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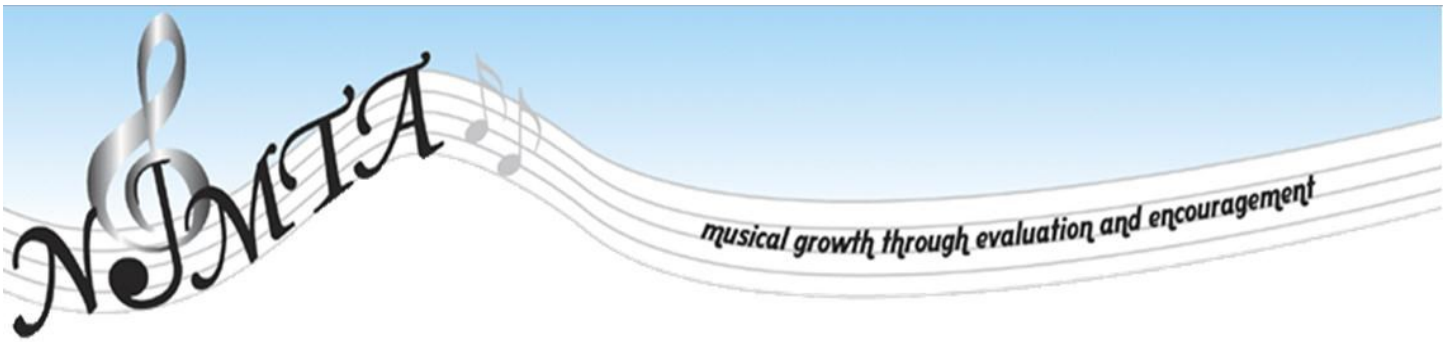


November 19, 2016

President's Message

On behalf of the NJMTA Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to our 2016 State Conference at the Marion Buckelew Cullen Center of the Westminster Choir College. The members of the Conference Planning Committee, chaired by NJMTA President-Elect Ting-Ting Lien, along with Renae Block, Deborah Gers, Marianne Lauffer, Chloris Li, Chiu-Ling Lin, Lillian Livingston, Betty Stoloff, Hendry Wijaya and Christina Xie, have worked very hard to make this event a highly educational and artistically stimulating one for all attendees.

I also want to express my thanks to all Fall event chairpersons: Renae Block, Margaret Knight, Emily Lau, Hwei-Lan Luo, Wennie Nai-Yueh Niu, Kyu-Jung Rhee, Ingrid Tang, Christina Xie and Yang Yi. They have worked countless hours to run the competitions and put together three magnificent concerts performed by our own NJMTA Young Musicians Competition, Composer Commission and MTNA Competition winners.

This year's conference theme is "Repertoire Gems: Adding Sparkle to Your Studio". We are delighted to have an accomplished pianist and dedicated teacher from Seattle – Peter Mack, who will be presenting a lecture recital where he will tell you the secret stories behind some of the most beautiful unknown repertoire for the piano, as well as revisiting some of the most beloved pieces ever written. He will also be conducting the Advanced Master Class for the winners of the NJMTA Master Class Audition. Make sure you don't miss his special presentation on "Lower the Rear End of the Elephant Slowly Onto the Keys"!

We are very fortunate to have Keith Snell, a pianist, piano teacher, and writer of educational music for piano students who has over 150 titles published by Kjos Music Company. He will be giving a presentation on "The Genesis of Piano Music for the Left Hand Alone - Virtuosity, Technique, and Injury", as well as conducting an Intermediate Master Class.

We will have a very special guest Gary Ingle, the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA), who will give a presentation on "MTNA and Me". This year, we will have a special "Flute Day" on Sunday, with special Guest Artists: Lynne Cooksey and David DiGiacobbe, who will be conducting masterclasses. There will also be a panel discussion on "Favorite Lesser-Known Intermediate Flute Repertoire".
Ezra Donner, our commissioned composer, will share his insights with us on his compositions at the Winners Recital on Saturday afternoon, and we will also have opportunities to listen to his commissioned works.

We are very proud to have our own outstanding member, Betty Stoloff, to bring us a presentation on "Dovetailing Methods and Piano Repertoire". There will be new books showcase sessions by Keith Snell, Ingrid Clarfield and Phyllis Lehrer.

On behalf of NJMTA, I would like to thank Westminster Choir College faculty and staff, for their gracious hospitality and generous support this year.

You are all welcome to join us on Saturday for the Board Annual Reports Meeting for members to learn what the Board has been working on this year and to contribute ideas to the Board. Thank you for joining us at this year's conference. Enjoy your time meeting with fellow teachers, browsing through the exhibits, and have a musical and magical time!

