

Newsletter

Modern Piano Music Celebration



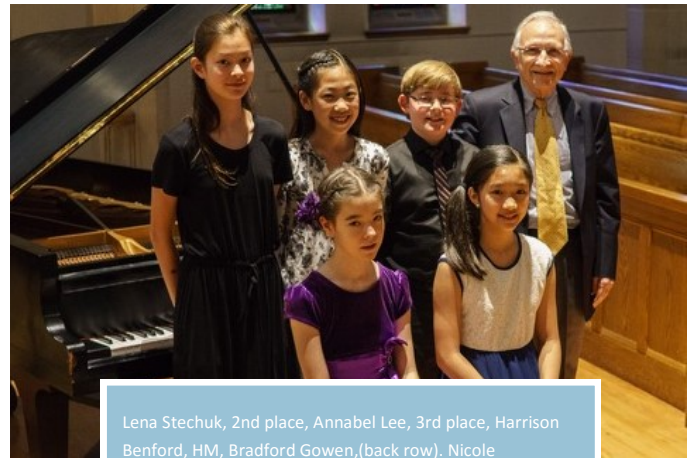
Virginia Sun playing Fazil Say's Black Earth.

For the first time in WMTA history, a festival celebrating Twentieth Century Music was held on June 11, 2016, at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, 7001 Connecticut Avenue, NW in Chevy Chase MD. MPM featured both competitive and non-competitive sections. All entrants received critiques and certificates. Winners in the competitive division received cash prizes and ribbons. Sixteen students from six studios entered.

Adjudicator was Bradford Gowen, a member of the faculties of the University of Maryland and the Washington Music Conservatory. Beside writing comments and assigning honors, he gave a mini master class at the end of each group.

The repertoire featured a wide range of styles and composers from all over the world: X. Montsalvatge (Spain), Alberto Ginastera (Argentina), Carl Vine (Australia), Mutsuo Shishido (Japan), Paul Creston, Greg Presley, William Bolcom, Ned Rorem, Robert Muczynski (US), Tan Dun (China), Fazil Say (Turkey), Howard Ferguson (UK), Li-ly Chang (Taiwan/US).

Chair was Nancy Breth.



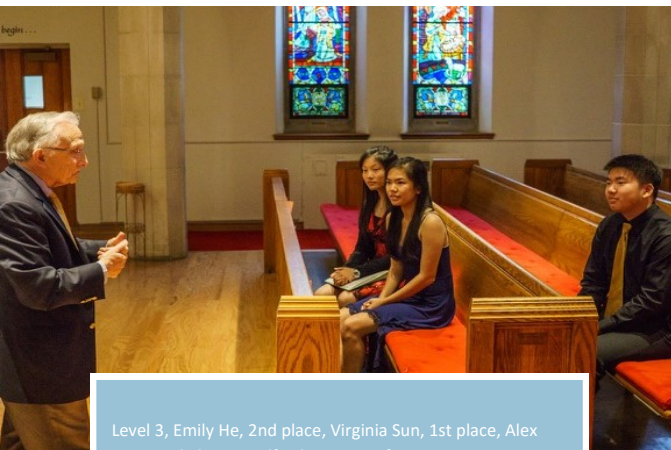
Lena Stechuk, 2nd place, Annabel Lee, 3rd place, Harrison Benford, HM, Bradford Gowen, (back row). Nicole Papenfuss, HM, Raelyn Hoang, 1st place (front).



Kaia Griggs, 1st place, Kevin Wang, 3rd tie, Ashley Ondoua, 2nd place, Christopher Papenfuss, HM, Ethan Hsiao, HM, Jialin Tso, 3rd tie, Bradford Gowen, judge.

