

New Jersey Music Teachers Association

Annual Report 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & REPORT

Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

November 17, 2019

Dear members,

On behalf of the NJMTA Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to our 2019 State Conference and Annual Membership Meeting at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. 2019 marks NJMTA's 65 years as a state affiliate of MTNA. As we continue to grow as an organization, here are some updates and changes that continue to keep NJMTA improving:

Changes of Board Members and Updates

- Renae Block resigned from the President Elect position due to personal/family issue. She will not be the President next year.
- Tomoko Harada agreed to be the President Elect starting immediately until the end of the year of 2019. She will be the 2019 Conference Chair and will be the President in the beginning of January 2020. This change will make the President, President-Elect, and the Nomination Committee chair's terms to be extended till December 31, 2019. The board voted to change the term of these three positions to begin from January 1st and end on December 31st of the following year. The fiscal year term remains the same, July 1st June 30.
- Eva Kastner-Puschl has resigned from the Secretary position due to her new job.
- Christine Chan has resigned from the Treasurer position due to family relocation.
- Richard Woo is now the Treasurer.
- Christina Xie is now the Auditor.
- Suzanne Lehrer is now in charge of the Performathon event. The Performathon was held on February 2, 2019.
- We have been continuing to email Monthly Email Blast to members. It has helped us to make the announcements and reminders much easier to our membership, and also keep the news up to date.
- NJMTA is now working with a new account firm, Princeton Financial Group, which is located in the Princeton area, making it much easier for the Treasurer and the Auditor to access.

- Christina Xie and Richard Woo have been working very hard this year to bring NJMTA's financial condition up to date and clear. All of the taxes that had been previously backed up have been filed.
- On behalf of NJMTA, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the hard work and dedication that all of these incoming and outgoing chairpersons who have given and continue to give to this organization.

MTNA Competition Winner: Congratulations to Elizabeth Yang and James Yang, students of Grace Yang, 2nd place recipients in the Senior Piano Duo category at the national level of the MTNA Competitions!

- ❖ 2018 Teacher of the Year Award was awarded to Sandra Tammam
- ❖ 2018 Service award was awarded to Chiu-Ling Lin

As you review the remainder of the Annual Reports submitted by board members and chairpersons, you will see just how much our organization continues to thrive in the hands of so many capable and talented individuals. We are grateful to have such a great team to work together and grow together. We are looking forward for another great year and serve even more teachers in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Ting Ting Lien, NCTM
President, New Jersey Music Teachers Association

STATE CONFERENCE REPORT

Renae Block, Conference Chair

Dates: Nov. 10 and 11, 2018

Location: The Marion Buckelew Cullen Center, Westminster Choir College of Rider

University, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Title of Conference: A Celebration of Centennials

Presenters:

Spencer Myer

Advanced Piano Master Class, Lecture Recital – Featuring the music of Haydn, Chopin and Debussy, Workshop Session – Muscle Memory – Friend or Foe?

Andrew Cooperstock

Intermediate Piano Master Class, Lecture/Recital – Piano Music of Leonard Bernstein

Rebecca Pennington

Workshop Session – The Magic Triangle: Ensuring Successful Relationships between Teacher, Parent and Student

Jason Gallagher

Workshop Session - Unusual Repertoire for the Advancing Pianist

Phyllis Lehrer

Workshop Session - Teaching Piano in the 21st Century: Preserving our values while exploring new directions

Lisa Bastien

Workshop Session – Bastien New Traditions: Strategies for Engaging Today's Piano Students

Charl Louw & Kristin Cahill

Workshop Session – When in Doubt, Don't Leave it Out: Teaching Ornamentation and Articulation in the 21st Century

Marvin Blickenstaff

Technical Routines for Busy Teachers

Lois Herbine

Flute Master Classes and Recital Performance

Juri Seo, Commissioned Composer

Student Competition Winners Recitals

Exhibitors: Bastien Piano Methods, Jacobs Music, WCC Student Chapter

Banquet at The Nassau Inn, Princeton

Committee – Renae Block, Ting Ting Lien, Hendry Wijaya, Grace Lue, Jason Gallagher, Emily Lau, Marianne Lauffer, Betty Stoloff, Ingrid Tang, Christina Xie, Elvira Kipnis, Chiu-Ling Lin, Lillian Livingston

MEMBERSHIP

Grace Lue

Member list summary as of 10/24/19:

Level	Total
MTNA/NJMTA Membership	327
MTNA/NJMTA Student Member	9
Total	336

TREASURER'S REPORT

Richard Woo

Income \$114,170

Expenses - \$102,455

Net Profit = \$11,715

Fall 2018 Events:

- MTNA Competitions: Net Loss (\$10,215)

- Young Musicians Competitions: Net Loss (\$7,060) This figure includes numbers for the Advanced Masterclass Competition as well as the Commissioned Composer Competition.