Dr. Hendry Wijaya
President, New Jersey Music Teachers Association

2016 NJMTA Conference Report – *Ting Ting Lien*

Dates - Nov. 19 and 20, 2016 at The Rider University, Lawrencevile, New Jersey

Title of the conference – ***Repertoire Gems: Adding Sparkle to Your Studio***

Presenters

Peter Mack	Advanced Master Class
Peter Mack	Lecture Recital – **Repertoire Gems**
Peter Mack	Presentation – Lower the Rear End of the Elephant
Keith Snell	Intermediate Master Class
Keith Snell	Presentation – The Genesis of Piano Music for the Left hand Alone – Virtuosity, Technique, and Injury
Keith Snell	Showcase
David DiGiacobbe	High School Master Class
Lynne Cooksey	Middle School Master Class
Lynne Cooksey	Panel Discussion: Favorite Lesson-Known Intermediate Flute Repertoire
Gary Ingle	IMTF Workshop: MTNA & ME
Betty Stoloff	Presentation – Dovetailing Methods and Piano Repertoire
Ingrid Clarfield & Phyllis Lehrer	Showcase

Composer Commissioned – ***Ezra Donner*** – Chair: ***Emily Lau***

Winners Recitals on November 19 & 20

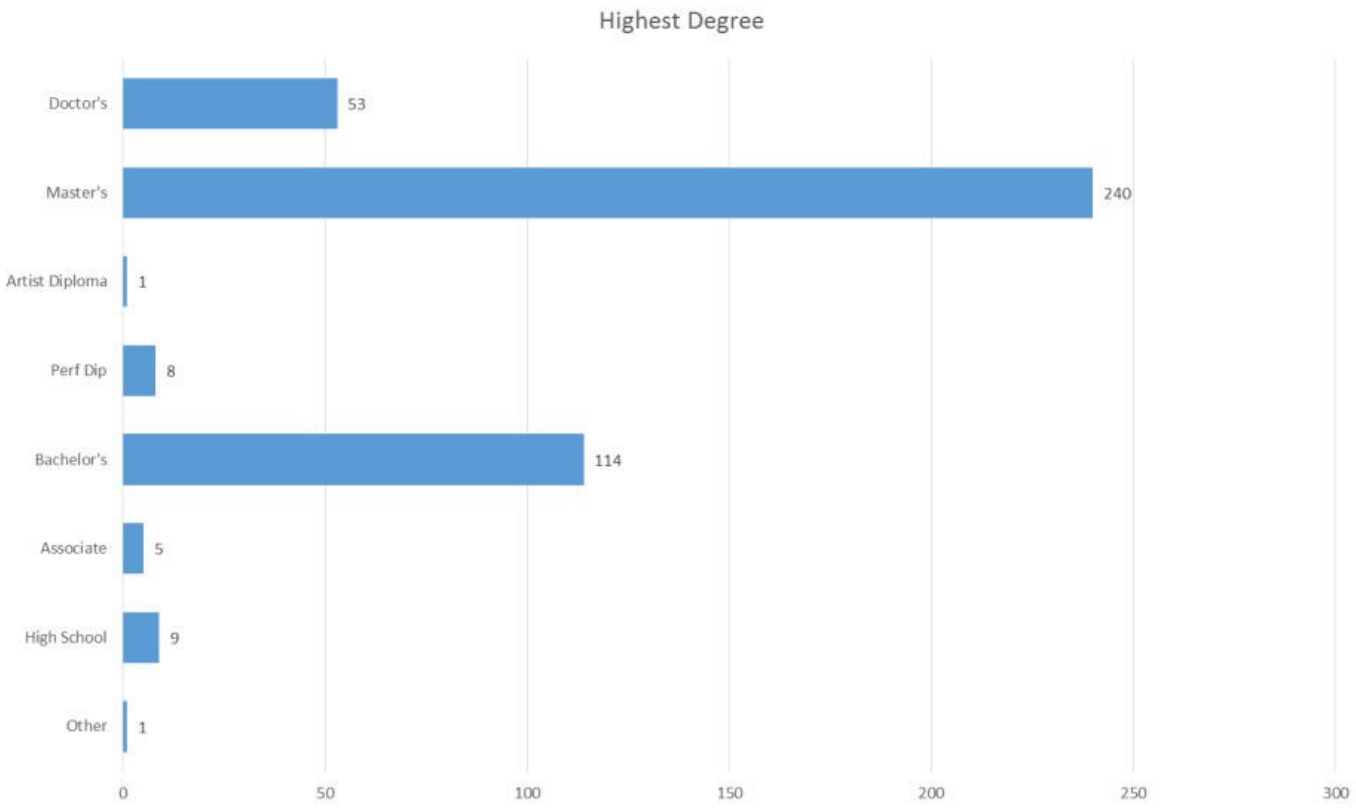
Banquet at *Mediterra, 29 Hulfish Street, Princeton, NJ 08540*

Committee – ***Ting Ting Lien, Marianne Lauffer, Yuhui Chloris Li, Chiu-Ling Lin, Lillian Livingston, Betty Stoloff, Hendry Wijaya, Christina Xie, Renae Block, Deborah Gers***

Annual Membership Report

Chloris Li, Membership Chairperson

Member States	Count of ID
CA	1
CT	1
FL	1
IL	1
NJ	400
NY	13
PA	15
VA	1
NCTM Certified	42



