



NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2006

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now, that was a fast two years! Although we didn't accomplish all that we set out to do, I am pleased with what this all-volunteer Board did achieve—instituting the Royal American Conservatory Examinations, revamping the Musical Achievement Evaluations, providing information electronically via the website, and modernizing our look with our new logo. I look forward to assisting your new President, Dr. Nilly Epstein Shilo with her vision for MMTA for the next two years.

I'd also like to extend my thanks to other departing Board members. Eleanor Carlson, retiring Composer Commissioning Chair has served MMTA in a number of capacities—past President, MTNA Collegiate Faculty Chairman, and chair of the MTNA Composition Competition. Ellen Everett served two terms as Treasurer, and Winnie Ip has been our Certification Chair since 2003. Their serving long beyond the call of duty helped make my job so much easier. We welcome aboard Vivian Tsang from Norwood as President-Elect, Lucerne DeSa from Lowell as our new Treasurer, and Kathy Maskell, NCTM as Certification Chair.

If you have ideas for how we can improve services to you, don't be shy! Contact any Board member, or consider joining the Board yourself.

Shelley Reeves, NCTM  
Immediate Past President

### 2006-2007 MTNA Competition News

The MTNA Competitions this year will be held on November 18, 2006, at **Brandeis University**, Waltham, MA. Registrations for both performance and composition competitions must be submitted online by 12:00 midnight on September 12, 2006. Entry forms via fax or mail will not be accepted. More specific information can be found in the April/May issue of "American Music Teacher", or on the website at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org)

There will be an additional \$25.00 state teacher fee for those submitting students or compositions. MMTA will not consider the application complete until the teacher's fee has been received. Please download a form from [www.mmta.net](http://www.mmta.net) to complete, and return it separate from the online application to:

Dorothy Travis, MTNA Competitions Chair  
40 Naples Rd.  
Melrose, MA 02176

## Bay State Contest Fun Facts

214 Competitors

25 divisions—the most ever!

96 trophies, ribbons and certificates for all

**Next year's date: May 12, 2007 at Fitchburg State College**

Because the contest has grown to become our largest event, we need more help. The following list includes the jobs that need to be done and your volunteering will help guarantee that our contest remains one of the finest in the Northeast!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Contest Chair:** works with President to make arrangements with the college—dates, rooms, catering—and with piano dealers to supply instruments. Officiates at the awards ceremonies along with the President. Acts as liaison to other committee members.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Judge Coordinator:** invites judges for piano, strings and any other category where there are entries. On the day of the contest, briefs them on procedures and assists them all day.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Student Coordinator:** receives applications, divides students into divisions, assigns performance times and room.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Catalog Production:** works with other coordinators to compile the catalog for print and for uploading to the website.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Monitor Coordinator:** assigns teachers or other responsible adults to monitor each division competition. On the day of the contest, meets with them to brief them on procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Registrar Coordinator:** assigns teachers or responsible adults to cover registration desk all day. Is present on day of contest to supervise. Works with Monitor Coordinator.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Awards Committee:** works with Student Coordinator to determine how many awards are needed. Orders trophies, ribbons, certificates and prepares them for the contest. Assists with presentation.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Recording Technician:** records first place piano winners on Disklavier piano, and other categories with a recording system. Must have access to microphones and recorder. Burns CD's for those who order them. Supplies recordings to the webmaster to put up on the site.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Photographer:** takes digital photos of first place winners for the website.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Set-up Committee:** meets the piano truck the day before the contest (usually from (9 to 11 AM) and makes sure they have access to performance rooms to deliver instruments. Makes and hangs direction signs at the college. Sets up the registration area. On the day of the contest, arrives early to open pianos, and set up each room for the judges.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Break-down Committee:** at the end of the contest, removes all signs and returns all supplies to the Contest Chair.

