



## ***RMTA Summer Newsletter 2016***

### **Letter from the President**

Dear RMTA members and friends,

What a wonderful year indeed! Thank you for all of your many contributions to our music organization--we couldn't do it without you!! I hope that you are all enjoying the start of summer and have time to relax from the busy year. My boys are excited for time off of school and ready for vacation!

We had such great conversation at our June RMTA Admin Board meeting! Each of our chair members is working hard to plan dates and activities for 2016-17. Stay tuned for more information on our September potluck and kick-off meeting!

Our annual VMTA conference and competitions will be at Shenandoah University, Winchester VA, from October 27-30. We hope to see many of you there!

Oh behalf of our entire RMTA team, I want to thank you all for everything you do, all your contributions, all year long! Looking forward to a great summer and new year ahead!

Thank you!

Jennifer Scott, NCTM  
RMTA President

### **Website and Facebook**

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

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

## Upcoming Teacher Events

### **Annual Kickoff Meeting/Potluck Luncheon**

Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 11:00 AM

Home of Lois Broadwater

### **Piano Pedagogy Forum**

Sunday, October 9, 2016 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

VCU Music Buildings

### **VMTA State Conference**

October 27-30, 2016

Shenandoah University

Conference Announcement -- Mark your calendars:

The MTNA Conference will be held in Baltimore, Maryland on March 18-22, 2017.

We hope many RMTA members will attend, since it is so close!

## Announcements:

### MusicLink:

A piano was given to a student of Julieta Pineda, MusicLink teacher, by Rhapsody Piano. Here's a photo of Gabriella (MusicLink chair) presenting the MusicLink Partner Plaque to Rhapsody Piano and Guitar. Paul King and Wesley Pollard are co-owners of this fine establishment, which has stated their support for MusicLink both now and in the future. They have already given pianos to students in need, and have been supportive of the Richmond Music Teachers Association in their endeavors as well. Thank you to Rhapsody Piano and Guitar!



## Student Event Reports

### **Playathon and Collegiate Chapter Scholarship:**

The Playathon brought in about \$1700 this year. We usually split the funds into 2 years of scholarships for a Collegiate Chapter student member. However, this year, the Collegiate Chapter has not been active, and only has 1 member. The funds will be held until the Scholarship Committee (Gabriella Ryan, Chair) can meet to discuss disbursement options.

Two of Gabriella Ryan's students won a cash award for bringing in the top pledge money for the Playathon. The 2 elementary students are Beatrice Coelho and Nishorgo Sarkar. Both of them performed for over 10 minutes at the Playathon, and Beatrice performed both at the beginning and at the end of the Playathon studio time.

### **Central District Auditions:**

This year a total of 13 students entered representing 7 teachers. The auditions were held at St. Catherine's Chapel on April 30, 2016. The judge was Dr. Andrey Kasparov from ODU.

#### Level 1A

1<sup>st</sup> Tony Zhang                      Ming Liu

#### Level 1B

1<sup>st</sup> Arthur Ding                      Paul Hanson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Newell                      Ruta Starke  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ada Woo                      Tatiana Tatum      tied with      Ashley Xiao                      Ming Liu

#### Level 2

1<sup>st</sup> James Shen                      Paul Hanson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Madeleine Wang                      Paul Hanson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Shivram Ramkumar                      Wesley Pollard

#### Level 3

2<sup>nd</sup> Jeison De Guzman      Paul Hanson      tied with      Edson De Guzman      Paul Hanson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Madeleine Fratarcangelo      Anne James      tied with      Ketty Bai                      Joanne Kong

## Achievement Award Winner

Dear RMTA friends and colleagues,

Two years ago, RMTA established its first Student Achievement Award within its organization. The purpose of this student award is to recognize and encourage students to participate in musical activities within our organization throughout the year. We want to reward students for their continued dedication to music education. We also want to recognize the RMTA teacher who has supported and motivated their student.

The Richmond Music Teachers Association proudly recognizes its 2016 RMTA Achievement Award Recipient. **Congratulations to Tony Zhang, student of Ming Lu.**

We are very proud of Tony Zhang's commitment to his music this year. He participated in many VMTA and RMTA events, such as the Central District Auditions, VMTA Theory and Sight Reading testing, RMTA Playathon, Workshop with Lisa Kinzer, Bach competition, and many of the RMTA Student Recitals during the past year. Tony won 1st place in Level 1A of the Central District Auditions. He also won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Primer Level of the Bach Competition. Congratulations, Tony!

The student achievement award will be an engraved trophy. The teacher achievement award will be a nicely engraved plaque. Tony Zhang and Ming Lu will be presented with these awards at our September 2016 Opening Meeting.

Again, congratulations on receiving the RMTA Achievement Award! Thank you for your commitment to music education and to our music organization.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Scott, NCTM  
RMTA President