- State Conference: Net Loss (\$6,225)

Spring 2019 Events:

- Piano Festival: Net Profit \$18,955

- Recital Auditions: Net Profit \$22,425

NJMTA has used funds this year for:

- Awarding scholarships to our MTNA state competition winners and providing a travel grant for our division winners (the total amount was \$2,600 this past year)
- Awarding our past and present High School Scholarship Competition winners who are pursuing music study in college (\$2,500 this past year)
- Donating to the MTNA Foundation Fund (\$2,000 this past year)
- Organizing the annual "Children Helping Children" Performathon event
- Involving our organization in the annual Communiversity event offered by the Arts Council of Princeton

Some administrative "general operations" costs include:

- Working with our tax accountant
- Creating and distributing our annual yearbook to members
- Designing and maintaining our website
- Creating the possibility of online registration payments (this past year was through PayPal)

For reference, here are the numbers from four years ago and eight years ago: \$21,170 profit (2014-2015) and \$18,605 (2010-2011). We made less profit this year than in these two previous years.

NJMTA PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Marcia J Yurko

Accomplished:

- 1. Continue promoting the addition of NCTM as the title for all Nationally Certified Teachers of Music. We are bringing awareness of MTNA 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 2018-2019 there are two teachers who have submitted applications for MTNA Certification. Currently we have 45 Nationally Certified Teachers in New Jersey.
- 4. Acknowledgement of new NCTM members at the conference and presenting NCTM pins to the new NCTM teachers in public.
- 5. New Jersey is now ranking #45 statistically for National Certification out of 51 states.
- 6. Sondra Tammam became Nationally Certified through the Administrative Verification Process on January 22, 2019

In Process:

- 1. Introducing and reinforcing the new NCTM application process with interested teachers. This includes explaining the process and answering all questions. Marcia Yurko has been supporting the current applicant for certification.
- 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. 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.
- 6. Keeping the list of NCTM current on NJMTA website.

Recommendations:

 Find NJMTA teachers who are teaching fulltime or part-time at the college level and inform them they are eligible to apply for certification through the Administrative Verification Process. A flyer describing this process should be available at the certification display table at every convention.

ARTS ADVOCACY

Betty Stoloff

The 2019 Performathon:

The 2019 Children Helping Children Performathon was held on February 2nd. and 3rd. The 12 recitals were held in The Playhouse on the campus of Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

The NJMTA Children Helping Children Performathon, once again provided a rewarding music experience for students of all ages and levels of advancement. This year, performers raised money for HomeFront's Joy, Hopes and Dreams program. The 2019 Performathon raised \$11,600.

- o Thanks to Westminster Choir College for donating the hall space for the Performathon.
- Thanks to all of the NJMTA teachers and students for taking time to make this event part of their lives.
- Thanks to the NJMTA Board for making the Performathon possible.
- A special thank you to the following Board members for their strong participation in the 2019 Performathon: Renae Block, Betty Stoloff, Ting Ting Lien, Phyllis Lehrer, Ingrid Clarfield, Richard Woo.

NJMTA Performs:

This fall we are starting this new program. We are organizing and presenting NJMTA Members' concerts at Assisted Living and Senior Citizens Facilities.

Our first concert will be held on October 24th at Acorn Glen, an Assisted Living Residence in Princeton. Thank you to our performers: Chiu-Ling Lin, Amy Tu, Yevgeny Morozov, Ingrid Tang, Christina Xie, Wennie Kao and Betty Stoloff for a most entertaining program.

Stay tuned as we expand this NJMTA Music Performance venture.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Yelena Masotti

This year's Communiversity was a great success. Communiversity is a very important annual arts and music event for the Princeton area in particular, and it's great that we are able to participate every year. Its gives a chance to introduce our organization to a diverse audience. Fellow members has a chance to advertise their music studios and have their students perform publicly. I really appreciated working together alongside fellow NJMTA members again this year, and I hope more members will have a chance to participate in 2020.

Our booth had a great central location on Witherspoon street. Our setting this year was a comfortable place to perform while at the same time providing considerable exposure to passersby. Thankfully, our spot had no other competition sound-wise!

Performances were given by many different instruments throughout the day. Because keyboard playing could not be accommodated due to a difficulty finding an accessible electrical outlet, I'm hoping that next year we'll be able to support performances by piano students.

