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This year's MTNA National Young Artist Composition Winner was Mary Elizabeth Neal, a student of Ladislav Kubik at Florida State University. Mary's piece, "Combustion", for unaccompanied cello, was performed in March at the MTNA conference in Denver. The same piece will be performed in Gainesville at the June FSMTA conference.

There were 9 entries in the various levels in Florida last fall and each composition was reviewed by three judges. Hopefully new interest in this competition will result from exciting incentives:

Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) is pleased to announce two new corporate sponsors for the 2008-2009 Senior and Young Artist Composition Competitions.

Hal Leonard Corporation will sponsor the MTNA Senior Composition Competition. The company will provide funds for the competition winner, second place and teacher awards, totaling \$3,200. In addition to sponsoring the event, Hal Leonard will offer the "right of first refusal" for publication to the winning entry.

Carl Fischer Music will sponsor the MTNA Young Artist Composition Competition. Rather than providing cash awards for the winners, publication of the winning composition is guaranteed. In addition, Carl Fischer will provide two private composition sessions with an internationally known composer. Second place will receive a substantial library of books and other materials related to composition published or distributed by Carl Fischer.

Submitted by Carol Wallace Payne, MTNA Composition Coordinator for Florida.