



**Massachusetts Music Teachers
Association**

**Winter Newsletter 2017
Activities Update**



Music Teachers
National Association

2018

National Conference

March 17–21, 2018

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort

For more info, please go to:

<http://www.mtna.org/Conference>

*****Please email abarr54@verizon.net if you plan to attend, so you'll be included in the Massachusetts Cocktail Party invitation!

**MTNA Conference Travel Grants
applications available**

For application, please go to:

http://www.mmta.net/web_content.aspx?page_name=teacherfund

Musical Achievement Evaluations

Exciting news! There will be two MAE centers next spring:

April 14, 2018

Lexington - Yamaha Music School

April 22, 2018

Littleton - Indian Hill Music School

The times and registration dates to be announced on the website, so please stay tuned!

<http://www.mmta.net/mae>

Amy Lee, Chair

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Quad State Conference a Huge Success!

Many of us attended Quad State Conference held in Concord, NH. It was a beautifully run conference and we were thrilled to hear Forrest Kinney speak so eloquently about improvisation.

Here we are:



Bay State Contest – Piano Division

We are thrilled to announce that Mother's Day 5/13 Sunday.

Please see more information at:

http://www.mmta.net/event_details.aspx?event_id=1222

Esther Ning Yau, Chair

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Composition Competition Results

It's exciting to announce that MMTA had many winners at the 2017 Eastern Division Composition Competition!

Here are the results:

Music Teachers National Association is pleased to announce the results of the composition competition for Eastern Division.

Elementary:

Winner: Ian Lin, Student of Alla Cohen, MA

Honorable mention: Eleanor Kmack, Student of Elizabeth Manduca, ME

Honorable mention: Michael Middlezong, Student of Kaori Tanioka, NJ

Junior:

Winner: Jonathan Hartanto, Student of Kaori Tanioka, NJ

Honorable mention: Justin Yamaguchi, Student of Matthew Hagle, MA

Senior:

Winner: Benjamin Rossen, Student of Jeffrey Cohen, NY
Honorable mention: Poeppel Luke, Student of Whitman Brown,
MA

Young Artist:

Winner: Ryan Carraher, Student of Alla Cohen, MA

This year, the Eastern Division judges were:

Ke-Chia Chen

Michael Djupstrom

Josh Ring

The winning compositions automatically advance to the national competition as national finalists. The results of that competition will be announced by the end of January. Congratulations to all of the participants in the competition! We hope that the comments you receive from the judges will be helpful to you and your teacher. Your efforts are to be commended, and we hope that you will continue to learn and grow as a composer. Good luck with your musical studies!

Leslie Hitelman, Chair

Judged Festival

Registration is now open for the **MMTA 2018 Judged Festival!**
Here are some important details:

THEME: Impressionistic/20th/21st century

DATE: Saturday, March 3, 2018

LOCATION: Gordon College, Wenham, MA

REGISTRATION: December 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018

- Registrations will be accepted ONLINE only. Go to: http://www.mmta.net/event_details.aspx?event_id=1221
- Registration will be open from December 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018. No registrations will be accepted after January 31, 2018.
- All current MMTA members (except student members) may register piano students to participate.
- Non-members must pay a \$70 non-member fee. To avoid the fee, MMTA/MTNA membership must be completed by January 1, 2018.
- This event is for piano students only.
- Registration is limited to a maximum of 5 students per teacher. Teachers may register less than 5 students, but not more than 5 total.

For rules, repertoire and other information, please see:

http://www.mmta.net/event_details.aspx?event_id=1221

I look forward to seeing you there! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Heather Rogers Riley, Chair

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Spring Newsletter Deadline: June 5, 2018!

Annual Meeting – Fri., June 8, 2018

Time and Place To Be Announced

All MMTA Members are invited to attend. You will receive an email with details as the date approaches.

Member News

As many of you know, our President-Elect, Ellyses Kuan, attended the Piano Seminar of the Classical Music Festival in Eisenstadt, Austria, last summer. She would LOVE to share the wealth of this opportunity with others. Here is the link for more information on this very amazing opportunity:

<http://www.classicalmusicfestival.org>

