When both the student and teacher are "on the same page" it is much more likely that the lessons will be successful and enjoyable".

2. Dr. Agnieszka Zick (MI): University of Michigan

Pedagogical Piano Gems from the Baltic Region

"The program celebrates composers from the Baltic region: Lithuania, Estonia, and Poland. The solo works of Mikalojus Čiurlionis, Arvo Pärt, and Emilie Mayer will be presented, with focus on their pedagogical and aesthetic value".

3. Narciso Solero (VA): Immediate Past-President, Virginia Music Teachers Association (2021- 2023)

A long-term commitment: ideas to keep your students engaged in lessons for the long haul!

"People enjoy doing things they do well." So said my mother, the English teacher, many years ago to me, and it has served as the foundation for my teaching style ever since. This workshop explores in detail the notion that to motivate our students to continue piano and keep it as a lifelong passion, we must teach them to be accomplished pianists as part of our strategy for keeping them interested in continuing lessons. Ideas about bridging the gap from method book to "real" music will be explored (including my favorite repertoire post-method books), as will ways to get over the middle-school hump and keep our students engaged all the way through high school – long-term motivation".

Accommodations

DoubleTree by Hilton Huntington
1001 3rd Ave, Huntington, WV 25701
Tel: 304-525-1001

Conference Rate: \$134 for single rate and double rate if booked by October 19, 2023.

Booking

link:https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=HTSDTDT&arrivalDate=2023-11-02&departureDate=2023-11-04&groupCode=CDT90L&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink&bm-verify=AAQAAAAH_5PIPFi1WYO0L9woVRNLFp7bp70k5R033g7c0t5ZQulnr0RAlkv1m_iP9Iu3wSjBwTpVdXh_Lb8YMa65uZP-o03qvZF9rP7xbSjBVKY-IRHWUHDkVl_7q7a6UQ50TzrWymNUBK95Hbqwcaq47zCC43D7l8_qFqosXUCYlDQy7fCKpdQuclfoY7h61LOMaHh6_0kOPtCDbIUm-gWB6KI2fhANZz1AHA8Ah2BI-lFnN1jSfuLDIGW5VfMBKuuuUWPeEqMioye5s9gKlUv5-BM7OY2jlnbTLb1b-v_h0xr66kMjdCoJLaY6dr5fv2DOP_RFRfE0aaDMYwQMzspv1Bhr1B0sGjhwosfmsLxly31Zwq3NabS3FLo2Ayt7BgfKjI9RkO4QZ0sd_YId9hIOnBfU1EVhKzP9IjB-jTKLdhWU6zgTC3tZTCHg3Jr7SOSYLrBGPXdimMtxqr5Hm8OUow_rNO11ieaglu9jsFmjpxDgNSGqbKHHQabcVVR1IvvLetQsxObwz9OQkwms=1&qIta=99801505&qGrpCd=MTA&qSIH=MGWPD&qAkamaiCC=US&qSrt=sBR&qBrs=re.ic.in.vn.cp.vx.hi.ex.rs.cv.sb.cw.ma.ul.ki.va.ii.sp.nd.ct.sx.we.lx&qWch=0&qSmP=1&setPMCookies=true&qRad=30&qRdU=mi&srb_u=1&qSHBrC=HI&icdv=99801505

If book via phone, mention WVMTA.

Conference Registration Form

Registration deadline: Oct 1, 2023

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfq5zUrPQuyAtVU9P3YCOMRy0Q1TzMmR4vBjkXz2S4Kjm13jw/viewform?pli=1>

Call for Master Class Participants

If you have advanced students who would like to perform for our Featured Guest Artist Andrew Staupé in the master class, please write to me at yliao@shepherd.edu.

- Please forward the follow info to any local business/schools--

2023 WVMTA State Conference Program Ads

The WVMTA Board of Directors would like to invite you to consider a donation to the:

2022 West Virginia Music Teachers Association State Conference Program Book.

The 2023 WVMTA State Conference will be held at Marshall University in Huntington on November 3-4, 2023. Your donation will provide an opportunity for you to visually display your conviction to the importance of music education in all our lives. Listed below are the prices and instructions for purchase of a range of ads--from full-page to "I'm a Music Education Supporter" one-liner, to be included in our conference program book. WVMTA is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization and all donations to this association are tax deductible. WVMTA reserves the right to accept or deny ads for publishing.

