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President's Message

by Marc J. Hebda

In the previous issue I spoke about a "Weekend of Collaborative Music" at the state level as I offered congratulations to winners (and their teachers) of the Florida MTNA competitions held in Ybor City in October. I have just returned from a similar weekend at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, where the MTNA Southern Division competitions were held. Here, the collaboration was among the states of the Southern Division in its pursuit of rewarding student achievements and honoring their teachers and parents. The winners of these competitions will represent the Southern Division and their respective states at the MTNA competitions in Albuquerque in March at the MTNA conference.

As is customary, the composition competition entries were judged prior to the competition weekend. Congratulations are offered to Sarah Gaskins (student of Ladislav Kubik), winner of the Young Artist level, and to Gabrielle Chou (student of Donald Waxman) who received an Honorable Mention in the Junior level.

I am also proud to extend congratulations to the following students who were honored for their achievements this past weekend: Andrew Focks (student of Read Gainsford), winner of the Young Artist Piano competition, Patrick Jankowski (French Horn, student of Michelle Stebleton) winner of the Young Artist Brass competition, Ye Wong (student of Oleg Barsov) winner of the Junior Piano competition, and Julia Hossain (Violin, student of Julia Ruby) who

received an Honorable Mention in the Junior Strings competition. On behalf of FSMTA I wish all of Florida's winners well in the MTNA competitions next month.

The Presidents from the different state associations that comprise the Southern Division acted as inside monitors for the competitions. Unfortunately, as such, I was not afforded the opportunity to hear all of the contestants from Florida, but I look forward to their performances in Albuquerque.

The weekend also included two banquets which were a great opportunity to mingle with the other state Presidents and the Southern Division officers and to learn more about each of their associations. There was a short informal meeting at the Saturday night banquet consisting of competition chair reports.

Richard Scott, Southern Division Director-Elect, planned a mini-Summit Saturday afternoon. The mini-Summit was designed to echo the leadership summit that MTNA typically hosts in

September for state Presidents but had cancelled September 2009 due to budget constraints. The mini-Summit was divided into four sessions: Collaborative Music, Planning Strategically, MTNA Certification, and Discussion Groups of States. MTNA is comprised of seven divisions and each of the division directors was assigned a topic for the discussion boards on the MTNA website. Fay Adams, Southern Division Director, is responsible for Collaborative Music and it is one of the seven featured discussion boards on the website. To access the discussion boards visit the MTNA website and on the home page under Quick Links click Discussion Boards. On the next page you will see the seven topics under Forums: Arts Awareness and Advocacy Forum, Collaborative Performance Forum, College Faculty Forum, Collegiate Chapters Forum, Independent Teachers Forum, Local Associations Forums, and Wellness Forum – all pertinent topics to each of us as individuals and as members

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DATES AND DEADLINES

March 10	Deadline for April/May Newsletter
March 20-24	MTNA National Conference – Albuquerque, NM
March 31	Deadline for applications – FSMTA Competitive Events
May 14-15	FSMTA Competitive Events – Jacksonville University
June 12	Executive Board Meeting – Cabot Lodge, Gainesville
July 31	Deadline for Applications – FSMTA Teacher and Local Association Awards
November 3-6	2010 FSMTA Conference – Sarasota

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of different levels of the association.

It is always of interest to learn what other state associations have achieved and these sessions often produce ideas and inspiration to pursue that can 'refresh' one's own state association. FSMTA has a history steeped in excellence, and we have a responsibility to maintain its integrity by adhering to the mission upon which it was founded. At the macro level, weekends such as the MTNA Southern Division competitions and the upcoming MTNA competitions and conference often result in a renewed sense of responsibility to FSMTA's mission. When we all come together at meetings at the local, district, state, division, and national levels, we

have another opportunity to consider and aspire to ideals that spur our thoughts, words, and actions higher. This is not just theory – the mission of FSMTA has throughout its 75-year history made a deep and lasting impression on countless student musicians/composers, many of which have contributed to its history by becoming members themselves and inspiring the next generation. My experiences this past weekend and the weekend in Ybor City have demonstrated to me that what we do to advance music in the state of Florida depends on who we are as individuals and, collectively, who we are as members of our local, district, and state associations. It is something of which we should all be proud.

Membership Update

*by Anna Fagan,
Vice-President for Membership*

Since the previous newsletter, FSMTA is very pleased to welcome the following new members:

Local	Name
SWFMTA	Eduard Gulabyan
TALLMTA	Justine Sasanfar
JMTA	Abigail J. Cook
SSMTA	Marcy Laughner
PBMTA	Molin Wang
PSMTA	Christina Kwon
MCMTA	Elizabeth Jane Barnard
MIMTA	Sharon Perry
BCMTA	Joanne T. Kampiziones
PSMTA	Bethany Lujan

The following person was previously a member of FSMTA and has reinstated her membership:

MSMTA	Danielle M. Joiner
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Remember that the FSMTA website is updated monthly, so the most accurate member information is always available online at www.fmta.org. Please send any address or contact information changes to:

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If you are willing to save the association money by viewing your newsletter online, please e-mail this request to me at the above address. Thanks!