I especially want to thank fellow members Susan Lehrer for creating the sign up letter and Amy Tu for allowing her talented students to participate.

I'm already looking forward for next year's event!

MTNA STUDENT PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

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, October 27th, 2018 Location: Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey

Entrant Summary – Total number of entrants: 57

• Junior Piano: 12

• Junior String: 8

• Junior Woodwind: 4

• Senior Piano: 15

• Senior Piano Duet: 1

• Senior String: 7

• Senior Woodwind: 6

• Senior Voice: 1

• Young Artist Piano: 2

Judges:

• Piano: 6

• Woodwind: 3

• String: 3

All state winners and representative were invited to perform at the MTNA Winners Recital at the NJMTA State Conference on Saturday, November 11th, 2018 at Westminster Choir College.

Winner from New Jersey at the Eastern Division Competitions:

Winner - Young Artist Piano: Alexander Lo

Winner - Senior Piano Duet: Elizabeth Yang & James Yang

Alternate – Junior Woodwind: Daisy Green

Alternate - Senior String: Chelsea Xia

Alternate – Senior Woodwind: Hannah Lee

MTNA STUDENT COMPOSITION COMPETITIONS

New Jersey State Competition

Julia Kovalev, Coordinator

The entry deadline for the 2018-2019 MTNA Student Composition Competition was Wednesday, September 12th, 2018. There were 9 entries in total.

The results of the New Jersey state competition were announced on October 19th, 2018.

Elementary:

Representative: Michael Middlezong, Student of Kaori Tanioka

Junior:

Winner: Jonathan Hartanto, Student of Kaori Tanioka

Honorable mention: Aadhitya Raam Ashok, Student of Kaori Tanioka

Senior:

Winner: Curtis Chen, Student of Jen-Chiao Fang

Honorable mention: Louis Josephson, Student of Craig Levesque Honorable mention: Tiffany Wang, Student of Nancy Modell

Young Artist:

No entries

Judges:

Andrew Lovett Robert McMahan Timothy Urban

The winners performed their pieces at the NJMTA conference on Sunday, November 11th, at the Cullen Center, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ.

Winning and representative compositions advanced to the division competition.

Jonathan Hartanto became a winner in the Eastern Division competition, and a national winner, Third place in the Junior category.

Michael Middlezong and Curtis Chen received honorable mentions in the Eastern Division competition.

JUDGING COORDINATOR

Tomoko Harada

For the 2018-2019 Season:

Piano Judges Hired for NJMTA events:

Events	Dates	Judges	Honorarium
Young Musicians Competition	11/4/2018	16	\$450
Spring Festival	3/24/2018	13	\$375
Spring Festival	3/31/2018	18	\$375
Recital Audition -North Jersey	3/24/2019	3	\$375
Recital Audition - Princeton	4/14/2019	9	\$375
Recital Audition - Princeton	4/28/2019	9	\$375

COMPOSER COMMISSION COMPETITION

Emily Lau, Chairperson

Composer Dr. Juri Seo https://www.juriseomusic.com/

Funding NJMTA Commission Fee: \$700; MTNA Matching Fund:

\$700;

Travel Fee: \$100

<u>Participants</u> 7 Teachers, 12 Entries

<u>Audition</u> Sunday, November 3, 2018 at Princeton Hall, Westminster Choir College

Premiere Date Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 9am, Winners

Recital, Westminster Choir College

Special Event Meet-the Composer Session on Sun November 11, 2018 at

11am, immediately following the Winners Recital

<u>Awards</u>

First name	Last name	Prize	Compositions by Juri Seo	Teacher
Eric	Li	1st	Intermediate Piano - Sonatine, mvt I	Chiu-Ling Lin
Annabelle	Chow	2nd	Intermediate Piano - Sonatine, mvt I	Stella Xu
Adora	Rao	3rd	Intermediate Piano - Sonatine, mvt I	Stella Xu
Claire	Hua	1st	Beginning Piano - Sonatine, mvt II	Chloris Li
Jordan	Guo	2nd	Beginning Piano - Sonatine, mvt II	Stella Xu
Angela	Zhang	3rd	Beginning Piano - Sonatine, mvt II	Chiu-Tze Lin
Patrick	Sun	1st	Advanced Piano - Sonatine, mvt III	Stella Xu
Ellie	Shin	НМ	Advanced Piano - Sonatine, mvt III	Grace Yang
Catherine	Jiang (piano)	1st	Violin & Piano Duo - Arco	Chiu-Tze Lin
Nora	Lee (violin)	131	Violin & Flano Duo - Arco	Ciliu-120 Dili

1st Place Plaque & performance in winners' recital

2nd Place Medal Medal Certificates

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Richard Woo, Chairperson

Every year, NJMTA awards two scholarships to high school seniors who are pursuing music as a major in college. One scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing *Music Performance*, and a second scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing either *Music Education* or *Pedagogy*. Contestants are evaluated on their performance of a 30-minute program, their past participation in NJMTA events, and an essay stating their musical goals, their vision for the community in music, and what they hope to learn in college.

