



## *RMTA Summer Newsletter 2018*

### **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 starting back up with teaching again. 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, we had a great overview of this past year as well as what is to come in the upcoming year. Each of our chair members is working hard to get us ready for the 2018-19 events and activities. Stay tuned for more information for our September potluck and kick-off meeting to start the 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 2018-19!

Thank you and happy summer!

RMTA President,  
Michelle Huang

### **Website and Facebook**

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

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

## **RMTA Achievement Award**

The Richmond Music Teachers Association proudly recognizes its 2018 RMTA Achievement Award Recipients. Congratulations to William He, student of Yifei Sun and Zoe Hu, student of Ruta Smedina-Starke.

We are very proud of both William and Zoe's commitment to their music this year. In this past year, William participated in many VMTA and RMTA events, such as the RMTA Student Recitals, VMTA Fall Festival, RMTA Playathon, VMTA Sight Reading Exam, VMTA Theory Test, RMTA Bach Competition, and VMTA Central District Audition. Zoe also participated in RMTA Student Recitals, VMTA Fall Festival, VMTA Sight Reading Exam, RMTA Bach Competition, Bach Winners' Recital, VMTA Theory Test, and VMTA Central District Audition. Congratulations, William and Zoe!

The student achievement award will be an engraved trophy for each. The teacher achievement award will be a nicely engraved plaque. Both students and their teachers will be presented with these awards at our September 2018 Opening Meeting.

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

## **Collegiate Chapter Scholarship**

The Richmond Music Teachers Association is excited to announce this year's Collegiate Chapter Scholarship Winner, Megan Slay. Megan is a piano major at VCU. She is studying under Ruta Smedina-Starke. Megan will receive \$1000 scholarship towards her tuition. She will also perform at the September 15 Opening Meeting.

Congratulations, Megan!

## **Teacher Events for Fall 2018**

### **Saturday September 15 : Annual kickoff meeting**

Our annual kickoff meeting will be held at the home of Lois Broadwater on Saturday, September 15, 2018. The executive board meeting will begin at 9:00 and the general meeting will begin at 11:00.

### **October 25-27: VMTA Fall 2018 Conference and Competitions**

Liberty University

Lynchburg, VA

**Register at [www.music-usa.org/vmta](http://www.music-usa.org/vmta)**

## **Student Events Fall 2018**

### **RMTA STUDENT RECITALS FOR 2017-2018**

RMTA is looking for a dedicated member to serve as the 3rd Vice President for Student Recital for this upcoming 2018 -2019 school year. This position is mainly responsible for organizing and presiding over the RMTA Student Recitals which take place four to five times during the year. These recitals provide an opportunity for our RMTA students to perform as they prepare for numerous festivals and competitions RMTA has to offer each year, as well as teachers' own student recitals throughout the year.

It is my hope that we will be able to find someone soon to fill this position, because without the help of a dedicated individual to preside and oversee the recitals, these recitals will not be happening for this upcoming year, which will be the most unfortunate for all RMTA teachers and students.

### **FALL FESTIVAL 2018**

The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday November 17, 2018 at St. Catherine's School music building. The postmark deadline is set for October 15, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Ellis Dunton, [aedunton@comcast.net](mailto:aedunton@comcast.net).

Thank you,  
Ellis Dunton and Chloe Fortin, Co-chairs