



NEVADA Notes

Upcoming Events

**National Conference in Atlanta,
March 16-20, 2024**

**\$75 Reimbursement for travel
expenses is available to our
members!**

**Nevada State Conference,
August 24, 2024**

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

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From Our President, Marie Lee

Dear Nevada Music Teachers,

Love is in the air! YOU, our Nevada music teachers, are making the world a better place every day as you inspire and guide your students.

Professional Development continues in 2024!

NMTA is committed to providing more value to our members through learning opportunities for our students and teachers. Damaris Morales, our busy LVMTA president, has some exciting opportunities coming up in the next few months. Please watch your emails so you and your students don’t miss out!

Collegiates

NMTA continues to fund free collegiate memberships so please share this news with your students and friends, as there’s nothing to lose and lots to gain! Dr. Spencer Baker and Damaris Morales frequently mention how pivotal their collegiate MTNA memberships were when they started their education. Our collegiate chapters are on fire hosting multiple masterclasses and events. Next month our collegiate presidents, Adea Badivuku and Zhenyu Yang, are each presenting and performing at each other’s schools, UNLV and UNR. They’re also busy working on an event to involve our local high school music students. We appreciate the energy they bring to their chapters and helping our NMTA teachers feel young.

Won’t You Join Us?

Some of my very best friends and mentors are on the NMTA board! We are looking to fill several key positions on our NMTA team: VP of Diversity Equity Inclusion, Young Professionals Rep, Social Media/Publicity, Brass Chair, Woodwind Chair, Voice Chair, and Hospitality. We have only four meetings per year over Zoom so you don’t even have to get out of your pajamas. We especially ask our Reno and collegiate members to consider as it’s a great resume builder and way to represent your area. Please text/call Cheryl Thornton at 702-808-6898 for more info on job descriptions and expectations.

National Conference in Atlanta, March 16-20, 2024

There’s still time to [register](#)! NMTA will be reimbursing you \$75 to help with travel expenses. Just send a copy of your receipt to David Skouson at skouson@cox.net. At the conference Kathleen Legere (NNMTA) will be recognized for her 50 years of MTNA membership and Thea Stevens, student of Bonnie Buhler-Tanouye, will be competing. We wish them all the very best!

President's Message, con'td.

State Conference August 24, 2024

Our state conference has been rescheduled for later this year. We're excited to connect with one another and reenergize our teaching just as the new school year is starting. Watch your emails for exact details about our guest presenter, a student event in conjunction with the conference, and how to get involved and win fabulous cash prizes!

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

It's an exciting time to be a music teacher and member of MTNA!



**THERE'S
STILL
TIME**

**REGISTER FOR THE MTNA
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
IN ATLANTA**

**RECEIVE A \$75 REFUND
FROM NMTA**



PRESENTS

Baroque Keyboard Music

Are you curious about the keyboard sounds of Bach and Mozart? Don't miss this unique presentation on keyboard music from the Baroque and early Classical periods. All teachers and students will be able to play on a harpsichord and pianoforte.



DATE: Saturday, April 13th @ 4 PM

LOCATION: UNLV Harmon Auxiliary Building 1325 E. Harmon Ave. Room 110

Directions: The building is across the street from the main campus (east of Maryland Parkway). Parking is free on Saturdays, accessible from Harmon Avenue. Enter directly into the classroom through the building's main entrance on Harmon Avenue



Presented By Dr. [Jonathan Rhodes Lee](#) UNLV Associate Professor

This event is Open to the public. If you are interested in performing, contact Damaris Morales at damaris@duck.com





ARE YOU OUR NEXT

Board Member?

We are looking to fill several positions on our NMTA team:
Brass Chair, Woodwind Chair, Voice Chair, VP of Diversity Equity
Inclusion, Young Professionals Rep, Social Media/Publicity, Hospitality

We especially welcome our NNMTA and collegiate members to join!

PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL THORNTON
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FOR MORE INFO ON JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

“Discover a week-long celebration of art at the University of Nevada Reno's Sheppard Contemporary and Hall Recital Hall, organized and directed by Adea Badivuku, UNR MTNA President. Immerse yourself in the 'Shadows' Contemporary Art Festival as a one-body art experience composed by Deniz Çağlarcan, featuring his captivating three wall composition, audio-visual installation, “*Shadows*” where the masterpiece unveils the intricate social connections of humans combined figures from Güneş Çağlarcan's “*Shadows Collection*”, a monolith painting consist of fifteen mesmerizing small paintings of Güneş Çağlarcan, and concert series that follows the artistic language of visual music and paintings.

Adea Badivuku, UNR MTNA President, enriched the opening ceremony by performing John Cage's early album pieces, adding nuance and richness to the artistic atmosphere. Additionally, Deniz Çağlarcan took the stage, showcasing his piece "Void for Viola and Electronics."

As a special highlight during the festival, the UNR MTNA Event featured a performance by the pioneer of American Experimental Music, David Rosenboom. Drawing on his Propositional Musical approach, Rosenboom explored the continuous beginnings of musical creation.”