In the November 2018 competition, NJMTA awarded **Kelsey Lee** (teacher: Beatrice Long) a \$2,500 scholarship to be applied to her college studies. She is pursuing a dual degree in Piano Performance and Mathematics at the University of Rochester (Eastman School of Music). NJMTA declared **Sherwin Pan** (teacher: Chiu-Tze Lin) the alternate based on his high marks in the competition. He is pursuing a dual degree in Piano Performance and Economics at Northwestern University (Bienen School of Music). There were no applicants in the *Music Education/Pedagogy* category.

Best of luck to contestants this year, and I look forward to continuing my work with this NJMTA scholarship opportunity for high school seniors going forward!

NJMTA ADVANCED MASTER CLASS AUDITION

Eunju Joung Kim, Chairperson

Audition Date: Sunday, November 4, 2018

Total Number of Entrants:

9 Teachers entered 20 students: Ages:13-17

Selected:

Jenna Cooley, age 16 Student of Gloria Chu Meghan Jin, age 16 Student of Gloria Chu Alexander Suponya, age 16 Student of Rita Shklar Max Wang, age 14 Student of Chiu-Tze Lin

Alternates:

Trinity Fan, age 17, student of Tomoko Harada Sherwin Pan, age 17, student of Chiu-Tze Lin

Judges:

Mr. Rafael Cortes

Mr. Mark Pakman

All selected performed at the Conference Master Class conducted by Spencer Myer on November 11, 2018 at the Marion B. Cullen center, Westminster choir College.

SPRING PIANO FESTIVAL

Cyenny Pesik & Shuling Juan, Co-Chairs

2019 Spring Piano Festival:

Number of Teachers: 74

Number of Students: 705

Excellent: 607 86.10%

Very Good: 64 9.08%

Good: 4 0.57%

NS/ Cancelled: 30 4.25%

SPRING RECITAL AUDITIONS - PIANO (NORTH JERSEY)

Grace Kuo & Hsin I Chou, Co-Chairs

Audition Date: March 24, 2019

Total Number of Entries: 85

Total Number of Teachers: 16

Audition and Recital Cancellations/No-Shows: 0

Awards ~

High Honors: 32

Honors: 49

Honorable Mention: 4

3 Year Award: 8

5 Year Award: 2

7 Year Award: 3

10 Year Award: 1

11 Year Award: 1

12 Year Award: 1

Recital Dates: April 28, 2019 and May 5, 2019 at County College of Morris

A Total of 5 Recitals: 3 Honors and 2 High Honors

Total Donation Collected: \$392

*Teachers helped in the audition: 1

*Teachers helped in the recitals: 4

SPRING RECITALS AUDITIONS - PIANO (PRINCETON)

Mi-Young Kim, Chairperson

AUDITION DATES: April 14, 28

RECITAL DATES: May 4 & 5, 11& 12

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 98 Teachers

649 Students

AWARDS:	High Honors Honors Honorable Mention No Shows/Cancels	211 319 99 23
	3-year Medals 5-year Medals 7-year Medals 10+ years Plaques	75 60 30 22
RECITALS:	May 4 & 5 May 11 & 12	10 recitals 9 recitals

STRINGS

Ingrid Tang, Chairperson

Fall Young Musicians Competition – October 28, 2018

Number of Judges: 2

Number of Teachers with Participants: 8 Number of Registered Students: 22

Young Musicians Competition Winners Ingrid Tang, Chairperson

Ages	Prizes	Student	Teacher
10 & U	nder		
	1 st	Chelsea Wang, violin, age 10	Jeremy Zhu
	2^{nd}	Emily Wang, violin, age 10	Yousun Kim
	3^{rd}	Hannah Kim, violin, age 10	Yousun Kim
	HM	Lucille Cheng, violin, age 9	Tunde Gaal
11-14			
	1 st	Myra Cui, violin, age 14	Minji Kwon
	2^{nd}	Amy Wang, violin, age 14	Jeremy Zhu
	3rd	Samantha Liu, violin, age 14	Yousun Kim
	HM	Nora Lee, violin, age 13	Yousun Kim
	HM	Stanley Liu, violin, age 14	Yousun Kim
	HM	Pamela Davidson, violin, age 14	Tunde Gaal
	HM	Juliet Bu, violin, age 13	Yousun Kim
15-17			
	1 st	Angelina Dong, violin, age 16	Jeremy Zhu
	2^{nd}	Henry Rogers, violin, age 15	Katarzyna Powichrowska
	$3^{\rm rd}$	Charlotte Depew, violin, age 15	Tunde Gaal
	НМ	Jessica Tang, violin, age 16	Jeremy Zhu