Name, Address, Phone, E-mail of Volunteer:

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Carlisle, MA 01741  
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# BAY STATE CONTEST 2006 WINNERS

## Piano Division 1

**1st**  
Contestant 1 Hsuan-Fong Chen, Tatyana Dudochkin, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 8 Kevin Liou, Niva Fried, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 7 Jae Kyo Han, Ludmila Bekker, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 2 Dmitry Samogray, Valeriya Khenkin, teacher

## Piano Division 2A

**1st**  
Contestant 7 Sheldon Chang, Sylvia Chambless, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 2 Yunsoo Ann Kim, Dolores Teplitsky, teacher  
Contestant 8 Wei-Liang Kung, Natalia Harlap, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 3 Jessica Elman, Helena Vesterman, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 4 John Cheng, Julia Bernstein, teacher

## Piano Division 2B

**1st**  
Contestant 8 Brandon Bloch, Tanya Schwartzman, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 7 Jennifer Wang, Sandra Hebert, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 4 Alice Nam, Ludmila Bekker, teacher  
Contestant 3 Maxwell Lang, Julia Bernstein, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 2 Katherine Moss, Kathleen Maskell, teacher

## Piano Division 3

**1st**  
Contestant 3 Simon Xu, Helena Vesterman, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 12 Molly Chen, Sandra Hebert, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 2 Gabriel Mairson, Ludmila Knobel-Aronova, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 8 Steven Earl, Niva Fried, teacher  
Contestant 5 Bryan Liou, Niva Fried, teacher  
Contestant 4 Kathleen Ho, Ludmila Bekker, teacher

## Piano Division 4A

**1st**  
Contestant 3 Andre Watson, Niva Fried, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 7 Humbi Song, Sylvia Chambless, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 5 Shuntaro Shirota, Veda Kogan, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 8 Jessica Rucinski, Margaret Bachelder, teacher

## Piano Division 7C

**1st**  
Contestant 8 Maggie Yang, Helena Vesterman, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 5 Andrew Zhu, Wei Le, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 9 Justin Sun, Sylvia Chambless, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 6 Taylor Chan, Julia Bernstein, teacher

## Piano Division 8A

**1st**  
Contestant 5 Brian Li, Wei Le, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 1 Grace Jie Wang, Lina Yen, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 2 RuiFei Xu, Lu Lu, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 6 Nancy Zhang, Wei Le, teacher

## Piano Division 8B

**1st**  
Contestant 2 Raagini Rameshwar, Janet Ainsworth, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 7 Eric Xu, Wei Le, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 9 Daniel Xiang, Wei Le, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 8 Kristen Foaksman, Alex Foaksman, teacher

## Piano Division 8C

**1st**  
Contestant 6 Grace Ma, Wei Le, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 5 Yuji Sato, Niva Fried, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 3 Nisa Amy Kridaratikorn, Lina Yen, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 8 Jean Zhou, Tatyana Dudochkin, teacher

## Piano Division 9A

**1st**  
Contestant 5 Kevin Cai, Wei Le, teacher  
**2nd**  
Contestant 2 Kevin Sherman, Valeriya Khenkin, teacher  
**3rd**  
Contestant 8 Lily Lu, Dorothy Shi, teacher  
**HM**  
Contestant 3 Christopher Chen, Tanya Schwartzman, teacher

**Piano Division 4B****1st**

Contestant 8 Mark Galinovsky, Helena Vesterman, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 6 Terence Hsu, Tatyana Dudochkin, teacher

Contestant 1 Vincent Yu, Galina Gertsenzon, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 9 Elizabeth Wang, Tatyana Dudochkin, teacher

Contestant 11 Jeffrey You, Sylvia Chambless, teacher

**Piano Division 5A****1st**

Contestant 8 Michael Suo, Natalia Harlap, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 6 Sarina Huang, Helena Vesterman, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 4 Tiffany Ho, Ludmila Bekker, teacher

Contestant 1 Maxim Bukhovko, Valeriya Khenkin, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 9 Christopher Chan, Julia Bernstein, teacher

**Piano Division 5B****1st**

Contestant 6 Katherine Zhou, Ludmila Knobel-Aronova, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 8 Diane Sun, Helena Vesterman, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 4 Julie Xie, Wei Le, teacher

