



STAFFLINES



Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

President's Notes



Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

Spring is in the air! I love that the sun is still shining when I am done teaching. Spring Break is almost here too, so many of us will have a few days to catch our breath before jumping back into the fray of the Theory Test, Glover Scholarship Auditions, Honors Auditions, Honors Recitals and end of the year recitals and so forth. Be sure to check your yearbook for dates, deadlines and details.

Please join me in giving a big round of applause to Jeanette Winsor, Sally Copeland and Susan Atkins for putting together the first TMTF Virtual Students Recitals that occurred on March 21, 2021. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work!

What a great privilege it was for us to have a Master Class with Dr. Maria Yefimova on March 26, 2021. I am sure that it not only benefited us, but it was also useful for those talented students who had the opportunity to play for her.

The 2021 MTNA Virtual National Conference is now a thing of the past, but your opportunity to experience all of the content is not. There are so many wonderful workshops and master classes to view. You may still register for the Virtual Conference until May 28, 2021. All Conference recordings will be available until June 1, 2021.

Finally, I hope we will soon have a mask- and worry-free environment. Happy Spring!

Mun Lee Han, NCTM
TMTF President





Diane H. Blanchard, NCTM

“Creative and Inspiring Strategies for Summer Lessons”

Friday, April 16, 2021

Summer music lessons can provide enrichment for your students and stable income for teachers. This presentation offers solutions for navigating the obstacles that summer schedules can produce. Learn how to allow YOU more time to refresh and renew AND give your students high quality, fun, and motivating opportunities at the same time.

Diane Houghton Blanchard, NCTM, has maintained a large, highly successful private piano studio in NC since 1995, and

has served on the faculty of the Raleigh Conservatory of Music. Ms. Blanchard holds a Bachelor of Music degree (Summa cum laude), with a concentration in piano pedagogy, from Meredith College, and the MTNA Permanent Professional Certification designation. She majored in piano performance at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. With an interest in educational development, she also completed two years of coursework in Elementary Education at Francis Marion University in Florence, SC, and completed training as an instructor for Kindermusik International in Richmond, VA.

Ms. Blanchard is a frequent adjudicator for numerous organizations at the state and local level. She has presented programs to music associations on topics including The Value of Music Organizations, and Creative and Inspiring Strategies for Summer Lessons. In 2012, Ms. Blanchard was honored in New York as a Music Teachers National Association Foundation Fellow. In 2016, the Raleigh Piano Teachers Association named Diane as the recipient of the yearbook dedication. In 2017, she received the NC Music Teachers Association Teacher of the Year Award.

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INSTEAD....PLAN TO ATTEND THE MTNA 2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCE VIRTUALLY

Registration is open through May 28, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time; Conference recordings will be available until June 1, 2021.

Registration fee for members is \$245. You'll have all-access to the concert artist and other recitals, master classes, competition winners recitals and all kinds of sessions. There's something for everyone. You can also get discounts on music from vendors including your favorite publishers.

Go to [MTNA.org](https://www.mtna.org) for more information.



2021 Honors Recitals Auditions

**Saturday, April 24th &
Sunday, April 25th**

Marsh School of Music

TMTF is happy to report that the covid pandemic has not stopped the annual Honors Recitals Auditions from happening! Participating teachers will receive an email with their student schedules, helping assignments and instructions concerning covid safety precautions. The Honors Recitals will be an on-line virtual event which you can view in the comfort of your home!!!

The judging process will be similar to previous years with two in-person judges hearing each performance. The auditions will be video recorded. Performers in the virtual Honors Recitals will be selected from the highest scores, an equal percentage from each level. The recitals will feature the actual videos from the auditions!

Watch your email and the Stafflines for details of how to enjoy this year's TMTF Honors Recitals.

Myrenna Kickasola, NCTM,
Honors Recitals Auridion Chairperson
Josephine Jones, NCTM
Honors Recitals Auditions Co-chairperson



Glover Scholarship Auditions

Levels of Progress Report

I have been made aware that there are some Glover application packets that were mailed over a week ago that still have not made it to me. Please check with me to make sure that I have received your packet or should be looking for it. I want to make sure that no one is overlooked. You can email me at lynnkleisler@yahoo.com.

Thank you, everyone, for coming out to participate in Levels of Progress & the first ever Virtual Levels of Progress! Total participation includes 13 judges, 7 student & teacher assistants, 5 area coordinators, & 166 students who performed flawlessly. Altogether we raised the total amount of \$2,164. This completes LOP 2021, so let's have an even better LOP 2022. Be safe & stay musical!



Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Glover Scholarship Chairman

Kelsey Jamerson, M.M.

TMTF CALENDAR

APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<i>Happy Easter</i>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

- 17th TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions
- 21st DEADLINE - Stafflines News
- 24-25th TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions (Ref. P. 3)
- 28th DEADLINE - Glen Maryberry Shoolarshipo Auditions
DEADLINE - VMTA Eastern District Auditions



MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

- 1st DEADLINE - TMTF Achievement Award Documentation
DEADLINE- High School Senior's Recital
- 14th 10:00 TMTF Executive Board Meeting, TBD location
- 21st 10:00 TMTF Meeting/Workshop, TBD location
DEADLINE - Stafflines News
- 22nd VMTA Eastern District Auditions
at Christopher Newport University

Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions
at Christopher Newport University

Happy Birthday



April

- 10 Joan Edwards
- 18 Brenda Watkins

May

- 4 Carol Noona
- 4 Megan Stuart
- 11 Teresa Compos-Falk
- 16 Betty J. Atkinson
- 26 Susan Burke Cusher
- 28 Mun Lee Han

Year Book Ads

It is time to start thinking about advertisements for our TMTF yearbook. The revenue from the ads pays for our yearbooks and activity books. The money also helps defray the cost of some of our monthly meetings/workshops. Your help is needed in securing them and any ideas you can send my way would be appreciated. As you can imagine, we took a hit this past year due to the pandemic and some businesses and universities were not able to advertise with us.

Ideas for ads include those from members or member affiliated businesses that we can share with each other and support. Many of our members have family businesses or are a self employed business owner. You may have a business yourself that would be benefited with an advertisement.

We all help support other small businesses on a daily/weekly basis. Having an ad in our yearbook would be a great vehicle to let others know in our community about the business or service so that we can help support it and spread the word! Examples are real estate agents, jewelry making, landscaping, substitute organist or pianist, tutor, consignment shops, personal services, legal services, hair dresser, veterinarian, website designer, home goods, insurance agent, health products, etc., etc.!!! This is only a small list of possibilities. A business card ad is only \$30 and is an inexpensive way to advertise.

Our yearbook ad prices are as follows:

1/8 page	\$30.00 (business card size)
1/4 page	\$60.00
1/2 page	\$90.00
Full page	\$150.00 (includes a link to the business on our website)
Inside cover page	\$175.00 (includes a link to the business on our website)
Back Cover	\$200.00 (includes a link to the business on our website)

If you know of any school, college, music organization, business or group that might be interested in advertising in our yearbook, please contact me. **The deadline for ads is July 25th**. I can be reached at (757) 925-0248 or lynnkleisler@yahoo.com.

Any assistance with helping to increase the number of ads in our yearbook this year would be greatly appreciated!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Yearbook Ads Chairman

MTNA Certification

Would you like to work towards a MTNA certification, which will benefit your professional teaching career?

Contact Susan Atkins, NCTM
pianolearningcenter@gmail.com
757-282-8220 (cell)



Announcement of Incoming Officers

The 2021-2023 Slate of Officers are listed below. Please watch your email inbox requesting your vote on them.

TMTF Slate of Officers 2021-2023

President: Susan Atkins, NCTM

President Elect: Dr. Susan Ha

Treasurer: Mun Lee Han, NCTM

Associate Treasurer: Laura Cardin

Recording Secretary: Cathy Bryan

Immediate Past President & Co-President: Mun Lee Han, NCTM
Donna Halleck

Members at Large: Mary Ann Medlin, NCTM
Yuko Farman, NCTM

Nominating Committee: Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Mary Ann Medlin, NCTM
Myrenna Kickasola, NCTM



THANK YOU, MYRENNA

No words can express what you have meant —
Duties fulfilled, from chairman to President.
Thoughtfulness, compassion, and opinions you shared,
Being a mentor to others, just because “you cared”.

Never complaining, and always so cheerful
Even when life’s cycle could have made you fearful.
Together as teachers we experienced work and play,
Making memories to treasure at the end of the day.

So keep in touch down the road, share your next chapter,
We know your family will make sure you’re looked after!
Music drew us together, our teaching visions inspired . . .
Then special friendships grew and never will be retired!

Your TMTF Colleagues and Friends

Stafflines Advertising Rates

The following advertising rates are for Stafflines news that is not related directly to TMTF activities.

Two to three line announcement such as a recital or job opening: No Fee

One half page (8.5" x 5.5"): \$10.00

Full page (8.5" x 11"): \$20.00

Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to

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