



Washington Music Teachers Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear WMTA members,

In February, I informed you that I would be temporarily taking over the duties of president of WMTA, as Acting President until the end of the year. Things change! Now I find myself serving a full, two-year term as your new President. I look forward to serving WMTA as President and appreciate the support and vote of confidence from the board. Please join me in thanking my predecessor, Marina Ovtcharenko, for her service to the organization.

On May 10th, the General Meeting/Election and Potluck Luncheon took place. The officers for President-Elect, Lori McCarthy, and Recording Secretary, Laura Bogart, were elected. Our special guest, Gary Ingle, MTNA Executive Director & CEO, gave a short, interesting presentation. Emil Chudnovsky and Anna Nizhegorodtseva gave a fantastic program of French music for violin and piano by Debussy and Ravel, and a very interesting, exciting work by an American composer, Phillip Laser, who is on the faculty at Julliard. The food was delicious, as usual.

The final WMTA board meeting of the year took place on Thursday, June 6. It was a successful meeting with a number of important issues discussed.

- It was voted and passed to make changes to Rule #4. It now reads as follows:
In competitive events students who arrive later than their assigned time, do not stay for their entire session, or fail to provide music to the judges will be ineligible to compete for prizes and may play for comments only. A student becomes ineligible to play if any changes are made to the repertoire submitted on the application form.
- It was voted and passed to dispense with the Newsletter. All upcoming events and results of competitions, as well as other news items, will be placed on the website or announced by e-mail. We will inform the membership as things take shape.
- In May it was voted and passed to dispense with the Directory. The Directory information will now appear only on the website.
- Placing advertisements on the website is being considered.

All Chair positions have been filled. Many thanks to the new chairs and to the chairs who have agreed to continue. Please welcome the following new chairs serving on the board:

- Nancy Breth, Chair, MTNA Competitions
- Matt Harre, Chair & Debra Gunnerson, Co-Chair – Tselentis Bach Competition
- Janet Peachy, Chair – Young Composers Competition
- Simone Deering, Chair – Website Advertising

Thanks for your support of WMTA! Have a wonderful summer!

Nancy Longmyer, President

**Here are the results of the last two
WMTA JUDGED RECITALS:**

Judged Recital – February 24, 2013

Selected for Honors:
Wiley Skaret (M. Lee)
Oscar Paz-Suaznabar (M. Lee)
Ethan Chen (Nazarenko)

Honorable Mention:
Nancy Qin (Nazarenko)
Theron Master (Breth)
Alexander Fitenko (Kaplanskaya)

Judges were:
Aglaiia Koras and Grace MacFarlane

Judged Recital – March 17, 2013

Selected for Honors:
Eric Lin (M. Lee)
Karina Aliyeva (Nazarenko)

Honorable Mention:
Samuel Myung (Koras)

Judges were:
Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt and Alex Peh

September Seminar 2013
Inside the Inventions
with Nancy O’Neill Breth

Tips on mapping, practicing, ornamenting,
memorizing, performing and teaching
these beloved gems from J. S. Bach.

Tuesday–Friday, September 3–6, 10 to noon

- *Tuesday. Nos. 1, 6 and 15*
- *Wednesday. Nos. 2, 4 and 7*
- *Thursday. Nos. 3, 8 and 9*
- *Friday. Nos. 10, 12 and 14*

\$45 per individual session; \$160 for all four
sessions. To register, send check and preferred
attendance dates to:

Breth Piano Studio
McLean Professional Park
1493 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 103
McLean VA 22101

Consider this for a summer project: practice your
own favorite Inventions — or the ones you always
wanted to play but never got around to — and we’ll
play them together in September.





**The Piano:
Beautiful Music through Efficient Movement**

Lydia Frumkin
Professor Emeritus, Oberlin Conservatory

**A 5-day semi-private sessions for advanced teens,
college students, adult pianists, and piano teachers**

July 22 - 26, 2013

2 ½ hours a day

Semi-private lesson sessions: 3 pianists per session

\$520 per person

Choice of one:

Morning session: 9:30 am - 12 pm

Afternoon session: 1:30 - 4 pm

Evening session: 6:00 - 8:30 pm

**Washington Conservatory of Music at Glen Echo Park
7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD**

During her 38-year career as Professor of Piano at Oberlin Conservatory, Lydia Frumkin attracted students from throughout the world who wished to learn not only her musical approach but the physical method passed down to her through direct lineage from the legendary Anna A. Schmidt-Schklovskaya, a pupil of Felix Blumenfeld (1863-1931), in whose master class was renowned pianist Vladimir Horowitz.

This method deals with correcting physical problems that arise from inefficient movements at the piano, that may lead to lack of control, discomfort and even physical pain during playing. In extreme, such habits may cause more severe long-term problems. During this hands-on intensive, students will learn ways to develop a "singing string sound" and a more natural approach at the keyboard that will prevent repetitive strain injuries and help to master pianistic skills that free the body, so the pianist is free to explore and express the music.

Please note: pianists will not be coached on personal repertoire.

**For information and registration (MC or Visa):
301-320-2770 (10 am - 6 pm, M - F)**

The **2012 MTNA PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS** were held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Steinway Recital Hall in Tysons Corner, VA. There were 8 contestants: 2 Junior Piano, 4 Senior Piano and 2 Young Artist Strings. The winners of the Junior and Senior Piano Competitions as well as the Young Artist String Competition represented WMTA at the Eastern Division Competition, held January 4-5, 2013 at Howard Community College in Columbia, MD.