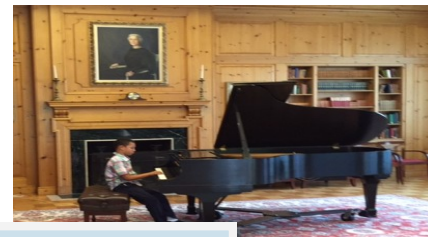
The Results

Level 1, grades 3 to 6			
first	Raelyn	Hoang	Blazquez
second	Lena	Stechuk	Breth
third	Annabel	Lee	Breth
HM	Nicole	Papenfuss	Blazquez
HM	Harrison	Benford	Breth & Cronan
Level 2, grades 7 to 9			
first	Kaia	Griggs	Breth
second	Ashley	Ondoua	Breth
third	Jialin	Tso	Breth
third	Kevin	Wang	Breth
HM	Ethan	Hsiao	Nazarenko
HM	Christopher	Papenfuss	Litzelman
Level 3, grades 10 to 12			
first	Virginia	Sun	Breth
second	Emily	He	Breth
second	Alex	Peng	Breth



Level 3, Emily He, 2nd place, Virginia Sun, 1st place, Alex Peng, 3rd place. Bradford Gowen in front.

Student spring recitals and workshops



They sure loved Bonnie after her spring workshop in left picture: front row, left to right: Katherine Li, Emma Ta-Zhou, Eunia Zhong, Hannah Sax. Back row: Olivia Wu and Bonnie Kellert. Center, students of Lisa Emenheiser-Sarratt line up after their spring recital. Left, Logan

2016 Viola Hartman Awards

Age Group 6/7

1st Place: No. 6. Valerie Lai (M. Lin)
2nd Place: No. 9. Cameron Hoang (S. Blazquez)
3rd Place: No. 2 Paul Wang (A. Hou)
Honorable Mention
No. 5 Emma Zheng (J. Yang)
No. 11 Catherine Bu (M. Lin)
Judges: Nancy Breth
Hedy Bannon

Age Group 8A

1st Place: Claire Chi (E. Arseniev)
2nd Place: No. 4 Sean Schwartz (N. Efremova)
3rd Place: No. 9 Anna Bray (M. Lee)
Honorable Mention
No. 2 Aidan Chen (D. Harrington)
Judges: Jeannine Case
Debra Gunerson

Age Group 8B

1st Place: No. 5 Ella Kim (L. Emenheiser Sarratt)
2nd Place: No. 2 Ayla Zhang (M. Gramaticova)
3rd Place: No. 4 Yulania Wang (M. Lee)
Honorable Mention
No. 8 Michelle Dong (M. Lin)
Judges: Jeannine Case
Andrew Horowitz

Age Group 9A

1st Place: No. 5 Anthony Xu (M. Gramaticova)
2nd Place: No. 1 Jessica Wang (M. Lee)
3rd Place: No. 11 Maximilian Bishop (I. Koulikova)
Honorable Mention
No. 6 Nam Tan (D. Shim)
No. 9 Victoria Xiao (D. Kosutic)
Judges: Nancy Breth
Hedy Bannon
Age Group 9B
1st Place: No. 5 Jacqui Go (S. Blazquez)
2nd Place: No. 7 Caden Zhang (D. Harrington)
3rd Place: No. 3 Nathaniel Neuyen (T. Andronikova)
Honorable Mention
Judges: Jim Litzelman
Marjorie Lee

Age Group 10A

1st Place: No. 10 Tongtong Ye (M. Lee)
2nd Place: No. 5 Kathleen Wang (J. Yang)
3rd Place: No. 4 Charlyn Chu (E. Arseniev)
No. 11 Katerina Suh (L. Emenheiser Sarratt)
Judges: Robert Kelley
Soyoon Yim

Age Group 10B

1st Place: No. 7 Oscar Paz-Suaznabar (M. Lee)
2nd Place: No. 2 Elaine Pan (M. Lee)
No. 11 Kevin Wu (D. Nazarenko)
3rd Place: No. 9 Cindy Yang (J. Yang)
Honorable Mention
No. 4 Angela Zhang (M Gramaticova)
Judges: Ruth Rose
Svetlana Kaplanskaya

