



NEVADA Notes

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

From the President . . .

Marie Lee

Dear Nevada Music Teachers,

It's been a busy fall for competitions, collegiates, certification and conferences!

Competitions

Congratulations to our Nevada students and teachers who've been busy preparing and performing. Many thanks to UNLV and Dr. Mykola Suk for inviting our students and teachers to the UNLV Piano Forum in preparation for the MTNA competitions. This is always a popular event and we're looking forward to meeting again this spring. A special thank you to Mayu Nomura and Bonnie Buhler-Tanouye, our MTNA competition chair and co-chair, and Theresa Schmauder and Michelle Lee, who run the Silver State Competitions in Reno and Las Vegas. We appreciate their organization and willingness to sacrifice their time and talents on behalf of Nevada students and teachers.

Collegiates

After nine years in the making, we're excited to announce our new UNLV collegiate chapter under the guidance of Dr. Spencer Baker! Along with our UNR chapter, these students are already involved in monthly masterclasses, volunteering, and adjudicating local events. We're excited to have their perspective, energy, and creativity on board! Congratulations to Zhenyu Yang, UNLVMTA vice-president, who has been selected to present at the MTNA National Conference March 2023! His presentation is entitled: *Memories in Watercolor: Chinese Elements and Eastern Philosophy in Tan Dun's Piano Music*. Zhenyu Yang is a student of Dr. Mykola Suk and currently a Doctoral Graduate Assistant at the UNLV School of Music. We look forward to hearing him present and represent Nevada!

Conference (national and state) March 2023

National Conference is coming up in Reno March 25-29, 2023. [Register](#) by December 5 to save \$50 with early-bird pricing and secure your room reservations, currently a great deal at \$119 a night. NMTA is offering a \$75 to help with expenses. Collegiate attendees can attend for free with 6 hours of volunteer time at the conference. Our state conference will also be held in conjunction with the national conference as a Sunday evening dinner, March 26. More details to come. Hope to see you in Reno!

Certification classes start January 2023

Why should you certify? Because you want the credential granted by one of this country's oldest and foremost music teaching associations, your training and experience acknowledged, and to demonstrate your commitment to continued excellence in teaching. Find out more [HERE](#) and email Laurie Swain at lspliano@cox.net to get on the interest list.



Note from the editor: This news-letter goes out as pdf, which can **be enlarged** for easier viewing.

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President's Message Cont'd

Please be sure to follow our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for news and updates.

At this season, we're especially thankful for our association with you and for what you bring to our organization of teachers. Wishing you safety, health and prosperity this holiday season.

Marie Lee, NMTA president

ABRSM is coming to Nevada!



From our sister MTA organization in Arizona: The ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) is an important examinations board in the United Kingdom which provides examinations in music at centres around the world. Graded music exams provide a structured framework for progression from beginner to advanced musician.

Register links for ABRSM Info Session on Zoom:

- [Wednesday, Nov 30](#)
- [Thursday, Dec 1](#)

[Survey for ABRSM 2023 Spring Exam Tour](#) (Southwestern USA only)

[ABRSM website](#)

For more info, or to schedule a separate Zoom session, please email Mandarin at: abrsms.azandco@gmail.com

SILVER STATE COMPETITION 2022 REPORT – LAS VEGAS

The Silver State Competition was held on Nov. 4-6, 2022 at Clark High School. There were a total of 284 participants in 10 categories: Piano Social Solo, Piano Classical Solo, Piano Concerto, Piano Classical Ensemble, Piano Social Ensemble, String Solo, Woodwind Solo, Voice Solo, Composition, and Chamber Music. The largest group was Piano Social Solo with 96 entries, followed closely by Piano Classical Solo with 92 entries, and then String Solo with 39 entries. A total of 48 member and non-member teachers participated in the event. There were six judges and their bios are included in this newsletter. We were able to have the judges fill out adjudications for each contestant, which have been emailed out to teachers. The judges also gave awards per school grade/category. The Winners List is included in this newsletter. Congratulations to the winners and their teachers! —Michelle Lee