WVMTA Conference Program book ads (please check)

- ___ Full page (4.5" x 8") \$100
- ___ Half page (4.5" x 4") \$55
- ___ Quarter page/Business Card (4.5" x 2") \$30
- ___ Eighth page (2.25" x 2") \$20
- ___ "Music Education Supporter" (one-line listing) \$10

Please provide camera-ready artwork (b/w) or business card. **Deadline: October 10, 2023.** Mail or email (preferred) this signed contract, ad copy, and check (payable to WVMTA) to:

Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao
Shepherd University School of Music
P.O. Box 5000
Shepherdstown, WV 25443
E-mail: YLIAO@shepherd.edu

Amount of check: _____ (USD)
Name of Advertiser: _____
Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____



WVMTA Treasurer's Report, Dr. Jacob Womack, NCTM

As of September 14, 2023, our bank account balance is \$31,796.64. The current balance on our 5-year CD is \$11,436.92 and our 1-year CD valued at \$10,781.07.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacob Womack

WVMTA Teacher of the Year Award

August 31st was the deadline to submit nominations for the 2023 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 and,
- Has held membership in WVMTA for at least five (5) years.

The nominating committee is pleased to announce **Robert Ellis** as recipient of the 2023 WVMTA Teacher of the Year Award. He has been teaching for at least 50 years, has had many successful piano students over the years. This year, he also received a 50-year celebration at St. Peter/Fairmont Catholic. We are all very grateful for Bob's abundant involvement in music education in the State of West Virginia and congratulate him to this well-deserved award!

Past Teacher of the Year Awards Recipients:

1991 Peggy Johnston, NCTM	1992 Christine Kefferstan, NCTM
1993 Carol Beall, NTCM	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, NTCM
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	2008 Vicki B. Cavendish
2009 Harriet Tucker, NCTM	2010 Jan Jemison Smith, NCTM
2011 Mary Ellen Morrison, NCTM	2012 Hooi Yin Boeey
2013 Christene Kefferstan, NCTM	2014 Carole Kriewaldt
2015 No award given	2016 James Miltenberger
2017 Henning Vauth, NCTM	2018 Mary Wilson
2019 Jacob Womack, NCTM	2020 John Morrison
2021 Ian Jessee	2022 Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Lee
2023 Robert Ellis	2024

WVMTA Distinguished Leader of the Year

- This award is based on accumulated years of leadership and service contributed to the organization, over and above 10 years.
- This award will be based on whether the award was or was not already received by a particular member previously. The award CAN be granted to the same individual more than once.
- This award will be based on the recommendation, every year, of the current committees' research and records (If you are interested in becoming a future member of the Awards Committee, please notify Dr. Johan Botes at japbotes@gmail.com). The Distinguished Leader of the Year Award was begun in 2006 and replaced the "Member of the year Award."



Henning Vauth, Professor of Piano at Marshall University, holds a D.M.A. from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied piano with Nelita True and took secondary harpsichord lessons with William Porter. Further piano teachers include Einar Steen-Nøkleberg (Hochschule für Musik, Theater und Medien, Hannover, Germany) and Nelson Delle Vigne-Fabbri (École Normale de Musique, Paris, France).

A native German and regular guest artist and faculty member at music festivals in Colombia, Italy, Taiwan, Germany, and the U.S., he supports the arts at home as active member of WVMTA, the Music Teachers National Association, and as founding co-director of Marshall University's Center for Wellness in the Arts (CWA), a collaboration between the Colleges of Health Professions and Arts and Media that provides health and wellness services to Marshall's performing arts students.

