



RMTA Fall Newsletter 2015

Letter from the President

Dear RMTA members and friends,

I hope that you all are enjoying the new fall season of teaching!! I hope that your summer was restful and relaxing as well. Our family had our first adventure to Disney World in Florida over the summer. We all had a blast and hope to go back again in the near future. Now we are back into our routine of school, activities, and music!

It was so great to see so many of you, both current and new members, at our September kick-off meeting! Thanks to everyone who came to our board meeting and potluck luncheon. We celebrated our RMTA Collegiate Chapter Scholarship winner, our Achievement Award winner, and our Summer Music Camp Scholarship winner. They each performed beautifully!! Thanks to the support of their teachers and parents!

Our RMTA yearbook was online early this year (in August!) and all the files are on the website and within the Members Login section of our website. Please be sure to visit and we will keep you up-to-date with our online bulletin board as well as other reminders.

Mark your calendars for the VMTA Auditions and MTNA Competitions - October 29-31, 2015 at Virginia Commonwealth University. The VMTA team is in need of volunteers on 10/29 and 10/30. If you are able to help on those days, please let me know (jspianostudio@yahoo.com) or Susan Atkins (pianolearningcenter@gmail.com). Susan will have more specific details soon!

Thanks to each of you for all you do! As always, we really appreciate all of your time and hard work within our organization!

Many thanks,

Jennifer Scott, NCTM
RMTA President

Website and Facebook

RMTA Website: <http://www.richmondmta.org>

RMTA Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/richmondmta>

Website Information

HOME PAGE: This home page will always feature a monthly bulletin so you can stay up-to-date on the current month's activities.

ABOUT: Features information on our history, officers, bylaws, mission, collegiate chapter, and sponsors. Our sponsors section and new bylaws will be updated shortly.

PARTICIPATE: Features information on certification, IMTF, membership, teacher referral, Music Link, and a contact us site.

ACTIVITIES: This may be the most visited area. This features our events calendar, recital series, workshops (each with a separate link), and competitions.

NEWS: Features our scholarships, achievement award, photos, conferences and links. Photos can be updated again soon.

MEMBER LOGIN: You will need your username/password to visit this area (same as VMTA). This features the place for our entire YEARBOOK in pdf, handbook, newsletters, and ALL the event applications. You can print individual applications, the whole yearbook, or any part of the documents. This same member area has VMTA info, such as sample theory tests/ear/keys and other.

FIND A TEACHER/JOIN: Help prospective teachers and students/parents

Some of our online documents do not disclose address/phone information to keep privacy of our members. But, in the Members Login, you will find all actual info as you would see in the yearbook for our members.

A huge THANK YOU to Phillip Patrick for organizing our yearbook again this year and to all the teachers who gather information and update it.

Upcoming Events

Saturday October 24: Teacher Workshop

Please make plans to attend a workshop with Alexander Technique teacher Sumi Komo on Saturday, October 24th at the home of Lois Broadwater, 1308 Camden Dr, at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Komo is a certified Alexander Technique teacher who also has degrees in Dance, Psychology, and Sports Medicine. Come learn about Alexander Technique and how it can help musicians alleviate tension and move more efficiently.

Sunday November 8: Student Recital Series

The next recital is November 8th with the cutoff date of October 26.

All of the information for entering is in the yearbook on page 15.

This recital is a perfect opportunity for students to perform one of the pieces they are playing at the Fall Festival!

Saturday November 14: Fall Festival *One week earlier than usual!

It is now fall and time to fill out your forms for the Fall Festival.

The deadline date is Tuesday, October 13th.

The information and forms are in the yearbook.

National Certification

Congratulations to our President Jennifer Scott, who has officially been awarded the MTNA Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) designation!

Jennifer recently completed the certification process, which consists of five standards defining what a competent music teacher should know and be able to do. As her NCTM mentor and colleague, I'm so proud of the detail, insight and thoughtfulness she displayed throughout the process.

I hope many of you will be inspired by Jennifer's commitment to professional growth by becoming a certified teacher. I'm sure Jennifer and other RMTA certified teachers will be happy to assist you in the process of becoming an NCTM, too!

Sharon Stewart, RMTA Certification Chair

Announcements

Congratulations to Gabriella Ryan who has been selected as one of the nominees for the MTNA Southern Division Director-elect (2016-2018)! Serving as both RMTA President and VMTA President in the past years, she has show tremendous leadership and commitment to the music profession. Gabriella, we are proud of you, your leadership, and your dedication to teaching! Best of luck to you in the coming months!

The election will take place in February 2016, so please watch for more information on voting. Let's show our support for Gabriella Ryan and her nomination!