STRINGS cont'd

Spring Recital Auditions – April 7, 2019

Number of Judges: 3[SEP]

Number of Teachers with Participants: 10

Number of Registered Students: 95 (including chamber music groups)

Chamber Music Ensembles:

String Quartet: 4

Awards:

String Quartet: 4 (3 H and 1 HM)

Solos:

High Honors: 34

Honors: 29

HM: 13

Three Year Metal: 9

Five Year Trophy: 10

Seven Year Trophy: 1

Recitals:

There were 3 full recitals for Strings at 1pm, 3pm and 5:30pm on May 4, 2019 located:

Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS). 64 Mercer St. Princeton, NJ 08540

WINDS

Christine Kang, Chairperson

Fall Young Musicians Competition – October 28, 2018

Number of Teachers with Participants: 6

Total Number of Registered Students: 11

Number of Registered Senior Students: 5

Number of Registered Junior Students: 5

Number of Registered Elementary Students: 1

Elementary Winner: None

Junior Winner: Jenny Fan, age 14, clarinet – Student of Kenneth Ellison

Senior Winner: Ethan Feng, age 15, clarinet – student of Kenneth Ellison

Spring Recital Auditions – April/May 2019

Audition Date: Sunday, April 7, 2019, Westminster Conservatory

Number of Teachers with Participants: 9

Number of Registered Students: 44

Number of Actual Auditions: 39 soloists, 1 duet

Age group:

10 and under: 2 students

11-14: 22 students

15-18: 16 students

Adult: 0 student

Awards:

High Honors: 30

Honors: 9

Honorable Mentions: 1

Multi-year awards given: 5 three-year medals, 4 five-year trophies

Recitals:

There were 2 full recitals of Wind Students, held at Gill Chapel, Rider University, on Saturday, May 4, 2019. One voice student also participated on these recitals.

VOICE

Wennie Nai-Yueh Niu, Chairperson

2019 SPRING RECITALS AUDITIONS -

- 4 Teachers 24 Singers Registered
 - 8 High Honors
 - 7 Honors
 - 9 Honorable Mention

Name	Age	Ranking	Award Year(s)	Teacher	
Abbie Enriquez	16	High Honors	1	Melissa Casia	
Samantha Noble	16	High Honors	. 1	Melissa Casia	
Catherine Almuete	17	High Honors	2	Melissa Casia	
Fatima Velasco	17	High Honors	2	Melissa Casia	
Jie Xuan	68	High Honors	1	Li-Chan Chen-Maxham	
Kayla Zhang	12	High Honors	2	Wennie Naiyueh Niu	
Angelina Liu	13	High Honors	3	Wennie Naiyueh Niu	
Wenjie Xiang	31	High Honors	4	Wennie Naiyueh Niu	
Danielle Kim	11	Honors	1	Eun Leelim	
Daniel Yoon	12	Honors	1	Eun Leelim	
Shrestha Misra	12	Honors	1	Melissa Casia	
Sanjana Madhukar	13	Honors	1	Li-Chan Chen-Maxham	
Leanne Yang	10	Honors	1	Wennie Naiyueh Niu	
Wendy Li	45	Honors	1	Li-Chan Chen-Maxham	
Lily Li	60	Honors	3	Wennie Naiyueh Niu	
Gabriela Schnettler	12	Honorable Mention		Melissa Casia	
Aarushi Vatsyayan	13	Honorable Mention		Melissa Casia	
Elly Kim	11	Honorable Mention		Eun Leelim	
Annie Lee	12	Honorable Mention		Eun Leelim	
Helena He	14	Honorable Mention		Li-Chan Chen-Maxham	
Serena Lee	16	Honorable Mention		Li-Chan Chen-Maxham	
Yiting Qiu	14	Honorable Mention		Wennie Naiyueh Niu	
Fan Chen	53	Honorable Mention		Li-Chan Chen-Maxham	
Winston Xie	57	Honorable Mention		Wennie Naiyueh Niu	