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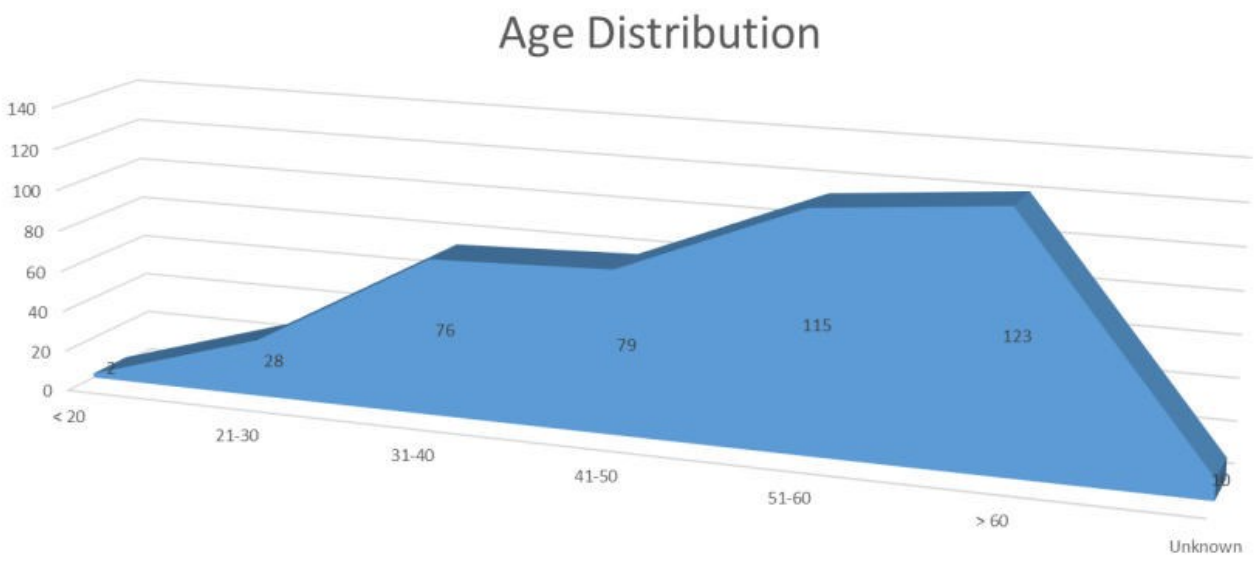