Member 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	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	2004-05 No Awards given

Distinguished Leader of the Year Honorees

2006 Barbara Heckert	2007 Carol Beall, NCTM
2008 Mary Wilson	2009 Karen Taddie, NCTM
2010 Gary Mullenax, NCTM	2011 Janna Kisner, NCTM
2012 Scott Beard, NCTM	2013 Mary Lynne Bennett, NCTM
2014 No award given	2015 Mary Ellen Morrison, NCTM
2016 Laura Hamm, NCTM	2017 Gerald (Jerry) Lee
2018 No award given	2019 Hooi Yin Boey
2020 Vicki Cavendish	2021 Dr. Jacob Womack, NCTM
2022 John Morrison	2023 Dr. Henning Vauth, NCTM
2024	2025

MTNA Certification – WVMTA Challenge and Incentive

\$200 Reimbursement Check Available for Any Newly Certified NCTM!*

Yes, for anyone who successfully becomes a NEW NCTM! No stipulations. Receive a \$200 award from the WVMTA board for completing certification, which covers the entire fee. Find out the latest information on requirements for the National Certification Program at www.mtnacertification.org.

*This award does not apply to people who complete their renewals or their permanent professional certificates. This award is only for new certifications. Contact vauth@marshall.edu, for more information.

Notes from the Membership Chair, Dr. Jerry Lee

- With view to the new 2023-2024 membership year, using the month of April 2023 as a starting point, according to dues paid during April 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023, WVMTA confirms 51 total members, 4 of whom are collegiate.
- Membership updates from June 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023:
 - WVMTA welcomes Mary Johnson as a transferring member from Texas. Mary is from Morgantown, WV and specializes in violin.
 - WVMTA welcomes Marie Mallory as a reinstating member. Marie is from Parkersburg, WV and specializes in piano and music history.

- If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership to WVMTA for the 2023-2024 year.
- In addition, please encourage and recruit new members to join WVMTA so that our organization stays as strong and active as possible!
- To join online and to learn more about specific member benefits, please visit the following website and click on the link towards the top of the page, "Join + Renew": www.mtna.org
- The text below is from MTNA, describing the benefits of membership:

Choices for a More Musical Tomorrow

MTNA offers a number of membership types for teachers, students and those involved in the music industry. For well over a century, MTNA has been the backbone for a collaborative community of music-teaching professionals, connecting both the seasoned educator and those at the beginning of their career.

Membership with MTNA does more than simply complement your career as a music professional—it supports, supplements and shapes it. It empowers music teachers nationwide to become better educators through networking, leadership, mentoring and educational opportunities.

MTNA Membership Delivers:

- **Peer Connections**—a network of outlets, forums and channels for like-minded individuals in the music profession to collaborate and communicate, both locally and nationally
- **Ongoing Education**—conferences, events and advice on teaching tips and pedagogy, technology and web trends, master classes and informational sessions
- **Invaluable Resources**—access to countless benefits, from Certification, publications and consultation services to competitions, teacher enrichment grants and insurance

Notes from the Outgoing Immediate Past President, Dr. Henning Vauth, NTCM

Dear WVMTA Members,

As last act before leaving the WVMTA board, I am very happy to announce that we have found a wonderful complete slate of executive board nominees for the term 2023-2025, comprised of independent music teachers, university faculty members, and church musicians. Most geographical regions are represented. All candidates have accepted the nomination and confirmed their willingness to serve. Our association is small, but we should be proud of having such active members – not every state is in the same situation! I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new nominees for the board, Daniel Bellamy and Bruce Rous, and express sincere gratitude to the outgoing board under Dr. Johan Botes' excellent leadership!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the conference in November,
Henning

2023-2025 Officers:

President: Dr. Yu-Hsuan Liao, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown

President-Elect: Daniel Bellamy, West Virginia State University, Charleston

Immediate Past President: Dr. Johan Botes, Marshall University, Huntington

First Vice President: Miles Helmick, Independent Music Teacher, Kingwood

Second Vice President, Dr. Gerald Lee, West Liberty University, Wheeling

Secretary: Rayme Pullen, Independent Music Teacher, Salem

Treasurer: Bruce Rous, Music Director, Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, Huntington

Districts Reports

Morgantown MTA/District I Report:

The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Grand Hall, WVU Museum Education Center. The theme for this year's event is "World Music."

Technique Test will be held on Friday November 17, 2023, at WVU School of Music, College of Creative Arts.

