



NEW JERSEY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2020

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE & REPORT

Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

November 15, 2020

Dear members,

On behalf of the New Jersey Music Teachers Association's Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to our 2020 Conference and Annual Membership Meeting via Zoom. 2020 marks NJMTA's 66 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:

- Betty Stoloff resigned from the Arts Advocacy Chair position due to personal issue.
- Suzanne Lehrer has stepped in as the Arts Advocacy chair.

- Emily Lau resigned from the Commissioned Composer Competition chair position due to personal reasons.
- Julia Lam is now the Commissioned Composer Competition Chairperson.

- Mi-Young Kim is now Recording Secretary.

- Emily Lee has resigned as the Young Musicians Competition Piano Chairperson due to her relocation.
- Mi-Young Kim is now the Young Musicians Competition Piano Chairperson

- Mi-Young Kim resigned from the Spring Recital Audition Piano Princeton Chair.
- Jason Gallagher and Grace Lue are now co-chairpersons of the Spring Recital Audition Piano Princeton.

- Ikumi Hiraiwa resigned from the Award Coordinator.
- Grace Lue is now the Award Coordinator.

- We have continued to send emails to our members regularly. It has helped us make the announcements and reminders much more accessible to our membership, and also keep the members up to date on any news.

- Christina Xie and Richard Woo have been working very hard this year to bring NJMTA's financial status up to date and clear. All of the taxes that had been 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.
- 2019 Teacher of the Year Award was awarded to Julia Lam
- 2019 Service award was awarded to Ingrid Tang

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 with and to grow together. We are looking forward to another great year and to serve even more teachers in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Tomoko Harada, NCTM
President, New Jersey Music Teachers Association

2019 STATE CONFERENCE REPORT

TOMOKO HARADA, CONFERENCE CHAIR

Dates: Nov. 16 and 17, 2019

Location: The Marion Buckelew Cullen Center, Westminster Choir College of Rider University,
1 do t101 Walnut Lane, Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Title of Conference: The Elements of Artistry

Presenters:

John Perry

Advanced Piano Master Class, Lecture Recital – “Rhythm: The Canvas upon which the Musician Paints Sound”

Helen Marlais

Intermediate Piano Master Class, Lecture Presentation–“Sound, Physical Gesture, and Imagination”

Ingrid Clarfield

Lecture Presentation –“Honors vs High Honors: WHAT'S the difference and HOW do you get there?”

Marianne Lauffer

Independent Music Teachers Forum Panel Discussion
“Cultivating Artistic Expression from the Beginning”
Panelists: **Chiu-Ling Lin, Julia Lam, Stella Xu**

Naomi Seidman

Flute Workshop Master Class with Naomi Seidman

Alexander Timofeev, Commissioned Composer

Student Competition Winners Recitals

Exhibitors: Music Notes Academy, Jacobs Music, WCC Student Chapter, Rutgers University, Windworks Studio of Philadelphia and Powell Flutes Boston, Vibrnz LLC

Banquet at The Nassau Inn, Princeton

Conference Committee: Tomoko Harada, Ting Ting Lien, Wendy Wu, Hendry Wijaya, Wei-Yuh Christina Xie, Grace Lue, Chiu-Ling Lin, Julia Lam, Richard Woo, Jason Gallagher, Amy Tu, Mi-Young Kim

MEMBERSHIP

GRACE LUE

NJMTA Member list as of 10/31/1

Summary

Level	Total
MTNA/NJMTA Membership	310
MTNA/NJMTA Student Member	5
Total	315

TREASURER'S REPORT

RICHARD WOO

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

November 2020

Dear NJMTA members,

I am excited to be continuing my Treasurer duties.

Here are some numbers for this past fiscal year:

Income \$92,980 - Expenses \$88,540 = Net Profit \$4,440

Fall 2019 Events

- MTNA Competitions: Net Loss \$6,800
- Young Musicians Competition: Net Loss \$270. This figure includes numbers for the Advanced Masterclass Competition as well as the Commissioned Composer Competition.
- State Conference: Net Loss \$2,770

Spring 2020 Events

- Piano Festival: Net Profit \$10,165
- Recital Auditions: Net Profit \$18,625

NJMTA has used funds this past 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 amounts to our High School Scholarship Competition winners who are pursuing music study in college (\$2,500 this past year)
- Awarding a scholarship to a piano major at Westminster Choir College of Rider University (\$1,000 this past year)
- Donating to the MTNA Foundation Fund (\$2,000 this past year)
- Organizing the annual "Children Helping Children" Performathon event to raise funds for local charities (HomeFront this past year)

Some administrative general operation costs include:

- Working with our tax accountant
- Creating and distributing our annual yearbook to members
- Designing and maintaining our website
- Enabling online credit card payments from our members for event registrations

Our profit margin is down from last year's figure of \$23,850. Although COVID-19 hit us all very hard, I am so pleased that we can still provide resources to continue music education in NJ.