Certification News

*by Helen Dingus, FSCTM, NCTM
FSMTA Certification Chairman*

Congratulations to Dr. Erin K. Bennett, NCTM, of Jacksonville!

Dr. Bennett has been notified by Gary Ingle, Executive Director and CEO of MTNA, that she has successfully completed all requirements for MTNA National Certification in Piano. This is a significant accomplishment and FSMTA is proud to claim Dr. Bennett as a member of our state organization.

We hope to hear from MTNA Headquarters as to how many FSMTA members have recently applied for national certification under the old plan. Melissa Curtice has advised that she received a lot of such applications just before the end of 2009. Since we came under a new certification process as of January 1, 2010, and since it is now January 7, 2010, it will now be imperative that new (post Jan.1, 2010) applicants for MTNA national certification use the new guidelines. These **new requirements for MTNA certification** are available on the MTNA website (www.mtna.org). You may download a packet of materials including an application form. If you have questions we will try to obtain answers.

This following information is in regard to MTNA certification

renewals. Melissa Curtice, MTNA Member Development Associate, says, "Beginning in 2009, teachers must renew their certification annually. Yearly renewal will begin at the end of the certified teacher's current five year renewal cycle and continue in 2010 and every year hereafter. If you are submitting a completed Documentation of Professional Renewal Activities Form, three documented points will be required each year to maintain your status as a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music. An annual renewal fee of \$15 is due at the time of renewal. The change of requirements effective in January 2010 is for initial certification only."

For FSMTA certification information, please go to the FSMTA website at www.fmta.org. If anyone has any question about FSMTA certification, please contact me either at my home address, (610 Camborne Avenue, NE, Fort Walton Beach FL 32547), by phone (at 850-862-2731) or by Email: ddingus@cox.net. Upon receipt of any question, the matter will be researched and an answer will be forthcoming as quickly as possible.

Happy New Year to all!

2010 MTNA Conference

The 2010 MTNA National Conference will take place March 20–24 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the Hyatt Regency and Albuquerque Convention Center.

Join MTNA and 2,000 of your friends and colleagues as we present a program focused on the needs of today's music teaching professional in one of the most beautiful parts of the country.

Surrounded by the Sandia Mountains, Albuquerque is known for its arts and culture. With the desert landscape as its backdrop, Albuquerque is New Mexico's largest city, yet it has an easy, small-town feel. Featuring charming districts such as Old Town, along with art galleries and adobe structures, Albuquerque is one of the most unique cities in the country and a perfect setting for the 2010 MTNA National Conference.

Whether you've attended before or will be coming for the first time, there is truly something for everyone at MTNA's annual national conference. An exciting evening recital bill will again highlight the conference. Pianist Kevin Kenner and cellist William De Rosa, the American Pianist Association Fellows and the winners of the Canadian and United States Chopin Piano Competitions, will perform in recital on three separate nights. Pedagogy Saturday is back as a featured preconference event. Popular sessions such as the MTNA Technology, Recreational Music Making and Group Teaching, and Collaborative Performance Tracks will be offered. And, nearly 100 exhibitors will be on hand. The five-day event will also feature educational sessions, teaching demonstrations and master classes, industry showcases and exhibit hall demonstrations. And don't forget about the national student competitions finals and winners concerts!

MTNA has rolled back the registration rates this year to make it more affordable for our members to attend. Register by February 10 to receive your early registration discount, and be entered to win a free hot air balloon ride.

For more information on the conference and to register, visit <http://members.mtna.org/conference2010/index.html>.

So, come network. Come learn. Come have fun. Come see us in Albuquerque!

MARTHA MIER NOMINATED AS 2010 FOUNDATION FELLOW

*by Adrienne LeBlanc,
President-Elect and MTNA Foundation Representative*

It is so exciting to announce that our nomination for the 2010 Foundation Fellow from Florida is Martha Mier. There will be a formal announcement and awards ceremony at the National Conference Gala in Albuquerque in March. Since Martha has done so much to make our world of music more interesting and enjoyable, I am sure you all agree with our nomination.

THANK YOU!!

I would like to extend my appreciation for the great response received so far to the request for donations to support our nomination of a new Florida Fellow in 2010. We are well on our way to our \$1000 goal, but still hope to receive additional help to make it all the way. This is such a special way to recognize one of our peers for their outstanding work.

The following individuals and organizations have been most generous:

Becky Barlar
Theo Boylan
Marc Hebda
2009 FSMTA Conference Committee
Brevard MTA
Jacksonville MTA
Northwest MTA
Palm Beach MTA
Peace River MTA
MTA of Greater St. Petersburg

Thank you so much for the wonderful support you have given our Foundation. Many of our fellow teachers and students will feel the effects of your gifts.