Contestant 3 Kevin Miao, Ellen Buoniconti, teacher

**Piano Division 6A****1st**

Contestant 2 Elan Wong, Nilly Shilo, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 4 Kathleen Cheng, Wei Le, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 8 Joseph Shen, Dorothy Shi, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 9 Helen Li, Helena Vesterman, teacher

Contestant 1 Timothy Caradonna, Helena Vesterman, teacher

Contestant 6 Sam Wang, Dorothy Shi, teacher

Contestant 7 Emmy Mai, Dorothy Shi, teacher

Contestant 11 Tony Wang, Atsuko Jozaki, teacher

**Piano Division 7A****1st**

Contestant 8 Yong Murray, Niva Fried, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 9 Lesley Wang, Niva Fried, teacher

Contestant 7 Felix Xu, Helena Vesterman, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 1 Cameron Stewart, Lyubov Shlain, teacher

Contestant 10 Gina Benedetto, Hui-Min Wang, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 5 Patrick Lo, Leah Frenkel, teacher

**Piano Division 7B****1st**

Contestant 8 Jennifer Zhou, Helena Vesterman, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 7 Grace Lu, Dorothy Shi, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 3 Andrew Liou, Niva Fried, teacher

Contestant 2 Casey Costello, Margarita Kotlyarova, teacher

**Piano Division 9B****1st**

Contestant 3 Hannah Breslau, Lyubov Shlain, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 7 Theresa Do, Julia Bernstein, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 9 Yasmin Siraj, Yelena Ilicheva, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 4 Vivian Ling, Lina Yen, teacher

**Piano Division 10A****1st**

Contestant 6 Lauren Chan, Julia Bernstein, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 8 Devin Chen, Margarita Gurevich, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 1 Catherine Song, Tanya Schwartzman, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 2 Alexander Li, Galina Gertsenzon, teacher

Contestant 9 Eric Zhang, Marianna Rashkovetsky, teacher

**Piano Division 10B****1st**

Contestant 9 Min Ji Kwon, Natalia Harlap, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 7 Eric Lu, Dorothy Shi, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 4 Ellen Askey, Lina Yen, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 2 Angelique Scully, Tanya Schwartzman, teacher

Contestant 5 Michelle Chen, Wei Le, teacher

**Piano Division 11A****1st**

Contestant 6 Derek Wang, Dorothy Shi, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 3 David Kotler, Valeriya Khenkin, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 10 Amanda Li, Lu Lu, teacher

Contestant 4 Mai Ayuha, Atsuko Jozaki, teacher

**Piano Division 11B****1st**

Contestant 7 Julianna Liu, Dorothy Shi, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 8 Victor Li, Dorothy Shi, teacher

Contestant 3 Kevin Zhao, Lin Lin, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 5 Jacob Kline, Sharon Schoffman, teacher

**Strings Division 1****1st**

Contestant 4 Metok Levine, Vera Rubin, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 2 Laura Yanushpolsky, Sofia Gurfinkel, teacher

Contestant 1 Kurt Munstedt, Michael Rosenbloom, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 3 Evan Edward Perry, David Rubinstein, teacher

**Strings Division 2****1st**

Contestant 3 Curtis Hon, Vera Rubin, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 1 Raphaël Goemans, Sofia Gurfinkel, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 2 Alexander Chin, Anna Korsunsky, teacher

**Strings Division 3****1st**

Contestant 5 Benjamin Rabin, Sofia Gurfinkel, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 4 Sulamit Gorski, Ludmila Tsyganova, teacher

Contestant 1 Alexandra Gorski, Ludmila Tsyganova, teacher

**3rd**

Contestant 8 Jeffrey Tan, Vera Rubin, teacher

Contestant 7 Diana Chin, Anna Korsunsky, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 3 Gabriel Kline, Barbara Paschke, teacher

Contestant 2 George Zeng, Sofia Gurfinkel, teacher

Contestant 9 Heidi Hayoung Park, Vera Rubin, teacher

**Strings Division 4****1st**

Contestant 4 Ye Lim Olivia Kim, Lilia Muchnik, teacher

**2nd**

Contestant 2 Irene Tang, Daniela Rubinstein, teacher

Contestant 5 Ilana Zaks, Anna Korsunsky, teacher

**HM**

Contestant 3 Sarah Vincent, Daniela Rubinstein, teacher

Contestant 1 Lee Radics, Ludmila Tsyganova, teacher




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## REPORT OF MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT EVALUATION CHAIR, MARIA REESMAN

First and foremost I would like to thank and congratulate all the MAE Chairs. They did a tremendous job and if finances are as necessary or important as the results of the Evaluations, I must say the Chairs are equally recognized for good organizers and managers! Kudos!!