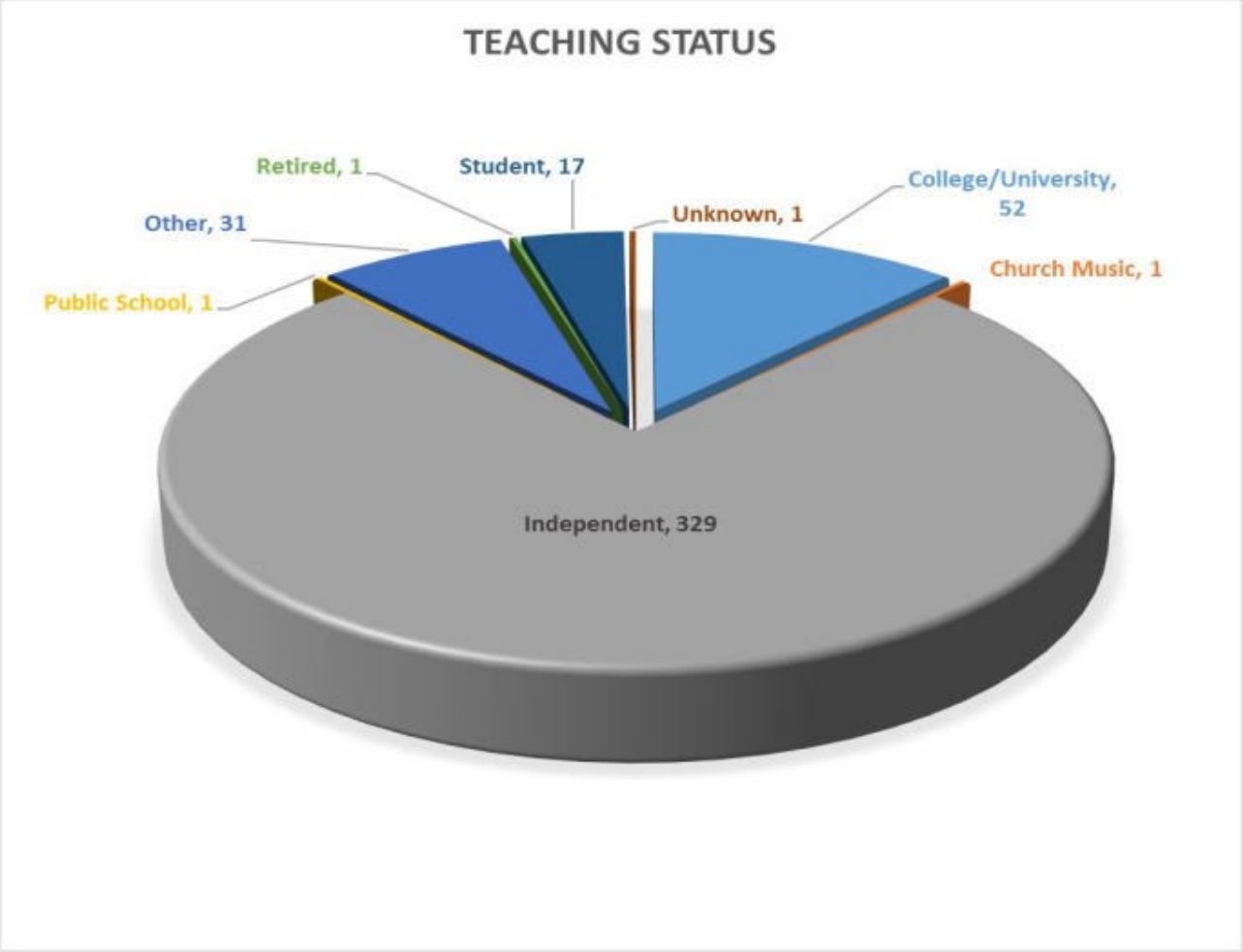

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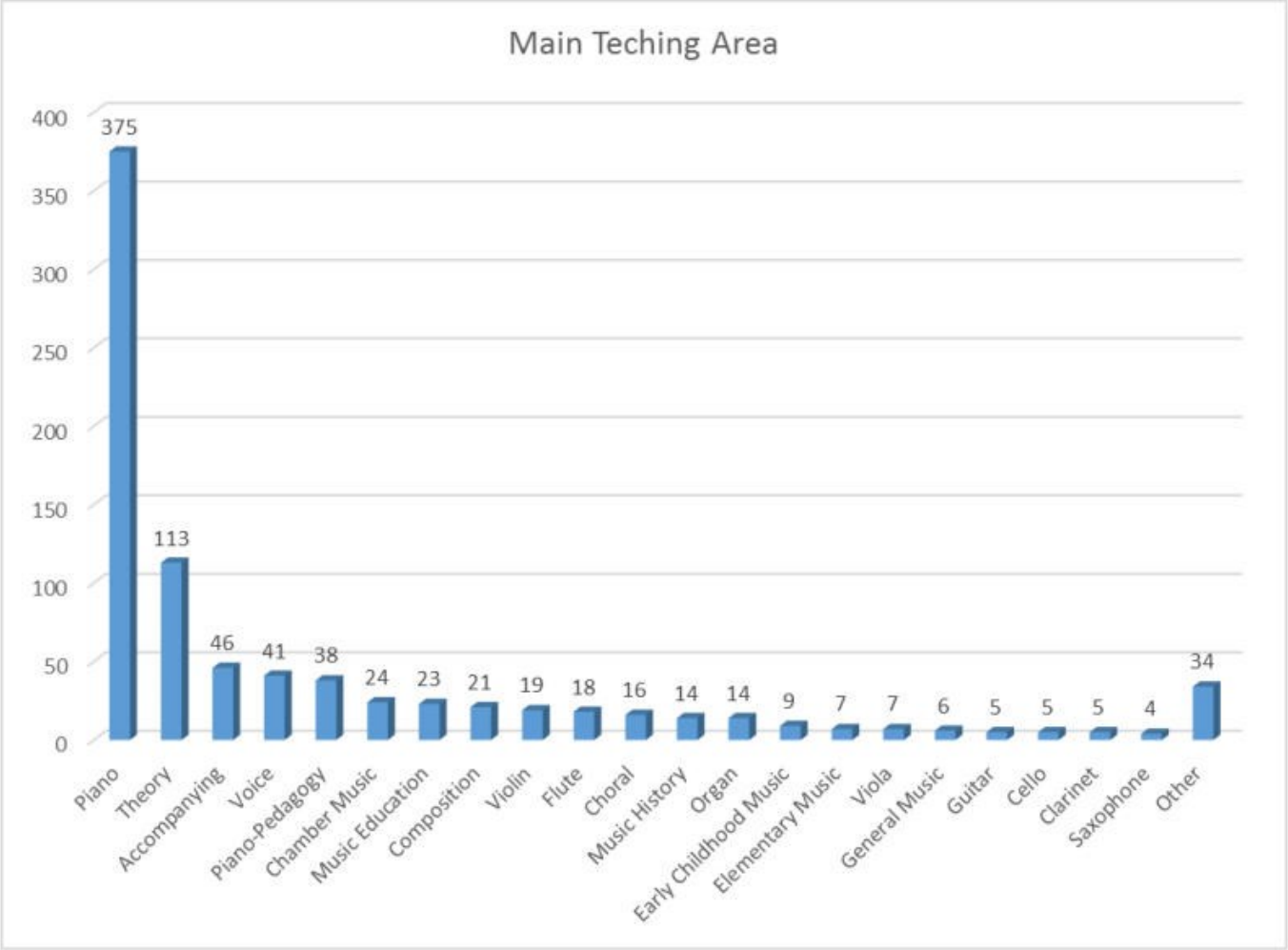

NJMTA Arts Advocacy 2016
Betty Stoloff, Chair

The 11th Annual Children Helping Children Performathon was held on March 5th and March 6th,2016. The 28 recitals were held in Bristol Chapel, Williamson Hall, and Hillman Hall on the Campus of Westminster Choir College of Rider University. There were over 350 performers and 70 teachers involved in the concerts.