Sincerely, *Richard Woo*

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 2020 there are three teachers who have submitted applications for MTNA Certification. Linda Petrocci, Allison Shinnick and Trevor Thornton. They will complete their certification using the teacher profile projects. A fourth person has applied and will be using Administrative Verification.
4. Acknowledgement of new NCTM members at the conference and presenting NCTM pins to the new NCTM teachers in public.
5. Currently there are 44 Nationally Certified Teachers of Music listed on the NJMTA website.

In Process:

1. Introducing and reinforcing the new NCTM application process with interested teachers. This includes 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. 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:

1. 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

SUZANNE LEHRER

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.

- 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. o 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:

Last fall we started a new program. We organized and presented NJMTA Members' concerts at Assisted Living and Senior Citizens Facilities.

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

We hope to return and expand this NJMTA Music Performance venture soon.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

YELENA MASOTTI

This year's Communiversity was cancelled due to the pandemic lockdown.

We are eagerly looking forward to the next time we can participate in this event!

MTNA STUDENT PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

New Jersey State Competition 2019-2020

WEI-YUH CHRISTINA XIE, NJ - MTNA COMPETITION CHAIR
SENIOR COMPETITION COORDINATOR

I-YUN AMY TU, JUNIOR AND YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION COORDINATOR

Competition Date: Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

Location: Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey

Entrant Summary – Total number of entrants: 60

- Junior Piano: 9
- Junior String: 5
- Junior Woodwind: 5
- Senior Piano: 19
- Senior Piano Duet: 1
- Senior String: 12
- Senior Woodwind: 6
- Senior Voice: 1
- Young Artist Piano: 2

Judges:

- Piano: 6
- Woodwind: 4
- String: 3

All state winners and representative are invited to perform at the MTNA Winners Recital at the NJMTA State Conference on Saturday, November 16th, 2019 at Westminster Choir College.

Winner from Eastern Division Competitions from New Jersey:

*Winner – Senior Woodwind: James Wang (Saxophone)

Winner – Senior Piano Duet: Gordon Li & Jasmine Meyer

Alternate – Junior Piano: Christopher Shin

Alternate – Senior String: Bethany Bobbs

Alternate – Senior Woodwind: Shuyuan Sun

*James Wang received the 2nd Place in Senior Woodwind category in the National Final round.

MTNA STUDENT COMPOSITION COMPETITIONS
New Jersey State Competition 2019-2020

Fall 2019

JULIA KOVALEV, COORDINATOR

The deadline to submit the entries in 2019 was September 11, 3:00 pm.

There were 7 entries in NJ.

The results were announced on October 20.

Elementary:

Winner: Kenny Yang, Student of Ju-Fen Lu

Honorable mention: Kevin Yang, Student of Ju-Fen Lu

Junior:

Winner: Jonathan Hartanto, Student of Kaori Tanioka

Honorable mention: Aadhitya Raam Ashok, Student of Irene Lafharis

Honorable mention: Evan Chang, Student of Philip Orr

Senior:

Representative: Tiffany Wang, Student of Nancy Modell

The NJ judge was Dr. Craig Levesque, Rutgers University

JUDGING COORDINATOR

HWEI-LAN LUO

For the 2019-2020 Season:

Piano Judges Hired for NJMTA events:

Events	Dates	Judges	Honorarium
Young Musicians Competition	11/3/2019	16	\$450
Spring Festival (Day 1)	3/22/2020 (online)	10	\$375
Spring Festival (Day 2)	3/29/2020 (online)	19	\$375
Recital Audition - North Jersey	4/1/2020 (online)	3	\$375
Recital Audition - Princeton (Combined both days)	4/28/2020 (online)	17	\$375

