



RMTA Summer Newsletter 2017

Letter from the President

Dear RMTA members and friends,

Thank you all for a terrific year and your tremendous contributions to RMTA!! Summer has definitely started as the hot and humid weather sets in. I hope all of you are finding time to relax and rejuvenate before our next new season. I have been enjoying the summer so far, as my teaching load reduces a bit, I am able to find time to get more exercise, read a book, and travel a little. What a great life we music teachers have!

At our June RMTA Admin Board meeting, Jennifer Scott passed on the gavel to me as she completed her two terms of Presidency for RMTA. We thank Jennifer for her tireless dedication and service to RMTA for the past four years. I have big shoes to fill! At the Board meeting, we also had a great overview of this past year as well as what is to come in the upcoming year. Our new RMTA officers kicked off their new 2 year term, and they are all working hard to get us ready for the 2017-18 events and activities. Please be sure to join us at our September potluck and meeting to start your new teaching year.

On behalf of all of us at RMTA, thank you for your time and support for our organization! Life can be hectic between work, family, and daily schedules, but just know that you are a valued member of RMTA and we thank you for that! Enjoy the summer and look forward to another great year in 2017-18!

Thank you and happy summer!
Michelle Huang
RMTA President

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RMTA Achievement Award

The Richmond Music Teachers Association proudly recognizes its 2017 RMTA Achievement Award Recipient. **Congratulations to Tony Zhang, student of Ming Lu.** This is the second year that Tony has won!

We are very proud of Tony Zhang's commitment to his music this year. In this past year, he participated in many VMTA and RMTA events, such as the VCU/RMTA Pedagogy Forum, VMTA State Auditions, RMTA student recitals, and the VMTA Central District Audition, winning 1st place for his level. 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 2017 Opening Meeting.

Collegiate Chapter Scholarship

The recipient of the RMTA Collegiate Chapter VCU Scholarship this year is Christine Hilbert. The funding of the scholarship came directly from our student Playathon. Ms. Hilbert is currently a Junior piano major student studying with Dr. Yin Zheng.

[Ms. Hilbert will be performing for RMTA for our September 9th meeting and potluck.](#) We are happy to have the opportunity to hear her play and get to know her. We sent her our congratulations on her award, and she sent us her sincere gratitude. Dr. Zheng and Dr. Harper of VCU also sent us their thanks.

Teacher Events for 2017-18

Saturday Sept 9: Annual kickoff meeting

Our annual kickoff meeting will be held at the home of Lois Broadwater on Saturday, September 9 2017. The executive board meeting will begin at 9:30 and the general meeting will begin at 11:00.

Workshops

We have confirmed our three presenters for RMTA workshops 2017-2018. In October, Paulo Steinberg has agreed to present a lecture recital on the topic of Brazilian music. In January, we will have Magdalena Adamek from VCU. Her topic is yet to be determined. And in April, Bonnie Kellert will present "Exploring Piano Repertoire: A Survey of Music for Beginning to Early-Intermediate Students". Bonnie will present her topic at 10:00 am at the home of Fay Barss.

Student Events 2017-18

RMTA STUDENT RECITALS FOR 2017-2018

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

October 8

September 25

November 12

October 30

January 21

January 8

February 25

February 12

April 22

April 9

BACH COMPETITION 2018

The Bach Competition is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 10:00-5:00 at the Gellman Room at the Richmond Public Library, 101 East Franklin St. Richmond VA.