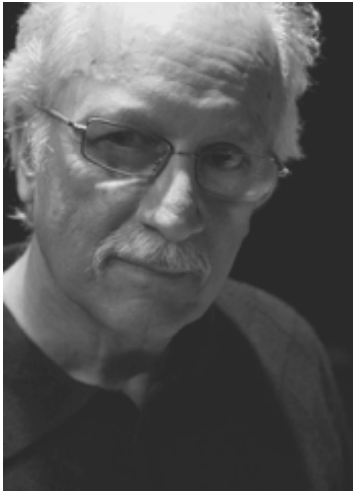


STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Yuko Farman, Editor



JANUARY MEETING

Friday, January 17, 2020

Christopher Kypros

"Characteristic Music Vocabulary Of Composers: Bach, Chopin, Debussy, Prokofiev"

Location: Jordan Kitt's Music

5164 Virginia Beach Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA 23462

9:30 Coffee & Shopping

10:00 Business Meeting and Workshop

12:00 Lunch

Piano compositions by BACH, CHOPIN, DEBUSSY, PROKOFIEV will be performed, and Chris will briefly discuss the specific music "vocabulary" identifiable to each composer. From where does the composer develop his musical vocabulary, and how does it "speak" to our emotions, our heart?

Christopher Kypros was born and raised in Norfolk, VA. After completing his undergraduate studies at Old Dominion University, Chris received his graduate degree (M.M. '73, piano) from The Juilliard School where he studied with Sascha Gorodnitzki. Since his graduation from Juilliard, he has enjoyed a much varied assortment of artistic pursuits alongside his work as general music teacher for students from kindergarten through high school.

Chris has taught piano at the college level, has played chamber music, has appeared as guest solo artist, given solo concerts, played for silent film classics, worked as musical director for musicals, conducted choirs in workshops and conferences, written plays for children, appeared as an actor on TV and in many local theater venues, and composed liturgical choral music for the Greek Orthodox Church (Liturgy of Peace, Liturgy of Hope, Liturgy of Light).

Chris has received national awards for his compositions, and his music is sung in churches across the country. His newest venture is Lullaby for Alana, a picture book for children (and adults). The book includes original musical accompaniment which enhances the reading experience. It is available on amazon.com, Barnes & noble.com, and Friesen Press.



President's Notes

by Mun Lee Han

Happy 2020, TMTF Members!! Another new year. Another time to renew, refresh and resolve to strengthen or make changes in our lives.

I hope you had a wonderful and restful holiday break! Now it's time to get moving! Take a few minutes to scan the upcoming events as I am sure you do not want to miss the registration deadlines. All of the information is available in our Yearbook and on our website: www.tmtf.org. Good luck as you prepare your students for these events.

Our general meeting will be January 17th at Jordan Kitt's Music (formally known as Piano and Organ Warehouse). Our featured speaker will be Christopher Kypros, discussing the characteristic music vocabulary of composers: Bach, Chopin, Debussy, and Prokofiev. I hope to see many of you there.

It is nice to have some social and fun time with our members. You and your spouse or friend are cordially invited to our "New Year's Cheers" Celebration on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 6pm to 8pm at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks. Please RSVP to tidewatermtf@gmail.com before January 4th for a headcount.

Another exciting happening that is coming up this new year will be the March 21-25 MTNA National Conference in Chicago. If you have not attended one before, please try to do so this year! I believe that you will find renewal, education and inspiration.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and a rewarding teaching semester.

TMTF President,
Mun Lee Han, NCTM

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and
improved website!
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Association
Tidewater Music Teachers
Forum

Post photos, announce your
events, make
connections

TMTF Calendar

January

- 9 **DEADLINE - VMTA Keyboard Skills/Sight Reading Tests**
- 17 TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Christopher Kypros
- 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
- 17 **DEADLINE - TMTF Levels of Progress**
- 24 **DEADLINE - Student Recital - Portsmouth**
- 24 MTNA Certification Informational Meeting
- 25 VMTA Theory Test - ODU
- 31 **DEADLINE - Student Recital - Norfolk**

JANUARY 2020

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February

- 2 Student Recital - Portsmouth - Zion Baptist Church
- 9 TMTF Sight Reading/Keyboard Skills Tests - ODU
- 9 Student Recital - Norfolk - Royster Memorial Presbyterian
- 14 TMTF Board Meeting
- 14 **DEADLINE - Student Recital - Chesapeake**
- 21 TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Susan Atkins, NCTM & Karstan Bock
- 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
- 23 Student Recital - Chesapeake - Great Bridge Presbyterian Church

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January

- 5 Hugh Middleton
- 7 Geraldine Boone
- 12 Romaine Hardy
- 12 Nancy Whitfield
- 18 Marsha Simmons
- 19 Lisa Chartier
- 20 Susan Grice
- 28 Jeanette Winsor

February

- 3 Jane Gallatin
- 4 Beverly Manry
- 18 Gracie Wilson
- 19 Jeanette Wallace
- 22 Alisa Bohon

TIDEWATER MUSIC TEACHER'S FORUM	
10/22/19 to 12/27/19	
ASSETS	
Savings Account	\$3,003.98
Checking Account	\$15,752.34
TOTAL	\$18,756.32
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$3,003.83
Interest for Oct/Nov	\$0.15
CLOSING BALANCE	\$3,003.98
CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$15,665.92
Achievement Awards	\$18.00
Membership	\$125.00
Programs	\$75.00
Sacred Music Festival	\$720.00
Stafflines Ads	\$40.00
Yearbook Ads	\$1,420.00
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Ex. Programs	-\$1,517.98
CLOSING BALANCE	\$15,752.34

Membership Drive

Any member who brings a "teacher friend" will receive a \$10 gift card from Music & Arts



Glover Scholarship Auditions

It is already time to start thinking about and preparing for the Glover Scholarship Auditions.