The effort that went into selecting the judges for their knowledge of the repertoire and their expertise resulted in great evaluations. We look forward to 2007 with a better understanding of the factors that contribute to the success of the Musical Achievement Evaluations.

We must cite the newly organized Central MA Center for its effective recruiting of area piano teachers. They had more students than expected. I was there to help Camille Buddeke open the Center and there were plenty of smiles around. It was a great day!

A brief summary of 2006 Evaluations as to teachers and students participating:

**Boston North** 7 teachers and 21 students. **Southeastern** 2 teachers and 8 students.  
**North Shore** 6 teachers and 24 students. **South Shore** 3 teachers and 20 students.  
**Metro-West** 9 teachers and 41 students. **Central MA** 5 teachers and 30 students.

We will have the information for the 2007 MAE updated on the Website as soon as we have all the details. All Centers, except Metro-West will use the same venue. *We are happy and excited to share with the membership, that M. Steinert & Sons in Natick has offered their Showroom as the venue for Metro-West!!* **Liz Diamond** has volunteered to be with us as a representative of the Steinert staff. When we first met, she offered me a tour of the Boston Store. There I learned about the Partnership Program that is available for piano teachers. The attending MMTAMAE teachers will have the opportunity to learn about this program and its benefits. I'm looking forward to sharing the day with you and her.

Have a good summer and spread the good word about MAE with other MMTA members!!  
If you have any questions or ideas feel free to contact me at any time.

### Midsummer Adult Piano Retreat in the Berkshires

Williams College, in the heart of the scenic and cultural mecca of the Massachusetts Berkshires, will be the site of a "Midsummer Adult Piano Retreat." On Sunday, July 16 - Friday, July 21, 2006, pianists and non-pianists alike will gather for musical growth and collegiality in a setting where practice, discussion and performance are easy and rewarding. Two of our members, Debi Adams and Alison Barr will be joined by colleague, Peter Mose from Toronto, as faculty for this workshop. There are still two or three spots available. You adult students at any level can contact Alison Barr at 781-982-8920 or barr1234@comcast.net for more information.

Have you been ignoring politics in Massachusetts? Too busy? Not your thing?  
Can't vote anyway? This is a good year to pay attention. Some of the gubernatorial candidates espouse an extended school day. Don't forget to express your opinion to your legislators and at the polls!

**REPORT OF RACE CHAIR  
ALISON VANNAH, PhD**

We're growing! Last May, there were 52 registrations, theory and piano combined. This May, there were 64 piano registrations and 15 theory registrations! Last May, there were 9 teachers who participated. This May, there were 12 teachers participating. At \$5 a rebate from RACE our scholarship fund is growing! Congratulations to all the teachers who prepared students for the examinations!

Now: Holding an examination center requires very little on our part: an examination site and warm bodies – entitled “Presiding Officers” – to register the students at the examination site and monitor the proceedings. Many thanks to Shelley Reeves for her contribution of time spent as a “Presiding Officer”! As we expand the numbers of students who take the exams, more and more days of the week will be needed – and more and more “Presiding Officers”. In future, teachers who submit students will be asked to be a “Presiding Officer” for 1– ½ hours during the examination period.

Now, again: If there is to be an examination center here in December, we will need another site. The May site will never be available in December. There are several requirements of a suitable site for practical examinations: It must have a good piano; it cannot be a private studio, it must be a public site – a church, or school; it must be virtually free of charge; there needs to be an area away from the examination room that can be used as a waiting room; and it will need volunteer “Presiding Officers”. The final requirement is an adequate number of students who want to take the exam to cover the expenses of holding an examination session.

