



## *RMTA Fall Newsletter 2017*

### **Letter from the President**

Dear RMTA Members,

I hope that all of you are enjoying a new start of another season of wonderful teaching!

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 heard three fantastic performances from our Achievement Award winner, Summer Camp Scholarship winner, and the RMTA Collegiate Chapter Scholarship winner. We are so fortunate to have such talented students within our organization! Thank you to the support of their teachers and parents!

Our RMTA yearbook is now online. A big thank you to Jennifer Scott for getting that done! 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 each month with our online bulletin board as well as other reminders.

Mark your calendars for the 2017 VMTA Fall Conference and Competitions – October 26-28, 2017 at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Hope to see many of you there!! As always, thanks to each of you for all your hard work! I appreciate all of your time and commitment that you have put in to this organization!

Michelle Huang, RMTA President

### **Website and Facebook**

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

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

## **RMTA Membership Corner**

Congrats on a great new year ahead with RMTA! Here is a listing of some new and reinstating members ~ Welcome!

### **Reinstating member:**

Harriett Henderson Gilchrist  
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### **New member:**

Katherine Knight  
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For all of our members, I hope to reach out to you throughout the year ~ to see how you are doing and enjoying things within RMTA.

Jennifer Scott, NCTM

## **VMTA Fall Festival 2017**

Saturday, November 4, 2017  
St. Catherine's School, Guigon Music Building  
6001 Grove Avenue, 23226

Spark your students' enthusiasm early and join us for this fall performance opportunity. This event is non-competitive, designed to encourage the playing of varied styles of music and build the students' confidence as performers. Two memorized pieces are required – one traditional and one contemporary. Guidelines, teacher responsibility forms, and entry forms can be found in the RMTA yearbook. The fee is \$12.00 per student, and teacher's checks are payable to RMTA.

Just a few notes:

1. When completing the application for your students, please indicate if they need a morning time or afternoon time. Once the schedules are mailed to the teachers, it is preferable to have no requests for changes. If a conflict does arise and you must change a student's time, please let the chairmen know by Oct. 30th.
2. Have students bring their music for the judges. It is helpful to have a measure number at the beginning of each system. Music will be returned to the students after they play. Please do not bring photocopied music to Fall Festival unless you have obtained permission. Teachers and students must abide by the federal Copyright Law.

3. The usual venue at U of R is under renovation this fall, so we are holding the Fall Festival in the music building at St. Catherine's School. Maps of the campus will be sent to teachers, and we will have signs posted to direct everyone to the music building.

Many helpers are needed in order to have a successful Fall Festival. We hope you will volunteer to support your local association. If you have questions, please contact the chairmen.

Thank you,  
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## **Upcoming Teacher Events**

**VMTA State Conference**  
**Thursday October 26-Saturday October 28**  
**George Mason University**

Ingrid Clarfield is this year's Conference Artist. She will be presenting a pedagogy session "The Road to Chopin," a masterclass with students of various ages and abilities, and a showcase of her publications with Alfred Music.

Complete Conference details are available at [www.vmta.org](http://www.vmta.org)

**Mini Members' Recital**  
**Saturday November 18 at 3:00PM**  
12325 Northlake Court, Henrico, VA 23233

This is a chance for members to perform pieces for each other. Belle Elliott has created the program, and several members are scheduled to perform.

**"How to Make the Piano Sing: the Technical Aspects of Cantabile Playing"**  
**Presented by Magdalena Adamek**  
**Saturday January 13 at 10:00AM**  
**The home of Fay Barss**  
2022 Millbank Rd.

At our breakfast meeting and discussion on Saturday, January 13, 2018, Magdalena Adamek will be discussing her topic on "How to Make the Piano Sing: the Technical Aspects of Cantabile Playing". The discussions begins at 10:00am at the home of Fay Barss located at 2022 Millbank Road, Richmond VA 23229. There will be a potluck luncheon following the discussion.

## Upcoming Student Events

### **VMTA Fall Festival 2017**

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

**St. Catherine's School, Guigon Music Building**

6001 Grove Avenue, 23226

### **Play-a-thon**

**Saturday February 3 from 10AM-4:30PM**

**Richmond Public Library**

101 E. Franklin St

The play-a-thon is a chance for students to perform and raise money for the collegiate scholarship fund. The registration deadline to participate in the Playathon is November 30, 2017.

### **Bach Competition**

**Saturday March 3 from 10AM-4:30PM**

**Richmond Public Library, Gellman Room**

101 E. Franklin St

The application deadline for the Bach Competition is January 27, 2018. This year we were able to schedule the winners recital the following day at 3:00pm on Sunday March 4, 2018 at St. Luke Lutheran Church located at [7757 Chippenham Parkway, Richmond VA 23225](#). There will be a reception following the recital in the Fellowship Hall.

### **RMTA Student Recitals**

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Held at Bannard Chapel, Turner Hall, St. Catherine's School

6001 Grove Avenue, Richmond, VA 23226

#### Recital Date

#### Application Deadline

November 12

October 30

January 21

January 8

February 25

February 12

April 22

April 9

Check the schedule for Student Recitals in the yearbook and read the information so you can participate when you can. All members are welcome to attend, especially if you are not familiar with these events

## **Summer Camp Scholarship**

Now is a good time to research summer camps for your students. Magazines such as "The American Music Teacher" and "Keyboard Companion" have summer camp listings which are a good starting place. The stimulation of a different scene, varied course offerings and other like-minded students can be a great boost to a music education. RMTA offers two summer camp scholarships of \$300 each, which helps defray the tuition costs. Applications will be due May 15.

Anne James, Chairman