-- Grace McFarlane & Marcel Maican, Co-Chairs

RESULTS:

Junior Piano Solo:

Winner – Grace Wang (M. Lee)
Alternate – Nam-Tran Nguyen (Mang)

Senior Piano Solo:

Winner – Annelisa Crabtree (m. Lee)
Alternate – Bryan Ho (M. Lee)
Honorable Mention – Jennifer Li (Mang)
Honorable Mention – Jessica Shen (Litzelman)

The judges for the piano competition were Nikita Fitenko, Deborah Lloyd and Hyun-Sook Park.

Young Artist Strings:

Winner – Julia Fishman (Osman Kivrak)
Alternate – Annija Kerno (Osman Kivrak)

The judge for the string competition was Julianna Chitwood.



The **NORA C. LICHTENBERG PIANO SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION** was held on Sunday, May 12, 2013 at Catholic University. Thirteen students from the studios of Elena Arsenyev, Scott Beard, Faye Bonner, Grace McFarlane-Bottelier, Andrew Horowitz, Marjorie Lee, Jia-Yue Yang and Thomas Mastroianni performed. The judges, Dr. Joseph Satava and Dr. Yu-Hsuan, commented on the very high level of playing and talent exhibited by the student performers. -- Scott Beard, Chair

The results are as follows:

First Place: Evelyn Mo (Mastroianni)
Second Place: Luke Ratcliffe (M. Lee)
Honorable Mention: Kevin Zhang (M. Lee)
Winnie Luo (Arseniev)
Motya Gershunskiy (Arseniev)

Below are the results for the **2013 HARTMAN AWARDS**. Judges this year were Frank Conlon, David Kosutic, Lily Chang, Marina Ovtcharenko, Dmitri Nazarenko, Debra Gunnerson, Lydia Frumkin, Jim Litzelman, Douglas Harrington, Svetlana Kaplanskaya, Marjorie Lee, Brenda Kee, Nancy Breth, Nancy Longmyer and Alla Merport.

Age Group 6/7 A

1st : David Han (Gramaticova)
2nd : Yiting Sun (Kriewaldt)
3rd : Yifan Li (Arseniev), Charlyn Chu (Arseniev)
HM: Samuel Wang (Litzelman)

Age Group 6/7 B

1st : Irene Tang (Arseniev)
2nd : Kathleen Wang (Yang)
3rd : Oscar Paz-Suaznabar (M. Lee)
HM: Anna Gu (Arseniev), Jessica Wang (M. Lee)

Age Group 8 A

1st : Lauren Kim (M. Lee)
2nd : Jessica Jiang (Nazarenko)
3rd : Nicole Papenfuss (Blazquez), Catherine Wu (M. Lee)
HM: Helena Liu (Sarratt), Cynthia Ma (Kosutic)

Age Group 8 B

1st : Jason Liu (Nazarenko)
2nd : Joanna Cheng (M. Lee)
3rd : Sophia Go (Blazquez)
HM: Elizabeth Vinovurov (Arseniev), Adele Park (Bogart),
Malia Skaret (M. Lee)

Age Group 9 A

1st : Alison Wan (M. Lee)
2nd : Tiffany Fang (Gramaticova)
3rd : Hannahlise Wang (Kellert), Blaire Zhao (Kosutic)
HM: Daniel Fu (Lee)

Age Group 9 B

1st : Ian Yu (Kellert)
2nd : Annabelle Xie (Jun Yang)
3rd : JoAnnie Shia (Kriewaldt/Beard), Sasha Wang (Sarratt)
HM: Alex Fitenko (Kaplanskaya)

Age Group 10

1st : Hana Lee (Kellert)
2nd : Hana Wang (Sarratt), Helen Gu (Arseniev)
3rd : Ethan Hsiao (Nazarenko)
HM: Andrew Cocchiara (M. Lee), Stephanie Bi (Gramaticova)

Age Group 11 A

1st : Tiffany Zhang (Nazarenko)
2nd : Evan Hu (M. Lee)
3rd : Michelle Zheng (Kellert)
HM: Eileen Wen (Sarratt)

Age Group 11 B

1st : Risako Takamura (Breth)
2nd : Andrew Zhang (Kellert)
3rd : Pierre Quan (Gramaticova)
HM: Jonathan Kan (Kosutic)

Age Group 11 C

1st : Michelle Tang (Nazarenko)
2nd : Wiley Skaret (M. Lee)
3rd : Alex Jian (M. Gramaticova)

Age Group 12 A

1st : Eric Lin (M. Lee)
2nd : Ashley Ondou Konga (Breth), Katherine Wu (Nazarenko)
3rd : Gabrielle Li (Blazquez)
HM: Flora Li (M. Lin)

Age Group 12 B

1st : Philena Sun (M. Lee)
2nd : Christopher Papenfuss (Litzelman)
3rd : Angela Wu (Nazarenko)
HM: Jackie Liu (Kriewaldt/Beard)

Age Group 12 C

1st : Grace Wang (M. Lee)
2nd : Jonathan Lin (Nazarenko)
3rd : Jenny Tan (Jun Yang)
HM: Wendy Yin (Litzelman)

Age Group 13

1st : Soren Christensen (Gramaticova)
2nd : Alex Peng (Breth)
3rd : Antonio Plumer (Beard), Philip Wang (Arseniev)
HM: Karina Aliyeva (Nazarenko), Samuel Ong (Nazarenko)

Age Group 14

1st : Anna Wang (Sarratt), Micah Tsoi (Beard/Bonner)
2nd : Virginia Sun (Breth)
3rd : Viven Zhu (Nazarenko)

Age Group 15

1st : Matthew Schultheis (Sarratt)
2nd : Nancy Qin (Nazarenko)
3rd : Sophie Kader (Takahashi)

Age Group 16/17

1st : Jessica Shen (Litzelman)
2nd : Nicolas Trad (Ivanova)
3rd : Sangho Samuel Myung (Koras)