The NJMTA Children Helping Children Performathon continues to be a rewarding music experience for students of all ages and levels of advancement. The coming year, as last, the Performathon will raise money for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The 2016 Performathon raised a record total of over $26,000 for the 3 Ronald McDonald Houses in New Jersey.

In addition to the music performances, all of us were treated to a display of visual and written works. Students submitted works reflecting on "What Music Means to Me."

The Performathon continues to grow. In a program of this size, there are many people to thank:

I thank Bob Stoloff, Sarah Stoloff, Clara Wilson, Kristen Todd, Richard Woo, Jason Gallagher , Ikumi Hiraiwa, Alexandra Pitocchi, Renae Block, and Christina Xie for their hours of work during the Performathon Weekend I thank Inessa Gleyzerova for putting together the Visual Display.

I thank Westminster Choir College for donating the hall space for the Performathon.
I thank all of the NJMTA teachers and students for taking the time to make this event part of their lives.

Most of all, I thank the NJMTA Board for making the Performathon possible.

We look forward to the 2017 Performathon on February 25th and February 26th.
On both days, the concerts will take place in Hillman Hall and Williamson Hall. There are a possible 30 concerts on that weekend. We will need as much help as possible to assure a smooth running of the 12th Performathon.

All of the scheduling details and forms are available in the 2017 NJMTA Yearbook.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write Betty Stoloff at bhstoloff@gmail.com or call 732-297-8113.

Betty Stoloff
2016 Arts Advocacy Chair

2016 MTNA Student Performance Competition Report

New Jersey State Competition

Christina Xie, NJ - MTNA Competition Chair & Senior Competition Coordinator
I-Yun Amy Tu, Junior and Young Artist Competition Coordinator

Competition Date: Saturday, November 5th, 2016
Location: Rowan University

Entrant Summary – Total number of entrants: 63

- Junior Piano: 24
- Junior String: 4
- Junior Woodwind: 6
- Senior Piano: 15
- Senior Piano Duet: 2
- Senior String: 1
- Senior Woodwind: 3
- Senior Voice: 2
- Young Artist Piano: 2
- Young Artist Woodwind: 1
- Young Artist Voice: 1

Judges:

- Piano: 7
- Woodwind: 1
- String: 1
- Voice: 1

New Jersey has 7 winners and 4 representatives who are going to compete at the Eastern Division Competition on January 7th & 8th, 2017 at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

All winners and representatives are invited to perform at the MTNA Winners Recital at the NJMTA State Conference on Saturday, November 19th, 2016 at Westminster Choir College.

NJMTA annual summary report 2016

Marcia J. Yurko, Chair of Certification

Accomplished:

1.Continue promoting the addition of NCTM as the Title for all Nationally Certified Teachers of Music. We are bringing awareness of National Certification to the public. When the NCTM teachers' name appears in any publication, the abbreviation NCTM should follow the name. Eg: Marcia Yurko, NCTM.

2.EVERY teacher who has successfully gone through the NCTM process is qualified to receive a $50 check for partial reimbursement of application fee**.**

3. In the year 2015-2016, we have 3 teachers who have successfully gone through the certification process.
Currently we have 42 nationally certified members.

4. Acknowledgement of new NCTM members in the conference and presenting NCTM pins to the new NCTM teachers in public.

5. New Jersey is now ranking #45 statistically for the National Certification out of 51 states.

6. Promotion of NCTM Certification in Westminster Conservatory of Rider University.

In Process:

1. Helping teachers who are interested in becoming NCTM going through the application process, explaining the process and answering all questions.

2. Collecting ideas to get more recognition for all NCTM teachers.

3. Collecting ideas and information for promoting NCTM program from different states and MTNA.

4. Planning and developing flyers for NCTM promotion.

5. Introducing and reinforcing the new NCTM application process with interested teachers.

6. Looking for NCTM teachers to become mentors for future NCTM applicants. We should have a mentor for South Jersey, Central New Jersey and Northern New Jersey.

7. Come up with a proposal for future presentation to other educational schools or centers in order to encourage their faculty to become an NCTM by using the administration verification process.

8. The NJMTA Certification website needs to be kept current.

MTNA Student Composition Competition 2016-2017
New Jersey State Competition
Julia Kovalev, Coordinator

The 2016-2017 MTNA Student Composition Competition started on September 14th, 2016, at 3:00 pm. The results of the New Jersey state competition were announced on October 19th, 2016.

