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From the President . . .

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

NMTA Conference/ Competition 2010
Weekend of Nov. 5th, 2010
Las Vegas, Nevada

Information inside!



Mary Straub, State President

This is my final message as the President for the State of Nevada's Music Teacher's Association. I am proud to turn the "gavel" over to Cheryl Thornton who comes to this position with much experience and great vision. I want to thank the State Board for their sincere collaboration and dedication to the organization toward keeping music in the lives of our children in the state of Nevada.

The 2010 Nevada State Conference and Competition will be the weekend of October 29, 30 & 31. Friday and Saturday will be at UNLV (Beam Hall & Alta Ham) and Sunday will be at the Nevada School of the Arts (4th & Clark). The Conference will begin Friday evening at 7PM in Beam Hall with musical vignettes presented by our own membership ranging from a baroque ensemble, string or flute groups, piano teams, possibly a brass group or an organ presentation. Please come and en-

joy !!! Saturday evening will begin with a banquet (location TBA) and followed by a violin recital in Doc Rando performed by Oleh Krysa, violin professor at the Eastman School of Music (father of Taras Krysa, conductor of orchestras at UNLV and Henderson Symphony). This concert is a collaboration with UNLV and the Nevada School of the Arts. Saturday's sessions are to be announced (any membership offerings are welcome, contact me) and Sunday's Master Classes for Strings will be given by Oleh Krysa and for Piano will be given by Del Parkinson, from Boise State University. There will be a general membership meeting on Saturday, Oct 30th at 12 Noon in Beam Hall Room 159 with a box lunch available.

We want everyone to check their schedules – remember this is a long week-end for school children so you can re-schedule your Saturday students on Monday and Tuesday that week !!! Please plan to attend the State Conference this year – there will be something for everyone.

The Conference Fee is \$25. **We have added a new \$30 fee this year for those teachers entering students in the State Competition. This \$30 fee includes those teacher's Conference Fees.** This \$30 fee must be paid by every teacher entering a state competitor (one or multiple students) even if the teacher is not going to be present during the conference or the competition. If we are going to continue to get high level judges from out of town or out of state(in most cases), we need help to pay their fees, travel, and accommodations. For those teachers entering students at the State Level, please send your \$30 check(made out to NMTA) to Brenda Swan, 6609 Secluded Ave., LV. NV, 89110 so we can schedule your student(s).

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From the President . . . (continued from Page 1)

I am truly proud to have been the MTNA Nevada State President especially during these tenuous economic times when Nevada's MTA membership has held strong and the student numbers in all of our events has increased !! We can be proud as an organization to keep music alive in our community by providing quality arts education to our children. Don't let it be said that we are not saving lives ---every music lesson that is taught is giving that child one more reason to stay focused, to have life goals, and to become a leader in the next generation!!

20 Plus Years Update ...by Doris Chase

NMTA is honored to present the following awards at this year's State Conference General Membership Meeting

Our 20 Plus Years membership now includes:

Jerri Bolinger
Erika Paul, NCTM

Our 25 Plus Years membership now includes:

Erlinda Santucci
Brenda Swan

Local Association Service Awards

This year's **Local Association Service Award**

Recipients are:

Hanah Waterman Shields, LVMTA
Erika Paul NCTM, NNMTA

State Conference Hotel

NMTA is using the Tuscany Hotel, conveniently located off-strip and near the UNLV campus. Address: 225 E Flamingo. Tel: 702-893-8933

Registration, Advertising, and Conference information on our new Website

The NMTA Conference Registration form, conference program advertising information and news about the conference can now be found at our newly redesigned website, nmvta.com.

NMTA Conference Registration Form

**October 29-31, 2010
University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

Name _____ **Phone** (____) _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Email (if you want confirmation of registration) _____

REGISTRATION

Please check all boxes that apply:

Registration (Before Oct. 13)	\$25.00	_____
Registration for Members entering students (Incl. all conference workshops-concerts)	\$30.00	_____
Registration member/spouse combo	\$35.00	_____

_____ **Includes admission to all events**

1-day Registration which day? _____ \$15.00 _____

_____ **Includes only the concert of the day ticket is bought for**

Non-Member Registration \$35.00 _____

FOR EXTRA CONCERT TICKETS: (You get a concert ticket with your registration.)

Saturday, Oct 30th (Violinist Oleh Krysa) \$5.00 x _____ = _____

LUNCH OPTIONS

Saturday, November 8th Box Lunch:

Deli Box - includes soft drink \$15.00 _____

Meat choice (please circle one):

Regular Turkey Roast Beef Veggie

CONFERENCE BANQUET

Saturday, October 30th, 5:30—7:30 p.m. \$35.00 _____

Bahama Breeze Restaurant (includes tax and gratuity,
(Paradise and Flamingo)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Check Payable to NMTA (no cash please)

Remit form and check to:
NMTA
Attn: Brenda Swan
6609 Secluded Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89110

Call Brenda Swan, State Treasurer, at 702-438-0209 or email cygnetbs@cox.net with questions.