Florida State Music Teachers Foundation Report

by Paulette Kilts, FSMTF President

Happy New Year! The work of your Foundation continues as you continue teaching after a winter break. Several years ago when FSMTA instituted a dues increase, it pledged a percentage of the increase be given annually to the FSMT Foundation.

In January of 2010, FSMTA gave \$3540 to the Foundation which will be used for administration of the Foundation, with the remainder placed in the Scholarship Development Fund. This fund assists awards which are not fully endowed. Thank you, FSMTA, for your commitment to the Foundation.

Before the end of December 2009, past Foundation and FSMTA President Helen King expressed a desire to endow a new FSMTA award. The FSMTA Executive Board has approved this new award and will be working on details of the award process. The Gordon and Helen King college music education scholarship award is an annual award given to a college Junior or Senior pursuing a Bachelor of Music Education degree. We thank them for making this award possible through the Foundation.

FSMTA Competitive Events

by Mary Seal,
Vice-President for FSMTA Competitive Events

Just a quick reminder that the deadline for submitting competitive events applications for the May 15, 2010, FSMTA competitions in Jacksonville is March 31st. (Applications must be postmarked by that date.) These events are the Concerto Competition (submitted by district chairmen), the Byrd Piano Ensemble Competition, the Gray Perry Young Collegiate Piano Competition, the FSMTA Guitar Competition, and the Pre-College Chamber Music Competition. The 2010 forms are available on the FSMTA website (www.fmta.org) under Student Activities, Competitive Events forms.

MTNA Professional Support Line

Have a pedagogical or business issue or question? E-mail the MTNA Professional Support Line. The Professional Support Line is a way for MTNA to provide assistance to members who have questions of a pedagogical or business nature and would like to consult with someone knowledgeable about their situation.

Rachel Kramer, NCTM, is an MTNA volunteer who has offered her expertise to MTNA's Professional Support Line. Simply send her an e-mail, and she will be sure to get back to you. Rachel has been a vital part of MTNA for many years, serving as assistant executive director from 1998–2001 and director of education and member liaison for MTNA from 2003–2009. She holds master's degrees in piano performance and pedagogy and has been president of the Music Learning Center, Inc. in Cincinnati for 13 years. Rachel was also manager of educational programs for the Baldwin Piano & Organ Company from 1990-1996. Currently, she is an Adjunct Faculty member at Wilmington College and is president-elect for the OMTA-Southwest District MTA.

The Professional Support Line is available to members of MTNA to support day-to-day questions in two broad areas—pedagogy and business. Past questions addressed have included such topics as information on grants, music, acoustical standards of building a new music facility, ASCAP issues, Certification, copyright issues, developing a plan to become a music teacher, creating relationships between other music organizations and local MTNA affiliates, writing studio policies, finding out of print music, music merchandise questions, prospective member information, lesson fee structure, assistance helping a member supplement their dues through local and state support, health insurance, special learners, finding other music teachers, non-compete agreements, independent contractor/employee contracts, buying and selling music studios, contractual arrangements with ensembles and partnerships and zoning. The Professional Support Line is also the point of contact for any legal consultation services.

To reach Rachel and the Professional Support Line, simply e-mail professionalsupport@mtna.org.

Reminder!!

Byrd and Gray Perry Competitions

by Norma Mastrogiacomio

I would like to remind our members of two special competitions in May of this year. Please tell your local association and college members that the annual Byrd Piano Ensemble and Gray Perry competitions will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 14th and 15th, as part of the FSMTA Competitive Events. They will be held at Jacksonville University. Deadline for applications (firm) is March 31st. Teachers wishing to submit students for either competition may now access the application forms on-line at the FSMTA website (www.fmta.org), or you can request them from me. Rules for the competitions are also on the website with the application forms. Let me hear from you if you have questions. We had excellent performances last year, and I am looking forward to good competitions this year also!!



Mark Your Calendars!

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Join us in Sarasota

November 3 through 6, 2010

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More details will be forthcoming on our website as well as in the newsletter.
Stay Posted!

Would you like to be a presenter at our 2010 State Conference?

We are looking for exciting, innovative, and informative programs.

Please see our website, www.fmta.org, for application form.



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MTNA's Music For Everyone Program

MTNA's Music for Everyone is a three-pronged program designed to help music teachers improve their studios and motivate their students.

MTNA's Music Achievement Award Program helps encourage ALL the students in the teacher's studio to continue their music study and to strive to achieve goals that will not only help them become better musicians, but also will enhance their love and appreciation of music.

The MTNA Music Study Award motivates students by acknowledging their commitment to music lessons. As students progress, they can receive elegant certificates celebrating their accomplishments. These awards recognize years of music study completed in two-year increments up to twelve years of study.

The MTNA Studio Festival Program allows students to soar musically in a nationally sponsored event held in your own studio. In addition to enjoying a stimulating performance experience, your students will receive a supportive critique from an experienced musician and an official certificate recognizing their participation.

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