Age Group 11A

1st Place: No. 4 Jason Liu (D. Nazarenko)
2nd Place: No. 1 Sophia Go (S. Blazquez)
3rd Place: No. 6 Alissa Keegan (M. Gramaticova)
Judges: James Litzelman
Marjorie Lee

Age Group 11B

1st Place: No. 9 Daniel Liu (D. Nazarenko)
2nd Place: No. 4 Brooke Bao (E. Arseniev)
3rd Place: No. 7 Lauren Elizabeth Kim (L. Emenheiser Sarratt)
Honorable Mention:
No. 1. Justin Chen (D. Nazarenko)
No. 8 Sean Li (I.Koulikova)
Judges: Jeannine Case
Silva Blazquez

Age Group 11 C

1st Place: No. 3 Nicole Papenfuss (S. Blazquez)
No. 5 Aiden Seo (L. Emenheiser Sarratt)
2nd Place: No. 7 Joanna Cheng (M. Lee)
3rd Place: No. 2 Hannah Zhang (D. Nazarenko)
Honorable Mention
Judges: Hedy Bannon
M. Gramaticova

Age Group 12A

1st Place: No. 7 Alena Lu (E. Arseniev)
2nd Place: No.6 Christopher Kan (M. Gramaticova)
3rd Place: No. 5 Grace Hu (M. Lin)
Honorable Mention:
No. 9 Parsa Lajmiri (D. Harrington)
Judges: Jeannine Case
Silva Blazquez

Age Group 12B

1st Place: No. 8 Alexander Fitenko (K. Zaitseva)
2nd Place: No. 7 Michelle Du (M. Gramaticova)
3rd Place: No. 2 Leon Jia (C. Kriewaldt/

S. Beard)

Honorable Mention
Judges: Mark DiPinto
Yuhsuan Liao

Age Group 12 C

1st Place: No. 4 Victor Pan (M. Lee)
No. 1 Charli Li (I. Koulikova)
2nd Place: No. 2 Annabelle Xie (J. Yang)
3rd Place: No. 3 Ivy Liang (K. Zaitseva)
Honorable Mention
No. 6 Ian Yu (A. Hou)
No. 7 Carina Guo (D. Nazarenko)
No. 8 Lean Stechuk (N. Breth)
Judges: Aglaia Koras
Anastassia Ivanova

Age Group 13 A

1st Place: No. 1 Michael Xie (E. Arseniev)
2nd Place: No. 3 Larry Shi (M. Gramaticova)
3rd Place: No. 2 Alexander Suh (L. Emenheiser Sarratt)
No. 7 Bryan Zhang (N. Breth)
Judges: Ruth Rose
Natalia Efremova

Age Group 13B

1st Place: No. 8 Andrew Cocchiara (M. Lee)
2nd Place: No. 9 Michael Himy (M. Gramaticova)
3rd Place: No. 4 Cao Linh Pham (S. Yim)
Judges: Yuhsuan Liao
Mark DiPinto

Age Group 14A

1st Place: No. 8 Andrew Zhang (D. Nazarenko)
2nd Place: No. 1 Sebastian Lee (M. Gramaticova)
No. 7 Michelle Li (S. Blazquez)
3rd Place: No. 6 Teddi Yoo (B. Kellert)
Honorable Mention
No. 4 Austin Huang (J. Yang)
No. 9 Pierre Quan (M. Gramaticova)
Judges: Katerina Zaitseva
Yoshinori Hosaka

Age Group 14B

1st Place: No. 1 Michelle Tang (K. Zaitseva)
No. 9 Evan Hu (M. Lee)
2nd Place: No. 7 Nishka Parikh (D. Nazarenko)
3rd Place: No. 6 Jialin Tso (N. Breth)

Judges: David Koustic
Douglass Harrington

Age Group 15/16 A

1st Place: No. 11 Joyce lee (M. Gramaticova)
2nd Place: No. 8 Anthea Li (J. Litzelman)
3rd Place: No. 9 Elizabeth Hur (J. Yang)
No. 10 Ayano Yamanouchi (J. Takahashi)
Honorable Mention
No. 5 Philip Wong (E. Arseniev)
Judges: Yushuan Liao
Mark DiPinto

