



WMTA Announcements January 2018

The winner of the 2017 Music Essay Award is Ellie Trainor, student of Barbara Wing. Ellie's winning essay can be found in the WMTA Competition Results section of the website.

The WMTA Board has voted to make the Modern Piano Music Celebration a biennial event, to be held in the same year as the Specialty Competition. The next MPM event will be held in 2019.

WMTA students and teachers did very well in the [Eastern Division Competitions](#). Congratulations to teachers John Hughes, Dmitri Nazarenko, and Elena Arseniev and their students. Results can be found in the competition winner section of the website.

Reminder! The [Novik Concerto Competition](#) will take place on the weekend of March 10-11, 2018. The Senior winner gets to perform his/her concerto with the Capitol City Symphony Orchestra during the following season's concert schedule. Please check the website for detailed information. If you have any questions, contact the chair, Grace McFarlane, gbottelier@gmail.com

News flash! The WMTA board voted that all WMTA noncompetitive events and both sections of the [Modern Piano Music Event](#) will now be memory-optional. So, if you have students that are reluctant to play due to memorization issues, they will now have some performance-friendly events in which to participate.

Save the date! The WMTA General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12th at Jordan Kitt's Music in Rockville, MD. We will have a presentation by Dr. Alan Fraser entitled **The Thumb, Rotation, & Transforming the Physical into the Musical at the Piano.**

More information to come!