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UNLVMTA Fall Happenings

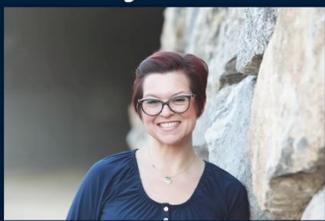
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MASTERCLASS WITH



ANA ELISA PORTES LIMA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
AT 5:15 IN THE DOC RANDO RECITAL HALL

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PREPARING YOUR PRIVATE STUDIO
WITH
Amy Smith



NOVEMBER 16
IN HFA 147
AT 5:15
- THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY UNLV SNATS -

YOGA FOR MUSICIANS
THURSDAY OCT. 20 AT 5:15
WITH
DR. LINDA LISTER



MEET OUTSIDE OF HFA 147

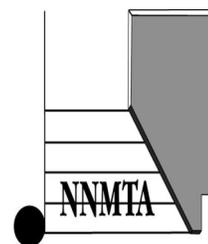
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* YOGA WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE ON GRASS





Local Chapter Updates



News from the South —**Damaris Morales, President**

LVMTA has had a fantastic season this far. With most of our events behind us, namely the Jazz Festival and the Ensemble Festival, we look forward to our last event of the semester, the PlayA-Thon, which will take place on December 10th at the Galleria Mall and is organized by Allison Olson.

My sincere congratulations to the teachers and students who participated in the Ensemble Festival and the Jazz Festival and a heartfelt thank you to all the teachers who helped volunteering as judges and in many other capacities. We have had an incredible growth in these events. The Ensemble Festival had a 64% increase in participation as did the Jazz Festival. Both events ran fantastically well thanks to the great organizational skills of their chairs. All events ran solvently and keeping us operating in the positive numbers. Congratulations to the event chairs—Michelle Lee, Allison Olson, and Kathleen Waite (Ensemble Festival), and Marlene Meagher (Jazz Festival)—for a job well done!

In the Spring semester we have the Theory & Musicianship exams, chaired by Laura Friedlander, and the Bushell Competition and the Teachers Recital, chaired by Cindy Lee, respectively. These event chairs are working very hard, and we know these events will be successful as in the past. We appreciate always their tremendous work and dedication.

We are putting together a committee to discuss the possibility of creating new events. We look forward to introducing new events such as the Sonatina /Sonata Festival and a series of virtual masterclasses soon. We'd like to include everyone in this process, so if you are interested in participating, please reach out to me via email.

The MTNA National Conference is coming up in March and we are lucky that is very close to us, in Reno. LVMTA is proud to announce that we are offering a \$75 Rebate to LVMTA members attending the conference. They just need to email to our treasurer a copy of their registration payment and a picture of their conference registration ID. We hope this incentive will motivate many teachers to attend and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Until next time, we wish you Happy Holidays! And great prosperity in the coming year.

News from the North

—**Farida Jamin, President**

Our fall events went by with success. The Halloween Costume recitals on October 29 had 25 students and 8 teachers participate.

Naomi Sanchez from the Bay Area came to judge our Silver State Competition on November 5 and gave a continuing education presentation to our teachers the day before. A big thank you to our Silver State Chair, Theresa Schmauder for all her hard work!

Now we are gearing up for our big fundraiser, the Winter Play-a-Thon December 9-11. Play-a-Thon Chair Christine Barden is once again ensuring that everything will run smoothly. I have also been working to get as many donations as possible for the Play-a-Thon raffle.

We are very excited to have the MTNA national conference in Northern Nevada next year. I hope all of you and the rest of our Nevada colleagues will attend. Please let me know if I can help with facilitating housing, transportation or anything else you might need. We want everyone to feel welcome in the "Biggest Little City."

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

SAVE THE

date

2023
MTNA NATIONAL
CONFERENCE
NMTA Dinner

RSVP BY 1/15

DINNER
NOTES

LOCATION TBD



SUNDAY
26 MARCH, 2023
7:00 PM

www.nvmta.com

CONFERENCE STIPEND

\$75 for LVMTA members + \$75 for NMTA members

\$150 TOTAL

PLEASE NOTE: members must provide proof of attendance (picture of badge and registration receipt) and will be reimbursed after the conference.

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