Membership Update

Rita Schaefer, 1st Vice President, Membership and MTNA Foundation

Greetings friends and colleagues,

Did you know it's time to renew your MTNA membership?

Your 2010–11 membership renewal statement was mailed in April of 2010. However, your statement is also available online, so you can renew your membership today. Using your member number and zip code, it's easy to log in and complete the renewal process. Go to mtna.org to renew your membership now.

Following your renewal, your 2010-11 MTNA Membership Documentation which serves as your member card will be e-mailed to you in about three weeks. Please keep this documentation as your proof of membership.

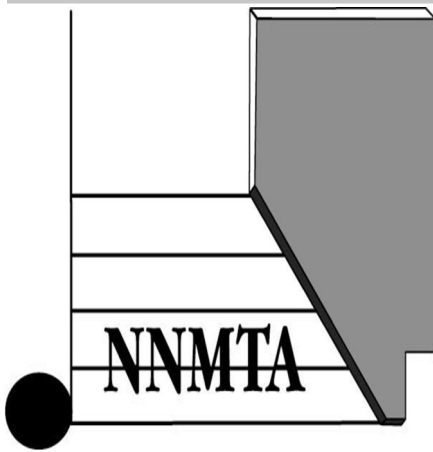
As you know, your membership offers you access to top-notch resources, including American Music Teacher magazine, the MTNA e-Journal, insurance programs, member discounts and—most importantly—the opportunity to network with your colleagues at the local, state and national levels.

Now, more than ever, is the time you need to be connected with your colleagues and the music teaching profession. Make an investment in your future by renewing your membership today.

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Do you have a great teaching idea you could share with our state's teachers during the Nevada State Conference in Las Vegas this October?

Please submit a couple of paragraphs describing your workshop to Cheryl Thornton at giuseppe090800@cs.com. Please include your contact information. Thank you!



NNMTA Update

*Chad Twedt, NNMTA
President*

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NNMTA President

The 2008-2010 term has been an intense and rewarding term, marked with enormous change and many great events. Here is a review of everything that has happened over this term:

- Upper and Lower Festival dates were swapped (lower levels are now in May; upper levels in March).
 - Started using Yahoo Groups to facilitate announcements, automatic reminders of events, file exchange and voting on issues. We are using two groups: one for NNMTA members (nnmta@yahoogroups.com).
 - Website (nnmta.org) was redesigned by Rick Baldwin.
 - NNMTA teachers and students participated in a master class with Daniel Pollock in November 2008.
 - Made significant changes to the Reno Youth Music Festival as of December 2008 after a series of 8 festival revision meetings over summer of 2009.
 - Brought in an extra \$300 with a Scratchcards fund raiser during summer 2009, and raised \$631.50 in 2009-2010 by asking audiences for donations at various performance events.
 - Added an NNMTA brochure that is now made available at music stores, various NNMTA events and teachers' private studios, in order to facilitate recruitment of new members and educate the public about the NNMTA, NMTA and MTNA. The brochure is viewable on the NNMTA website ("About" menu).
 - Replaced the high-maintenance newsletter and website calendars with a single sheet PDF calendar that shows date, time and location for every event that takes place throughout the entire year.
 - Added a "Teacher's Corner" section to the newsletter so teachers could advertise their studios, gigs, etc. for free each month (50 words or less).
 - Finally utilized the Gallagher account funds by giving \$150 worth of CDs each year to graduating seniors who achieve the rating of "Superior" or higher in level 12 of the Reno Youth Music Festival. The funds will continue to be used this way until they run out.
- Meredith Whelan converted theory tests for the Reno Youth Music Festival to PDF format.
- Re-recorded ear training tests for all 11 RYMF levels, and Meredith Whelan has made the new recordings available on CD.
 - Expanded (and still expanding) the list of judges to use for the Reno Youth Music Festival by setting a priority to hire new judges every year.
 - Split the Newsletter Editor/Webmaster board position into two separate board positions.
 - Expanded Teacher Discussion Groups to include more of them per year and also to allow individual teachers to give their own presentations.
 - Put speaking notes for proctor and adjudication workshops in the Members Only section of www.nnmta.org so that it will be easier for new people to deliver these workshops when seasoned members pass the workshop baton (the workshops are mandatory to attend for teachers participating in the festival, so someone has to give them each year).
 - Added significant detail for the description of each event on the NNMTA website, especially for the Reno Youth Music Festival.
 - Presented pianist Ned Kirk in concert on May 1 with co-sponsorship from Reno Steinway Gallery.
 - Assigned the duty of phone tree delegation permanently to the Caring chair.
 - Approved an NNMTA fund raiser for the sale of The World's Finest Chocolate, starting in May 2010 (teachers will buy chocolate bars for \$1 each and resell to students or, ahem, eat themselves).