2ND EDITION
SHADOWS
AUDIO VISUAL IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE
A CONTEMPORARY ART FESTIVAL
Festival & Festival Director: Adea Badivuku | Composer & Artistic Director: Deniz Çağlarcan | Painter: Güneş Çağlarcan

01/22/2024 - 01/26/2024
SHEPPARD CONTEMPORARY
CHURCH FINE ARTS BUILDING
UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO

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| January 22 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Panel Discussion: Business and Entrepreneurship in Music and Arts JCS0403 Error Report |
| January 22 8:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Opening Ceremony & Concert I Sheppard Contemporary |
| January 23 - 26 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM | "Shadows" Audio-Visual Installation Sheppard Contemporary |
| January 23 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | UNR MTNA Event: Lecture by David Rosenboom, Composer-Performer Hall Recital Hall |
| January 23 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM | UNR MTNA Event: Performance by David Rosenboom Hall Recital Hall |
| January 24 10:00 AM | UNR MTNA Event: Composition Seminar with David Rosenboom UNR Electro-Acoustic Lab |
| January 26 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Final Concert Hall Recital Hall |

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We're so excited to welcome the following four new NMTA members!

Hyunkyung Cha

Kailey Kim

Donna Stanton

Joseph Strahle



KUDOS and BEST WISHES!

Jacob Warnick, son of NNMTA member Cheryl Warnick, is the winner of the MTNA Piano Competition, Southwest Division, Young Artist. Jacob, a student of Jihea Yong-Park, will compete in the Nationals in March.



News from our Collegiate Chapters

UNRMTNA President Adea Badivuku will give a presentation, recital and masterclasses at UNR on Wednesday, March 6th, 2:30–3:30 pm, and Thursday, March 7th, 2:00–4:00 pm. Zhenyu Yang will also give a presentation, recital on March 11th, and masterclasses on March 12th, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm, at UNR.

The collegiate MTNA chapter at UNLV has invited a guest pianist for the UNLV Alumni Recital series:
Dr. Lok Ng, pianist



Her recital will be
Monday, April 8th at 7:30pm
Doc Rando Recital Hall
UNLV, Beam Music Center
Free and Open to the Public

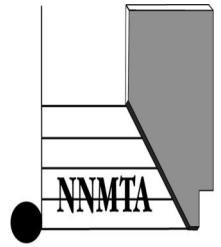
Works of Chopin, Busoni, Prokofiev and Brahms

Dr. Ng will also present Masterclass on Tuesday morning at 10am in Doc Rando Hall for UNLVMTA students.
Dr. Ng is a UNLV Alumni (BM, MM).

This is part of a new series from the College of Fine Arts. Our NMTA President-Elect, Dr. Spencer Baker, was awarded funding for this series, to highlight UNLV Alumni in recital who are active in highly successful performance careers.



Local Chapter Updates



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

The LVMTA 2023–24 academic year is underway, and there are still more exciting things planned. On February 3rd over a dozen studios participated in our inaugural Sonata/Sonatina Festival, which was a great success. Six recitals with 77 students, ranging in skill from beginning to advanced, were held. More than 300 students from 35 studios are now taking the new online theory tests (from January 23rd and concluding on April 10th). The new online format has been successful because of the amazing work of Lisa Fiorenza, its chair. The Musicianship tests technique and repertoire components will be held at UNLV on May 4-5. We would like to thank Michelle Lee for her continued dedication to the success of the Legacy competition which will be held on March 23-24 at Clark High School.

Southern Nevada Music will host the Closing Social and the Teachers Recital in May (exact date to be confirmed). The LVMTA May newsletter and email will both contain the invitation to the Closing Social. In addition to excellent food, great company, and door prizes, we'll also be hosting an award ceremony to honor our members for their years of service and dedication to the association and the teaching profession. Following lunch, at 1 PM, several of our members will take part in the Teachers Recital. You should not miss it! Let's pay tribute to our educators and express our gratitude for everything that they have accomplished!

I look back on the last two years with a sense of satisfaction and nostalgia as my assignment as LVMTA president draws to an end. I've had the privilege of working with an incredible group of gifted people, and I feel honored and happy to have served them. Thanks to the talent and commitment of all of our teachers and board members, LVMTA has a bright future. I am excited to continue serving with them for many years to come.

News from the North— **Farida Jamin, President**

Our winter Play-A-Thon held December 8-10, 2023 at the Reno Public Market was a big success with 16 teachers presenting their students to perform on stage. Students ranged in age and ability from Little Mozarts to adults. Besides piano solos, there were also many ensembles including various instrument combinations. The families and friends of the performers enjoyed the atmosphere and many stayed after performances to eat and socialize. This Play-A-Thon ranked as our second highest in earnings bringing in a total of \$3,800 and with almost \$1,300 of that coming from the sale of raffle tickets and on-site cash donations! This was also our second year at the RPM and we hope to be invited back to this lively public space that attracts plenty of customers.

We also recently dispensed the proceeds of the NNMTA Ruth Brewer Scholarship Fund, created in honor of long-time NNMTA charter member Ruth Brewer in the amount of \$1,250 to UNR voice and music education major, Jessica Lamping. Ruth's daughter and NNMTA Recital Chair Mary Piser and NNMTA Treasurer Cindy Harris met with Jessica on the UNR campus and applied the proceeds directly to her UNR account.

Our most recent event was the Valentine's Day-themed student recital this past Saturday, February 10. This was our first time offering this recital and it was very popular with over 20 students participating.

Our next big events are the Upper and Lower Piano Festivals happening in April and May. As always, we will offer student recitals one week before each event and a continuing education session will be given by one of the judges at the onset of each festival.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of NNMTA and our own Kathleen Legere who has been a loyal member since day one. She has the honor of being recognized at the upcoming MTNA conference for her 50 years of service to our Nevada state and local organizations.

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