There were 11 entries in total: 4 in the Elementary category, 5 in the Junior category, 2 in the Senior category, and no entries in the Young Artist category.

Elementary:
Winner: Michael Middlezong, Student of Kaori Tanioka
Honorable mention: Evan Chang, Student of Lyndall Soden

Junior:
Winner: Aadhitya Raam Ashok, Student of Kaori Tanioka
Honorable mention: Eddie Chen, Student of Craig Levesque
Honorable mention: Tiffany Wang, Student of Nancy Modell

Senior:
Winner: Louis Josephson, Student of Craig Levesque
Honorable mention: Robert Argasinski, Student of Sophia Agranovich

Young Artist:
No entries

This year, the New Jersey judges were:

Robert McMahan, The College of New Jersey
Juri Seo, Princeton University
Timothy Urban, Westminster Choir College

The winners are invited to perform their pieces in the MTNA Winners' Recital at the NJMTA conference on Saturday, November 19th, at the Cullen Center, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ.

Winning and representative compositions automatically advance to the division competition. The results of that competition will be announced in the middle of December.

Last year (2015), New Jersey had winners in the Eastern Division competition:

Elementary:
Winner: Aadhitya Ashok, Student of Felicia Ruffman, NJ

Junior:
Winner: Louis Josephson, Student of Peter Heckman, NJ

MTNA Foundation
Suzanne Lehrer, chair

2016 Foundation Fund Contributions:

Between April-June, members contributed a total of $363

Between July-September, members contributed a total of $169

Between October-December 31 (as of 11/13/16), members contributed a total of $125

Total to date: $657

A total of $1000 in donations to the MTNA Foundation Fund is needed in order for any state chapter to nominate a Foundation Fellow. The remaining funds may come from the treasury.

MTNA Collegiate Chapters
Chairperson: Ingrid Clarfield

The New Jersey MTNA Collegiate Chapter is under the direction of Professor Ingrid Clarfield. As collegiate members, students have the opportunity to expand their professional careers in pedagogical and musical events with other great musicians from around the country.
The Collegiate Chapter has a variety of new members this year, both undergraduate and graduate students, who are very enthusiastic about how their experiences in NJMTA and MTNA will help them with their future.

This year's members of the NJMTA Collegiate Chapter of Westminster Choir College include Jason Gallagher (Jr. Faculty Advisor and Community Outreach), Hannah Lanese (President), Raymond Lau (Vice President), Joy Parker (Secretary), and Erica Tran (Treasurer). The NJMTA Collegiate Chapter has been active in community outreach programs this past year in such locations as The Pavilions at Forrestal Assisted Living Facility in Princeton, NJ. We have enjoyed giving outreach recitals to the patients and staff there who are always excited to have us and eager to see us as many times during the year as possible. We are also pursuing other opportunities for community outreach at facilities in Princeton, Montgomery, South Brunswick, and Cranbury. Our chapter actively participated in the 2015 NJMTA hosted by Rider University. Collegiate Members volunteered to support conference staff with organizing the event and learned a great deal from the musicians who presented and performed. We look forward to similar participation in this year's NJMTA 2016 conference hosted by Westminster Choir College. Other upcoming activities include preparing for various fundraising endeavors: we will be selling used music and maintaining a silent auction for Master Classes given by Westminster Choir College piano faculty members at the NJMTA conference. All proceeds will go to the chapter to help finance our attendance at the 2017 MTNA National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland this March. Each member is passionate about the chapter and excited to be a part of this organization.

Collegiate Chapters
An MTNA collegiate chapter is the future music teacher's connection with the larger community of committed music professionals—a community committed to inspiring and developing the utmost professionalism in all its members. MTNA collegiate chapters provide a way to fill gaps—to provide the information and experience necessary to complete an education as both a knowledgeable, inspiring music teacher and a successful entrepreneur.

Mission Statement
MTNA collegiate chapters provide educational, musical, social and professional experiences that augment the student's formal course of study, acquaint students with professional opportunities and career options in the field of music, and develop professional leadership skills. Collegiate chapters also provide an important opportunity for MTNA college faculty members to increase their participation in MTNA activities by becoming a collegiate chapter advisor.