Age Group 15/16B

1st Place: No. 10 Angela Wu (D. Nazarenko)
2nd Place: No. 9 Yoshinori Kinoshita (Y. Hosaka)
3rd Place: No. 6 Ashley Ondoua (N. Breth)
No. 1 Kevin Lige (S. Beard)
Honorable Mention
No. 5 Lynne Bai (M. Lee)
No. 2 Clara Ke (L. Emenheiser Sarratt)
Judges: Dominique Shim
Irina Koulikova

Age Group 17/18

1st Place: No. 4 Nancy Qin (D. Nazarenko)
2nd Place: No. 8 Hannah Hua (A. Koras)
3rd Place: No. 3 Annie Khuu (R. Kelley)
Judges: Yuhsuan Liao
Mark DiPinto

Young Composers Winners

First Place : Dennis Erickson
Student of Junko Takahashi

Second Place: Kayleigh Hoang
Student of Silva Blazquez

Senior Division

First Place: Kevin Su
Student of Marjorie Lee

Second Place: Kyle Gatesman
Student of Margarita Gramaticova

Maurice Saylor was the judge.
Competition Chair is Janet Peachey.

The President's Message

Dear WMTA Members,

Here it is the end of a busy year yet again. They seem to fly by faster and faster as the years go by! We added a new event this year to the long list of student events hosted by WMTA--the *Modern Piano Music Celebration*, thanks to the generosity of Nancy Breth, chair and sponsor of the event.

And another of our board members, Barbara Wing, has graciously agreed to sponsor a new event next year entitled *Music Essay Award for High School Seniors*. So our group continues to grow and offer new opportunities each year.

Our General Membership Meeting was held on May 12 at Jordan Kitt's Music in Rockville, MD, and we were treated to wonderful performances by Junko Takahashi, Bonnie Kellert, Ruth Rose, and Steven Schwarz followed by a delicious potluck luncheon. Only about ten percent of our members attended and we would love to see those numbers go up. So if you have any ideas

about what would inspire you to attend, i.e., a master class, workshop or other presentation, different day of the week, please feel free to email me and share your ideas.



As you know, WMTA focuses on student events and we do not hold a "state" convention. But I know presidents from neighboring states encourage all MTNA members to attend their conventions. MSMTA will be holding its convention on October 15 at UMBC, so why not mark that on your calendar and plan to attend? We do offer professional development for teachers through our *Shop Talk* sessions, which have already been posted on the calendar for next year.

I'm looking forward to the slower pace of summer, although I will be attending Unit Two of the *Music Mind Games* workshop thanks to an MTNA Teacher

Enrichment Grant. Have you thought about applying for one of those? For more information, check out the website: www.mtnafoundation.org

Have you renewed your MTNA membership yet? Please do so by June 30 to maintain membership

News from the Board

The WMTA board has voted to initiate a new event for this coming year called the *Music Essay Award for High School Seniors*, generously sponsored by Barbara Wing. Information can be found on the website. The early deadline of October 1 was chosen in order that the winner can be announced in time for students to include this award on college applications.

The requirements for the Tselentis Bach Competition Senior Division contestant's choice repertoire have been changed to: "The performance of one movement from the French Suites, English Suites, Partitas or French Overture of the contestant's choice shall also be required." All other requirements remain the same. This event has a new chair, Grace McFarlane and co-chair, Lori McCarthy.

Due to the popularity of Judged Recitals this past year, we will be adding a sixth Judged Recital this coming year. Dates will be announced soon.

WMTA members are reminded that only online or paper registrations are accepted. Some events have online registration only. **No email requests for registrations will be honored.** Chairs will be enforcing that rule this coming year so please do not ask for special exceptions to hold spaces in recitals, competition, etc via email.

The theme for the 2017 Specialty Competition will be *Music of the Americas*. This event also has a new chair, Hedy Bannon. Previous chair David Kosutic has stepped down but will serve as Recording Secretary for the upcoming year.