I would like to thank each and every one of this term's board members for their incredible work and support to help make all of this happen. I would also like to announce the slate of officers for the 2010-2012 term:

President:	Chad Twedt
Vice-President:	Farida Jamin
Treasurer:	Meredith Whelan
Secretary:	Theresa Schmauder
Newsletter:	Karen Hudson
Website:	Rick Baldwin
Recitals:	Ruth Brewer
Hospitality:	Barbara Riordan
Caring/Phone Tree:	Faye Sobrio
MusikFest:	Margarita Bryant

I look forward to another two productive years as NNMTA president. Have a great summer!



LVMTA Update

Allison Olson, LVMTA President

The Las Vegas Music Teacher's Association held elections last May and here's the list of new officers:

Allison Olson - President
 Kristi Larsen - 1st Vice President Programs
 Jennifer Peterson - 2nd Vice President, Membership
 Claude Borders - 3rd Vice President, Newsletter
 Andrea Rushforth - Secretary
 Michele Johnson - Treasurer

I am honored to be elected as the new president for 2010-2012 and serving this organization. I've been a member for 20 years and appreciated the support, training, and opportunities available for my students. I'm also the mother of seven children and teach piano in a private studio. This keeps me busy so I'm grateful to have an amazing and supportive team on our board. We are looking forward to a busy and productive year ahead.

We are going forward with the computer project to update our website for registering of all our events. This is moving forward slowly but we hope to have use of this by the Spring. It will include Silver State Competition which will benefit everyone in the state.

We are having our opening social soon on September 10th to kick off the year and discuss all our events this year. One new event will be with Opportunity Village at their Project Enable Craft Fair. They have invited us to have students performing at this event throughout the day on

October 16th. This will be a fun Fall Recital for teacher's where costumes are welcome and students can have fun. There is a \$1 donation per student which will go directly to Project Enable.

The other events this Fall are Silver State Competition, Jazz Festival, Piano Ensemble, & Play-a-thon. It provides many opportunities for music students in the area along with monthly student recitals. I look forward to working with all of you in the State and Local Association. I wish everyone a successful school year!

Sincerely,
 Allison Olson

Nominated Slate of Officers for 2010-2012

At its May board meeting, the NMTA Board approved the slate of nominees for the 2010-2012 board as submitted by the Nominating Committee. This slate will be submitted for ratification by the NMTA membership during the general meeting that will be held during the state conference. The slate includes:

President—Cheryl Thornton
 President-Elect—Open
 1st VP, Membership and MTNA Foundation - Rita Schaefer
 2nd VP, Local Associations - Farida Jamin
 3rd VP, Competitions - Meredyth Lewis
 Treasurer - Brenda Swan
 Secretary - Open

The NMTA General Membership Meeting takes place on Saturday, Oct 30th, from noon to 2 p.m. in the UNLV Beam Music Building room 159.



MTNA is embarking on a celebration focused on collaborative music making—the Year of Collaborative Music (YCM). Launching at our March 2010 MTNA National Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Year of Collaborative Music will continue through the year and culminate during the March 2011 MTNA National Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Our Mission Statement

The Year of Collaborative Music will celebrate the importance of collaborative music making in society and in the profession worldwide. Begun by collaborative pianists within MTNA and led by significant national and international music associations, YCM will promote the diversity of ensemble playing opportunities available to musicians of all ages and skill levels.

For this project, collaborative music is defined broadly as any activity involving two or more musicians, particularly one-on-a-part, non-conducted ensembles. The umbrella definition would include professionals, amateurs, families, retirees, students of all ages or any combination of interested musicians.

Who is involved?

MTNA is encouraging other professional music organizations to join us in this celebration and invites your group, institution or association to explore how you might focus on collaborative music making within that time period. Collaborative Music will promote the future of all of our organizations and the profession; by working together on this project, we will help advance the power of music in society.

One big day, January 22, 2011 - Mark Your Calendar

As a part of the yearlong celebration, we have designated January 22, 2011, as the International Day of Collaborative Music (IDCM), one special day devoted to collaborative music making throughout the world. Hosting simultaneous performances around the world would clearly bring attention to the importance of making music together. We invite your organization to consider joining us in scheduling some type of collaborative performance event on this date and promoting it through your local media.



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Upcoming Events

Weekend of October 29-31, 2010 State Conference
(University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV)



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