COMMISSIONED COMPOSER COMPETITION

JULIA LAM, CHAIRPERSON

Composer: Alexander Timofeev

Funding: NJMTA commission Fee: \$750: MTNA Matching Fund: \$750

Participants: 7 teachers, 22 entries

Performance: First Place Winners; Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced compositions performed at the Winners

Recital at the NJMTA State Conference on Nov. 16, 2019

Composer Alexander Timofeev spoke and performed at the *Meet the Artist* on Nov. 16, 2019

WINNERS LIST

FALLING SNOW

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1 st	David Yu	Stella Xu
2 nd	Caroline Ren	Yuhui Chloris Li
3 rd	Bowen Liang	Grace J. Yang
3 rd	Evan Bai	Yuhui Chloris Li
3 rd	Karen Du	Julia Lam
3 rd	Ava R. Lan	Stella Xu
3 rd	Brian Meng	Veda Zuponcic
3 rd	Rishabh Ramaswamy	Chiu-Ling Lin
3 rd	Annie Wei	Stella Xu

TWO STEP

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1 st	Annabelle Chow	Stella Xu
2 nd	Christine Peng	Stella Xu
3 rd	Kristie Chao	Stella Xu
3 rd	Claire Hua	Yuhui Chloris Li
3 rd	Jiachen Jiang	Grace Chang
3 rd	Ava Zhang	Chiu-Ling Lin
3 rd	Kaleb Zhao	Grace J. Yang
HM	Samuel Conk	Veda Zuponcic
HM	Victor Peng	Chiu-Tze Lin

DANCE WITH MIRRORS

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1 st	Hans-Derek Yu	Veda Zuponcic
2 nd	Patrick Sun	Stella Xu
3 rd	Katherine Wu	Stella Xu
HM	Cindy Dang	Grace Chang

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

RICHARD WOO, CHAIRPERSON

November 2020

Dear NJMTA members,

Every year, NJMTA awards scholarships to NJ high school seniors who are pursuing music as a major in college. This past year, one scholarship was awarded to a student pursuing *Music Performance*, and a second scholarship was awarded to a student pursuing *Music Education*. Contestants were evaluated on their performance of a 30-minute performance 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 2019 competition, the two scholarship recipients were Hans-Derek Yu (piano, teacher: Veda Zuponic) for the *Music Performance* category and Sean Baker (piano, teacher: Veda Zuponic) for the *Music Education/Pedagogy* category. Hans is currently pursuing Piano Performance at Jacobs School of Music of Indiana University Bloomington, and Sean is pursuing Music Education at Rowan University. NJMTA awarded the “alternate” designation to two more candidates based on their high marks in the competition: Mia Huang (violin, teacher: Yousun Kim) for *Music Performance* and Samantha Noble (voice, teacher: Lisa Casia) for *Music Education/Pedagogy*. Mia is pursuing a dual degree in Violin Performance (Bienen School of Music) and Psychology at Northwestern University, and Samantha is pursuing Music Education at Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

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

Sincerely,
Richard Woo

ADVANCED MASTER CLASS AUDITIONS

EUNJU JOUNG KIM, CHAIRPERSON

Audition Date: Sunday, November 3, 2019

Total Number of Entrants:

9 Teachers entered 18 students: Ages:13- 17

Selected:

Sammi Li, age 15, student of Ingrid Clarfield

Jasmine Meyer, age 16, student of Julia Lam

Elizabeth Yang, age 15, student of Grace Yang

Sophie Zhang, age 15, student of Chiu-Ling Lin

Alternates:

Christine Chang, age 16, student of Kyu Jung Rhee

Maria Khartchenko, age 17, student of Rita Shklar

Judges:

Ms. Tammy Lum

Mr. Mark Pakman

STRINGS

INGRID TANG, CHAIRPERSON

Fall Young Musicians Competition – October 27, 2019

Number of Judges: 2

Number of Teachers with Participants: 6

Number of Registered Students: 20

Young Musicians Competition Winners

Ingrid Tang, Chairperson

Ages	Prizes	Student	Teacher
10 & Under	1 st	Lucille Cheng, violin, age 10	Tunde Gaal
	HM	Andrey Li, violin, age 10	Tunde Gaal
	HM	Dominique Zen, violin, age 9	Jeremy Zhu
	HM	Mia Li, violin, age 9	Tunde Gaal
11-14	1 st	Chelsea Wang, violin, age 11	Jeremy Zhu
	2 nd	Edward Liu violin, age 14	Nancy Wilson
	3 rd	Matthew Ho, cello, age 11	Mira Kang
	HM	Henry Depew, violin, age 13	Tunde Gaal
	HM	Keitaku Iwata, violin, age 14	Katarzyna Powichrowska
	HM	Elise Hwang, violin, age 12	Nancy Wilson
15-17	1 st	Amy Wang, violin, age 15	Jeremy Zhu
	2 nd	Alexander Moon, cello, age 15	Mira Kang
	3 rd	Kathleen Zhang, cello, age 15	Mira Kang
	3 rd	Jooahn Yoo, cello, age 16	Mira Kang
	HM	Jeffrey Li, violin, age 15	Tunde Gaal
	HM	Charlotte Depew, violin, age 16	Tunde Gaal
	HM	Serena Li, violin, age 15	Tunde Gaal

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

Sincerely,

Ingrid Tang

WINDS

CHRISTINE KANG, CHAIRPERSON

Fall Young Musicians Competition – October 27, 2019

Number of teachers with participants: 6

Total Number of Registered students: 21

Number of registered Senior Students: 9

Number of registered Junior Students: 12

Number of registered Elementary Students: 0

Elementary Winner: None

Junior Winner: Audrey Yan, Flute, age 14 - student of Amy(I-Yun) Tu

Senior Winner: Ethan Feng, age 16, clarinet – student of Kenneth Ellison

Spring Recital Auditions – N/A

Event Cancelled

PIANO – 2019 YOUNG MUSICIANS COMPETITION

YU-YING (EMILY) LEE, CHAIRPERSON

- Competition Date: November 3, 2019
- Competition Location: Princeton Hall and Erdman Hall, Westminster Choir College
- Winners' Recitals: 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Sunday, November 17, 2019
- Number of Participating Teachers: 33 teachers for piano solo, 4 teachers for piano duet
- Number of Student competitors: 155 students for piano solo, 8 students for duet (4 groups)
- Judge Panels: 8 (16 judges)

Number of students for each group:

Age	Number of Students	Judge
5	1	1
6	9	1
7	9	2
8	12	3
9	10	4
10	10	5
11	16	3
12	17	2
13	11	5
14	17	6
15	14	7
16	18	8
17	8	4
Collegiate	3	6
Duet	4 groups, 8 students	4

JUDGES:

Judge 1: Tammy Lum / Mark Pakman (Age 5, 6, Masterclasses)

Judge 2: Elena Belli / Quynh Nguyen (Age 7, 12)

Judge 3: Eileen Buck / Shiho Vogel (Age 8, 11)

Judge 4: Li Chen Hwang / Jean Schnieder (Age 9, 17, duet)

Judge 5: Rafael Cortes / Amber Liao (Age 10, 13)

Judge 6: Daniel Epstein / Steven Graff (Age 14, Collegiate)

Judge 7: Kazuko Hayami / Tania Tachkova (Age 15)

Judge 8: Edurdus Harlim / Eric Fung (Age 16)

The competition started at 10:30 in the morning and event ended around 7:30 pm (competition ended around 5:30 pm). I was absent on both competition day and the winners' recital due to two doctoral lecture-recitals and final defense in Illinois. My committee chair has retired and only comes back to IL about every 4-6 weeks so that the date could barely be changed. Many thanks to Wei-Yuh Christina Xie, Hweilan Luo, Tomoko Harada, Eunju Kim, Ting Ting Lien, and many other teachers for their help and support to make the event go well.

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

YouTube Submission Deadline: April 11, 2020

Total Number of Entries: 92

Total Number of Teachers: 15

Audition No-Shows: 3

Awards ~

High Honors: 69

Honors: 20

Honorable Mention: 0

3 Year Award: 12

5 Year Award: 6

7 Year Award: 6

10 Year Award: 3

No Recitals due to Covid-19 pandemic

SPRING RECITAL AUDITIONS - PIANO PRINCETON

MI-YOUNG KIM, CHAIRPERSON

Auditions (YouTube links) deadline: April 24, 2020

Recitals : cancelled

Number of Teachers	81
Number of Students	499

Number of Judges: 17

Awards:	High Honors	280
	Honors	219

	3-year Medals	61
	5-year Medals	27
	7-year Medals	39
	10+ years Plaques	18

VOICE

WENNIE NAI-YUEH NIU, CHAIRPERSON

2019 SPRING RECITALS AUDITIONS - Cancelled