In July, Dr. Peter Amstutz and Dr. Hooi Yin Boey were invited guests at the grand-opening ceremony for the Amstutz Music School in Bangkok, Thailand, founded in his name by the extended family of Peter's former student and DMA graduate at WVU. At AMS, Peter presented a featured lecture, "In Beethoven's Footsteps" and gave master classes; photos at

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10dN9_0J7fbVu8BMqF3cmwJRRhyCdh2yK?usp=sharing

They also traveled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where Peter offered master classes at University College Sedaya International.





Dr. Hooi Yin Boey, Chair

Clarksburg MTA/District II Report:

District II students are in the midst of preparations for the fall festival. This year’s festival will be held at the Historic Waldomore in Clarksburg. The district chair is hopeful for a good showing of students from our area as we had three participating instructors at the 2023 spring adjudication. Dr. Miltenberger will give a presentation after the performances on the topic of improvisation in the jazz style. We are very much looking forward to his time with us!

Two students from the district have entered compositions for the Mountain State competition. We eagerly await the scoring results of their efforts.

Rayme Pullen, Chair



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 16-20 • ATLANTA, GEORGIA • HILTON ATLANTA

The MTNA National Conference, held annually, brings together the most representative cross-section of the MTNA membership. This year evening recitals, a keynote speaker and four master classes will be among the headlining events at this premier conference for studio music teachers. Arrive a day early to take advantage of the five Pedagogy Saturday tracks. And, all the annual favorites like the Exhibit Hall, showcases and the MTNA Competitions will be back!

FEATURED GUESTS



Sean Chen
Tuesday Evening Recital
Advanced Piano Master Class



Sonya Headlam
Soprano
Opening Session Recital



Martin Néron
Pianist
Opening Session Recital



Theresa Bogard, NCTM
Technique
Master Class



Alex McDonald Intermediate
Piano
Master Class



Kevin Olson
Elementary Piano
Master Class



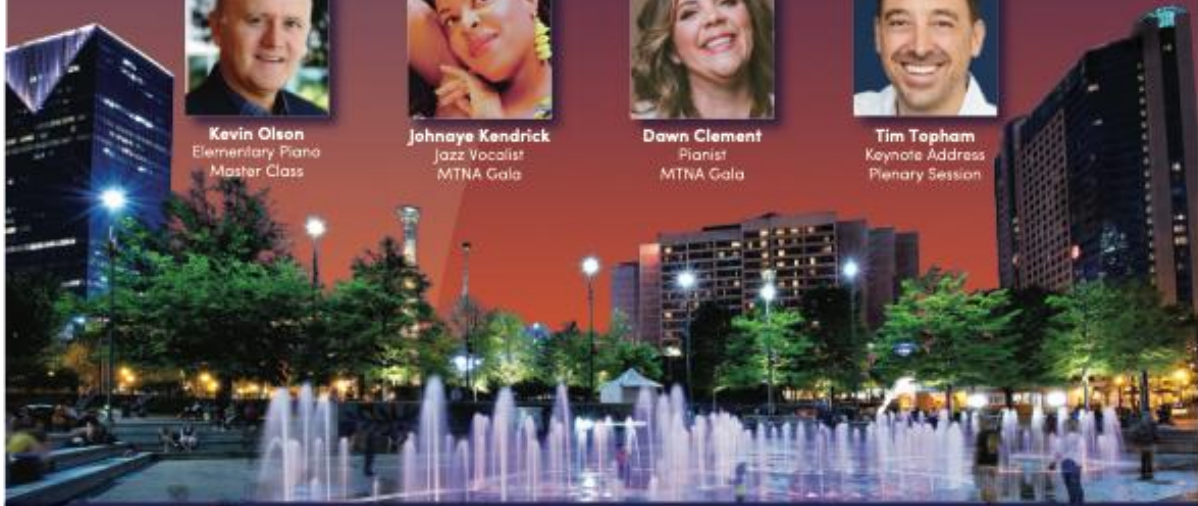
Johnaye Kendrick
Jazz Vocalist
MTNA Gala



Dawn Clement
Pianist
MTNA Gala



Tim Topham
Keynote Address
Plenary Session



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