

Greetings, WMTA Members!

We are delighted to relaunch our newsletter, and I am honored to serve as this year's Newsletter Chair. I'm enthusiastic about being a part of the WMTA and am excited to keep you informed about important updates and upcoming events.

First and foremost, we extend our warmest greetings to Grace McFarlane Bottelier, who is serving as our President this year. Grace has dedicated her summer to meticulously planning a successful year for WMTA, and we're privileged to have her leadership. Additionally, a special appreciation goes out to Hedy Bannon, our Immediate Past President, who adeptly guided our organization through the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Hedy, your faithful service to WMTA is greatly appreciated, and we are thankful that you continue to offer valuable advice and support as part of the board.

Now, let's dive right into the latest news and developments within our vibrant music community!



President's Message

“The 2023-2024 school year is off and running, and we are delighted to resume our newsletter to keep our membership up to date on WMTA activities. Welcome to Rachel Chen, our new Newsletter Editor. Please reach out to her with your ideas of what you would like to see in future editions of the newsletter at rchen@levinmusic.org

Please take some time to read through and make note of our upcoming events. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at wmtadc@gmail.com We welcome new members and volunteers to help with our events. Looking forward to a productive and exciting year ahead in WMTA.”



1. Check Out Our New Website

Check it out at wmta-dc.org, your one-stop destination for all things related to WMTA. Thanks to the incredible efforts of Lori McCarthy and her dedicated tech team, we now have a fresh look and improved functionality. While we're still fine-tuning some aspects, we appreciate your patience as we work to make it even easier to navigate, register for events, and find information. Should you have any questions or encounter any issues on the website, please feel free to reach out to Lori at lorinmccarthy@verizon.net

2. Modern Piano Music Celebration - [Register Now!](#)

Don't miss out on our upcoming Modern Piano Music Celebration on November 18th! This event is open to students of ALL ages and stages, making it a delightful gathering of diverse talents. Whether competitive or non-competitive, entrants have the opportunity to showcase pieces by composers born in 1905 or later. Remember, all sections of the MPM Celebration are memory optional. Even if you're unable to send students this year, we encourage you to drop in and enjoy the captivating performances our students bring to this event. Nancy Breth and Laura Bogart will be co-chairing this exciting celebration.

Registration Link: [Click Here](#)

3. Recap of Shop Talk

Our recent Shop Talk meeting on September 15th was a success, with six teachers engaging in lively discussions about motivating ourselves and our students. We're looking forward to our next meeting on January 5th, and we invite all teachers to join us. Let's continue sharing ideas and insights to enhance our teaching journey.



4. Join Us for the Maryland State MTA Conference



Junko Takahashi, a valued member of the WMTA board, is actively involved with the Maryland State MTA as an immediate past president and conference co-chair. We extend a warm invitation to all WMTA members and anyone interested in joining us for this virtual conference.

Registration is free, and all you need to do is sign up before October 11th. We will send you a Zoom link between October 12th and October 14th.

Registration Link: [Click Here](#)

Program Schedule: [View Here](#)

5. Membership Renewal Reminder

For returning members, please remember to **renew your memberships by October 1, 2023** to ensure your students can join in the musical experiences that our wonderful chapter is offering! As a member, you'll gain exclusive access to our local events and resources and connect with the extensive MTNA network, bringing you into contact with fellow music educators and enthusiasts from all over the country. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enrich your musical journey and expertise – join WMTA and MTNA today! **The WMTA membership database will be updated with MTNA's list shortly after that, and, if your name is not on the list, you will not be able to register your students for WMTA events.**

Registration Link: [Click Here](#)



Judged Recital #1 & Student Musicale #1

Date: November 5th

Location: Westmoreland UCC, 1
Westmoreland Cir, Bethesda, MD 20816

Application Deadline: October 22nd

Adult Recital

Date: November 11th

Location: Home of Hedy Bannon, 3812
Woodbine St. Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Application Deadline: October 28th

MTNA Competition

Date: November 5th

Location: Piano Craft, 211 Perry Pkwy #2,
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Application Deadline: September 13th

Music Essay Award for High School*Seniors: (Please have your high school seniors share their musical journey from this past year and beyond for a chance to win \$150!)*

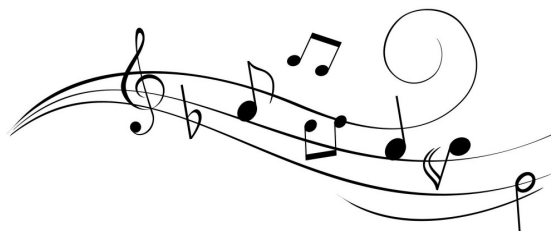
Online Application Deadline: November 15th

Modern Piano Music Celebration

Date: November 18th

Location: Calvary Lutheran Church, 9545
Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD

Application Deadline: October 18th



Other Events in the DMV

Piano Masterclasses with Robert McDonald**Masterclass #1**

Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 10AM-12PM

Location: International Piano Archives,
Performing Arts Library at the University of
Maryland**Masterclass #2**

Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 12:30PM-2:30PM

Location: Gildenhorn Recital Hall at the
University of Maryland

Warm regards,

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