2016 NJMTA Composer Commission Competition Annual Report

Emily Lau, Chairperson
emily@emilylaupianostudio.com

Composer: Ezra Donner www.ezradonner.com

Funding: NJMTA Commission Fee: $700; MTNA Matching Fund: $700; Travel Fee: $100

Participants: 9 Teachers, 19 Entries

Audition: Sunday, November 6, 2016 at Princeton Hall, Westminster Choir College

Awards

Name	*Prize*	*Teacher*
Beginner: A Breezy Day (piano solo)		
Annabelle Chow	1st Place	Stella Xu
Raymond Xu	2nd Place	Chiu-Tze Lin
Christina Wang	3rd Place	Chiu-Ling Lin
Elizabeth Huang	Honorable Mention	Yuhui Chloris Li
Kaitlin Wang	Honorable Mention	Marina Kreslin
Hannah Zou	Honorable Mention	Yuhui Chloris Li
Intermediate: Will-'O-the-Wisp Blues (piano solo)		
Sophie Zhang	1st Place	Chiu-Ling Lin
Geoffrey Li	2nd Place	Stella Xu
Michelle Ng	3rd Place	Chiu-Tze Lin
Daniel Yuan	Honorable Mention	Richard Woo
Bridget Wang	Honorable Mention	Stella Xu
Advanced: Underwater City (piano solo)		
Vishal Raman	1st Place	Chiu-Ling Lin
Melissa Cui	2nd Place	Stella Xu
Grace Huang	3rd Place	Stella Xu
Bryan Chan	Honorable Mention	Yuhui Chloris Li
Duo: Vocalise (piano & cello)		
Mia Huang & Richard Yuan	1st Place	Chiu-Tze Lin
Charlene Peng & Trinity Fan	2nd Place	Tomoko Harada

1st Place	Plaque & performance in winners' recital
2nd Place	Medal
3rd Place & HM	Certificates

Winners' Recital: Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 4pm, Westminster Choir College

Special Notes: Mr. Donner was especially impressed by the high level of playing from all of the participants. He has graciously agreed to offer an additional "Meet the Composer" session before the Winners' Recital, at 2:30-3:30pm. Mr. Donner will give a presentation on his music and life as a pianist and composer. Students, teachers, and parents are cordially invited.

CCC in 2017: Selected Composer: Jonathan Chapman Cook www.jonathanchapmancook.com

Mr. Cook will be commissioned to create three original piano solo pieces and one chamber duo piece for the CCC 2017. Music may be ready for purchase by June 2017 from the chairperson.

Suggestions?: The chairperson is opened to taking new ideas and suggestions for the CCC. Have a composer to nominate? Want to add a student composition component? Expand commissioned works to include other instruments? Another "Meet the Composer" session?

Please send your ideas to Emily Lau at emily@emilylaupianostudio.com. Thank you!

NJMTA High School Scholarship Competition Report 2016

The High School Scholarship Competition offers two scholarships to 12th Grade Seniors who will be applying to College and who will be majoring in one of the following two categories:

a. Performance
b. Music Education/Pedagogy

Each scholarship is worth $2,000 and is awarded for one year.

In 2016. there were four entries in the Performance category.

In the past, the Board voted to select an Alternate in a category with more than one entry, should the standard reflect such a designation. This was agreed upon because in several instances in the last few years winners decided to major in other subjects, or minor in music, and the First Place award could not be given.

All four entries in 2016. showed strong commitments to careers in music. The Performances were of a high standard and the repertoire choices were challenging.

Our thanks go to the judges for the care they took in making their choices.

In September our two 2015 winners began their studies at the Manhattan School of Music and Delaware State University. Both students have expressed their thanks to NJMTA for the support they are being given.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret E. Knight
(High School Scholarship Chairperson)

November 2016

NJMTA Judging Coordinator Year End Report

For the 2015-2016Season:

Piano Judges Hired for NJMTA events:

Events	Dates	Judges	Honorarium
Young Musicians Competition	11/8/2015	18	$400
Spring Festival	3/13/2016	18	$375
	4/3/2016	14	$375
Recital Audition -Princeton	4/10/2016	10	$375
- Princeton	4/17/2016	16	$375
- North Jersey	4/3/2016	3	$375

Fall Competitions (MTNA & Young Musicians Competition): Judges fee was raised to $450 full day (starting in Fall 2016)
Spring Events – $375 full day (starting in Spring 2016)

Respectfully submitted,

Tomoko Harada
NJMTA Judging Coordinator

2016 NJMTA Advanced Master Class Audition
Prepared by Kyu-Jung Rhee, Chair

Audition Date: November 6, 2016
Location: Princeton Hall, Westminster Choir College

Total number of entrants:
12 teachers entered 20 students : 18 Ages 13-17
2 Collegiates

Selected:	William Chen (13)	Student of Michael Thomopoulos
	Meghan Jin (14)	Student of Gloria Chu
	Sharon Jin (16)	Student of Ingrid Clarfield
	Cristina Loscutova (Coll)	Student of Veda Zuponcic
Alternates:	Vivian Xu (17)	Student of Ingrid Clarfield
	Aaron Fagerstrom (Coll)	Student of Veda Zuponcic

Judges: Dr. Xun Pan / Dr. Ju Ping Song

All selected will perform at the Conference Master Class conducted by Peter Mack on November 20, 2016 at the Marion B. Cullen Center, Westminster Choir College.

Spring Piano Festival

Cyenny Pesik and Shuling Juan, chairpersons

Event Dates: March 13 and April 3, 2016

Entries: 783 students from 82 piano teachers

660 students received an excellent rating (84%)
92 students received a very good rating (12%)
6 students received a good rating (0.7 %)
25 students did not show up (3.3%)

Numbers were consistent with 2015 participation.