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WMTA members performing at the General Meeting May 12, left to right: Ruth Rose, Steven Schwarz, Junko Takahashi and Bonnie Kellert.

WMTA events

Judged Recitals December 6, 2015

Honors

Lauren Elizabeth Kim, piano student of Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt

Oscar Paz-Suaznabar, piano student of Marjorie Lee

Alena Lu, piano student of Elena Arseniev

Nicole Papenfuss, piano student of Silva Blazquez

Honorable Mention

Michael Himy, piano student of Margarita Gramaticova

Rose Wen, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko

Daniel Liu, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko

February 21, 2016

Honors

Bryan Zhang, piano student of Nancy Breth

Tong-Tong Ye, piano student of Marjorie Lee

Honorable Mention

Joanna Cheng, piano student of Marjorie Lee

Claire Dantzerward, piano student of Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt

Judges

Barbara Cackler and Rosanne Conway

April 3, 2016

Honors

Andrew Cocchiara, piano student of Marjorie Lee

Honorable Mention

Anna Bray, piano student of Marjorie Lee

Nishka Parikh, piano student of Dmitri Nazarenko

Rachel Cheung, piano student of Bonnie Kellert

Judges

Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt and Cha Park

Lichtenberg Piano Scholarship Competition

The 2016 Nora C. Lichtenberg Piano Scholarship Competition sponsored by the Washington Music Teachers Association was held May 8, 2016, at Catholic University of America. Fourteen students from the studies of Scott Beard, Nancy Breth, Cecilia Cho, Andrew Horowitz, Marjorie Lee, Jim Litzelman, Serhii Morozov, Dmitri Nazarenko and Lisa Emmenheiser-Sarratt participated.

Judges were Elena Arseniev and Dr. Daniel Lau. The following prizes were awarded:

First Place: Alexander Tsereteli [Cecilia Cho] (\$300 prize)
Second Place-TIE: Muli Yu [Marjorie Lee] (\$75 prize)
Vivien Zhu [Dimitri Nazarenko] (\$75 prize)

Honorable Mention:
Matthew Schutheis (Lisa Emenheiser-Sarratt)
Claire Dantzerward (Lisa Emenheiser-Sarratt)
Samuel Ong (Dimitri Nazarenko)
Kevin Wang (Nancy Breth)

Welcome new WMTA members

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Shop Talk dates:

September 22

November 10

January 26

March 9

April 27

Music Essay Award for High School Seniors

Deadline for receipt of submission: October 1, 2016

Award:

- \$150 monetary award
- Special certificate and award letter
- Announcement in the WMTA Newsletter and on the WMTA website

Music Has Made All the Difference

Attention high school seniors: As you reflect on your past years, what has music meant to you? Have studying, performing, composing, improvising or listening to music brought a special joy to you? Tell us about it. The Washington Music Teachers Association will present a Music Essay Award to the high school senior who writes the best essay as determined by a WMTA committee with thoughts and anecdotes that describe the value of music.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Students must be a current student of a WMTA teacher.
2. Students must be in 12th grade.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completed student application.
2. Student essay of 500 words postmarked by October 1, 2016 to Lori McCarthy, 3607 Dunlop Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Application and essay may be emailed as a PDF to lorinmccarthy@verizon.net by 11:59pm on October 1, 2016.
3. The committee shall select the awardee by October 15, 2016.

APPLICATION FOR MUSIC ESSAY AWARD FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Student name: _____

Student address: _____

Student email: _____

Parent's name and email: _____

WMTA Teacher and email: _____

Instrument studied: _____ Number of years studied: _____

High school from which student will graduate: _____

Attach a 500-word essay describing the value of music.

Signature of WMTA Teacher

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Condolences

To Steve Schwarz on the death of his mother.

And Yoon Huh on the death of her father.

WMTA Officers

Lori McCarthy	President
Hedy Bannon	President Elect
Nancy Longmyer	Immediate Past President
Patricia Palombo	Treasurer
David Kosutic	Secretary

**NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

October 8, 2016

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