



RMTA Winter Newsletter 2018-19

Letter from the President

Happy winter and Happy Holidays to our RMTA members!

Thank you all for your contributions and hard work to RMTA this past year. I am so grateful to be part of this amazing organization!

We have had some exciting events so far, from our September Kickoff Meeting, an informative workshop on "Staying Alive in the 21st Century" from Roma Scriven in October, our RMTA student recital in November, and our VMTA Fall Festival. Several of our members and collegiate chapter members also presented and attended the VMTA Fall Conference at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA.

As we welcome the winter season, we look forward to many other great events such as a January workshop with Lynne Cox, February Members Recital, March Bach Competition, Theory, Skills, and Sight-reading Tests, and our April workshop with Carol Payne. Please keep an eye out on our website for monthly updates. We will also send out email reminders for these events. You can always check the RMTA Yearbook for more details.

Please mark your calendars for the 2019 MTNA National Conference in Spokane, WA, March 16 - 20, 2019. Even though it's far away, I hope some of you will consider attending this terrific conference!

Thank you for being a special part of RMTA! Have a wonderful holiday season!

Michelle Huang

RMTA President

Website and Facebook

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

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

Fall Festival Report

The VMTA Fall Festival was held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at St. Catherine's School. Twenty-two teachers registered 133 auditions including 2 voice auditions, one piano duet audition, and 130 piano solo auditions. On the day of the event, 128 auditions took place. There were a total of 90 Superior ratings, 33 Excellent ratings, and 5 Very Good ratings.

Many thanks to all who helped make the festival a success!

Submitted by,
Ellis Dunton and Chloe Fortin, Co-Chairs

Upcoming Teacher Events and Workshops

Teacher Workshop
Saturday, January 12 at 10:00 AM
Home of Fay Barss
2022 Milbank Rd

Lyne Cox will be presenting her workshop entitled: "C Shells, A Flat Sandwiches, and Stacking a Four-Layer Chocolate Music Cake". The workshop will begin at 10:00 am at the Home of Fay Barss, with a potluck luncheon to follow.

RMTA Members Recital
Saturday, February 2 at 2:00 PM
The Gellman Room
Richmond Public Library
101 East Franklin St.

RMTA members will be the featured artists for this event.

Summer Camp Scholarships

RMTA offers two summer camp scholarships, each worth \$300. Be thinking of students who might benefit from the stimulation of this experience. Applications can be found in the RMTA Yearbook and the deadline is May 15.

Anne James

Upcoming Student Events

Sunday, February 24: VMTA SR/Skills Tests at Rhapsody Piano and Guitar

11527 West Broad St, 23233

Sunday, March 3: VMTA Theory Tests at VCU

The postmark deadline is set for **February 1**.

Each sight reading and keyboard test is individually scheduled once applications are received, and will be emailed the week of the testing day. Remember, any application received AFTER the postmark deadline WILL NOT be accepted. Please make sure the application is correct before submission. Theory and Sightreading Test fees are \$12 per test.

All details are found in the RMTA Yearbook – application is on p.59. Remember that sample written and listening tests are found on the VMTA and RMTA members area of the website. These can be great resources to help prepare your students.

Please send application forms/checks to Fay Barss, 2022 Milbank Rd., Henrico, VA 23229

Contacts:

Theory Day: Wesley Pollard, wesley@rhapsodypiano.com

Theory Applications/Checks: Jennifer Scott, jspianostudio@yahoo.com

Sightreading and Keyboard Skills: Fay Barss, faysmusic@gmail.com

Sightreading for Single-Line instruments and Voice: Hope Armstrong Erb, hope.armstrong.erb@gmail.com

Questions of Theory Testing: Jennifer Scott, jspianostudio@yahoo.com

Thanks!

Jennifer Scott, NCTM

Saturday, March 9: Bach Competition

Richmond Public Library, Gellman Room

The postmark deadline is **January 26, 2019**

The co-chairs of the event, Dr. Ingrid Keller and Dr. Magdalena Adamek cordially invite piano students to participate in the competition to perform and share their talents and musical achievement through the works of J.S. Bach.

The 2019 judging panel will consist of three accomplished pianists-piano pedagogues: Natalya Vornobitsky, Russel Wilson and Dr. Agnes Wan.

All participants will receive certificates. Prize winners will receive monetary awards and will perform at Winners Recital at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on March 10 at 3:00 PM.

PLEASE MAIL A \$30.00 ENTRY FEE (TEACHER'S CHECK ONLY - PAYABLE TO RMTA) and competition application to Magdalena Adamek 12004 English Ivy Lane, Glen Allen, VA 23059. Scanned applications can be e-mailed to madamek@vcu.edu

Note post-marked deadline: January 26, 2019.

We are looking forward to another great competition!

Magda Adamek & Ingrid Keller

Membership Corner

Welcome members! Please see our nice listing below, and we look forward to getting to know you more!

Reinstating members:

Dana McComb
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Richmond, VA 23238
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Djmccomb95@gmail.com

New members:

Chris Nickels
16182 Plantation Lane
Montpelier, VA 23192
Cnick71@gmail.com

New collegiate members:

Keerthana Vishwanath
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Richmond, VA 23220
(703) 973-3104
katiesvish@gmail.com

Thanks, and welcome members!!
Jennifer Scott, NCTM