So: I am eagerly awaiting your suggestions as to an appropriate examination site for December, and estimates from you as to how many students you would be offering for examination, and floods of offers from prospective “Presiding Officers” for December!



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## **JULY JAMBOREE! 2006**

Have you and your students worked hard all year preparing for spring recitals and competitions? And now, are these students looking ahead for something fun to do with their repertoire this summer?

The Massachusetts Music Teachers Association, with a grant from the Music Teachers National Association is sponsoring the second annual "JULY JAMBOREE!" a free community concert opportunity on **July 9** at the Westford Parish Center for the Arts AND on **July 15** at Whittemore Park in Arlington Centre.

If you have talented vocalists or instrumentalists, soloists or ensembles that might be interested in showcasing their talents this summer, visit the website at [www.mmta.net](http://www.mmta.net) to download registration forms.

## MMTA Teacher of the Year 2006, Kathy Maskell, NCTM



Kathy Maskell, nationally-certified teacher, composer, performing artist and Immediate Past President of MMTA has been selected as our 2006 Teacher of the Year. She earned her degrees at Berklee College of Music with a concentration in Commercial Arranging/Piano/ study with Bob Winter, Boston Pops Pianist and the New England Conservatory of Music in Organ Performance. She has been an independent teacher for 33 years and a church organist since the age of 12. Recent performances include a solo piano recital, MusicWorks in October 2000 and a MusicWorks Faculty recital, at Methuen Memorial Music Hall, in October 2005.

Kathy joined MTNA in 1997, and served as secretary on the Board of MMTA. She subsequently became President-Elect in 2000. She organized the state conference in 2002, and the quad-state conference at Berklee College of Music 2003. She was instrumental in the formation of a new state chapter, the Greater Lowell Music Teachers Association (GLMTA). Kathy remains on the Board of MMTA as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Certification.

In addition to her work for the state chapter, she has served the Eastern Division as the Composition Competition Chair, and is currently nominated for Director-elect, Eastern Division.

Kathy is the owner & Artistic Director of Music Works, Inc. in Tewksbury. She founded this state-of-the-art music education facility in 1993, which presently serves 300 students, providing piano, voice, and guitar instruction. She has developed Keyboard camps at MusicWorks as part of her summer program. She also currently teaches class piano to non-music majors at Regis College in Weston.

Besides teaching, Kathy has been a Choral accompanist for the Treble Chorus of New England, Marsh Grammar School in Methuen and has held various church positions. She has been part of the research and development team for ePiano, sequenced over 300 songs for the vocal department at Music Works, orchestrated accompaniment tracks for use with pipe/MIDI organ at Old Cambridge Baptist Church and is a dedicated Sibelius user, writing arrangements of current tunes for students and creating multiple part keyboard ensembles.

She has recently been appointed by Yamaha Corp. to facilitate the Clavinova Connection classes for seniors at Brooksby Village retirement community.

**Kathy will reprise her National Conference presentation at a special Teacher of the Year Celebration on October 14 at Lowell High School. Look for details in the upcoming Membership Directory, and on the website!**

## **Update on Hurricane Rita Relief**

Back in September, the Board pledged to donate \$1.00 for every student who participated in our events this year. We'll be sending a check for \$450 to the MTNA Hurricane Recovery Fund on their behalf. Many thanks to all the teachers who encourage their students to join this effort! It's not too late to contribute. Contributions to the "**MTNA Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund**" may be made over the telephone (1-888-512-5278) or by U.S. mail (MTNA, The Carew Tower, 441 Vine Street, Suite 505, Cincinnati, OH 45202). Please specify "Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund" when you call or write.

### **Recipients of this year's MMTA Scholarships**

Herbert H. Bowker Memorial Scholarship to attend a summer music camp: three \$100 awards to  
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Alan Yee, student of Margaret Tuttle  
Brandon Bloch, student of Tanya Schwartzman

Irene Reed Family Teacher Enrichment Fund for a new Board Member to attend the National Conference:  
Janet Ainsworth