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2016 YOUNG MUSICIANS COMPETITION----PIANO

Prepared by Hwei-Lan Luo (Chair of the YMC---Piano)

Competition date: November 6, 2016
Competition location: Princeton Hall and Erdman Hall, Westminster Choir College

Number of participating teachers: 46
Number of student competitors: 170
Judge panels: 8 (16 judges)

Age	number of student	Judges
5	3	Thomas Osuga / Shiho Vogel
6	7	Mark Pakman / Elena Belli
7	11	Soyeon Park / Allison Brewster Franzetti
8	10	Steven Graff / Yuxi Wang
9	18	Steven Graff / Yuxi Wang
10	16	Soyeon Park / Allison Brewster Franzetti
11	14	Shou-Ping Chiu / Quynh Nguyen
12	17	Thomas Osuga / Shiho Vogel
13	18	Li-Chen Hwang / Tara Hofmeister Shen
14	21	Kazuko Hayami / Tammy Lum
15	14	Mark Pakman / Elena Belli
16	7	Shou-Ping Chiu / Quynh Nguyen
17	7	Eric Fung / Rafael Cortes
Collegiate	7	Eric Fung / Rafael Cortes

Because of the Princeton Marathon in the morning, the competition started at 10:15am and finished at 5:30pm. It went smoothly except a fire alarm rang for a short time in the morning.

2016 Winds Annual Report

Renae Block, Chair

Spring Recital Auditions – April/May 2016

Audition Date: Sunday, April 24, 2016, Westminster Conservatory

Number of teachers with participants: 9

Number of registered students: 54

Number of Actual auditions: 52 soloists, 1 duets

Age group:

10 and under: 3 students

11-14: 31 students

15-18: 20 students

Adult: 0 student

Awards:

High Honors: 16

Honors: 30

Honorable Mentions: 6

Multi-year awards given: 10 three year medals

Recitals:

There were 3 full recitals of Wind Students, all held at Scheide Hall, Princeton Theological Seminary on Sunday, May 8, 2016

Fall Young Musicians Competition – October 30, 2016

Number of teachers with participants: 6

Total Number of Registered students: 15

Number of registered Senior Students: 5

Number of registered Junior Students: 9

Number of registered Elementary Students: 1

Elementary Winner: Katherine Fang, age 10, flute – Student of Joseph Lu

Junior Winner: Audrey Yang, age 13, flute – Student of Joseph Lu

Senior Winner: Megan Kim, age 16, flute – student of Cheryl Housten

Strings 2016 NJMTA Annual Report

Ingrid Tang, Chairperson

Spring Recital Auditions – April 24, 2016

Number of Judges: 3

Number of teachers with participation: 13

Number of registered students: 99

Audition in Groups:

Violin Ensemble: 1

Awards:

Violin Ensemble: 1 HH

Solos: High Honors: 62, others are Honors and 1 HM.

Three-Year Metal: 15

Five-Year Trophy: 4

Recitals:

We had 4 full recitals for Strings at 1pm, 2:15pm, 4:30pm and 7pm on May 7th, 2016 located:
Gill Chapel Rider University
2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Fall Young Musicians Competition – October 30th, 2016

Number of Judges: 2

Number of teachers with participants: 11

Number of Registered students: 26

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Young Musicians Competition Winners-Strings 2016

Ingrid Tang, Chairperson

Ages	Prizes	Student	Teacher
10 & Under			
	1st	Joie Kuo, Cello, age 8	Sofia Nowik
	2nd	Katherine Jung, Violin, age 8	Yousun Kim
	HM	Emily Wang, Violin, age 8	Yousun Kim
11-14			
	1st	Christopher Li, Violin, age 11	Ning Mu
	2nd	Mia Huang, Violin, age 14	Yousun Kim
	3rd	Tienne Yu, Violin, age 12	Gary Kosloski
	HM	Henry Rogers, Violin, age 13	Katarzyna Powichrowska
15-17			
	1st	Emily Wang, Violin, age 15	Tunde Gaal
	HM	Jonathan Wong, Violin, age 16	Debra Biderman
	HM	Jay Kuo, Violin, age 15	Yousun Kim

Thanks to all teachers for helping our string programs continue to grow for the constantly rising level of performance and accomplishment. Highly appreciate you for encouraging your students to participate in these events.

There will be the SRA on April 30, 2017 and the YMC on November 2017.
Hope to see your wonderful students again.

Sincerely,
Ingrid Tang

Voice Division Report

Wennie Niu, chairperson

Spring Recital Auditions

5 Teachers
21 Students Registered
1 Fair
6 Honorable Mentions
8 Honors
6 High Honors

12 students performed at 4 pm Sunday 5/8
1 Honor student did not perform
1 High Honor student did not perform

Fall Young Musicians Competition

4 Teachers
15 Singers Registered
3 1st Places in 3 Different Age Groups
2 2nd Places in 2 Different Age Groups
3 3rd Places in 2 Different Age Groups
4 Honorable Mention in 2 Different Age Groups