The deadline for applications is March 6, 2020. This event will take place at Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth on April 4th.

Eligibility and requirements to participate in this event can be found in the TMTF Yearbook. Please be aware that a teacher's studio participation in the 2019 TMTF Play-A-Thon is required to enter students in auditions. The application and judging sheets can be found in the TMTF Activity Book. Please make sure to use this year's application and review all requirements before mailing it in.

Lynn Kleisler
Glover Scholarship Chairman



Really? Honors Recitals Auditions? Already?
Yes!!!! Now is the time to plan!!!!
Saturday April 25th and Sunday, April 26th

If you haven't considered having your motivated, intermediate to advanced students participate, check it out in the Yearbook and Activity Book. Participation in Levels of Progress is a requirement and that deadline is Friday, January 17, 2020.

TMTF Honors Recital Auditions is a competitive opportunity (solo or ensemble) for piano, voice and other instruments, Levels 4 through 12.

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2020 (postmark)



Fee: \$12.00

Audition Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020
Sunday, April 26, 2020

Location: Marsh School of Music
3645 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

PLEASE READ THE TMTF ACTIVITY BOOK FOR DETAILS CONCERNING REPERTOIRE, DRESS CODE, TIME LIMITS, REPERTOIRE, TEACHER ASSISTANCE and RESPONSIBILITY.

Contact the Chairperson, Myrenna Kickasola with questions. She would love to hear from you!!
joekick@regent.edu or 757-420-6938

2020 SIGHT-READING AND SKILLS TEST

The VMTA Helen Parker Sight Reading Test will be administered with the VMTA Skills Test on - Sunday, February 9, 2020 at Old Dominion University.

The registration DEADLINE is January 9, 2020. The POSTMARK date is the same as the DEADLINE date.

The syllabus is available from the State Chairperson. Detailed information and the application forms can be found in the TMTF Yearbook and the Student Activity Booklet.

Please encourage your students to participate in these tests as the preparation involved in preparing will definitely be educational and rewarding for them.

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MTNA CERTIFICATION Next Informational Meeting Friday, January 24, 2020

There's no time like the present to start working on your MTNA Certification. Perhaps this could be a winter break project?

First things first. You will need a mentor.

Lynn Kleisler and I have announced our willingness to mentor anyone who wants to go through the certification process. Or, you can choose any other TMTF certified member to be your mentor.

Wondering about the cost of certification? VMTA and TMTF are offering a \$100 reimbursement each (total \$200) to offset the cost of certification.

If you would like to be on my contact list, email Susan Atkins at pianolearningcenter@gmail.com.

To learn more about certification: MTNACertification.org

In the meantime, let me know if you have questions about the process or are ready for me to meet with you one-on-one as your mentor.
Susan Atkins, NCTM (757-282-8220 - cell)

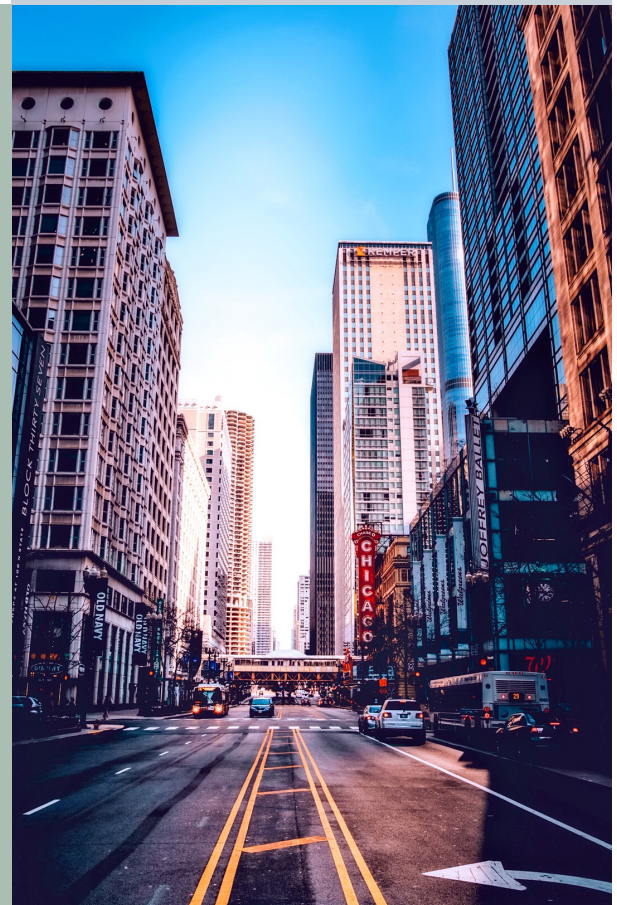


Don't Miss It!

MTNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE
March 21-25, 2020
Chicago, IL

Conference Artist:
Anton Nel
Winner of the National Chopin Piano
Competition

For more information and to register
MTNA.org



SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL



The **SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL** for 2019 was held at 2 locations again this year! A big thank you to **Cecelia Robinson** for hosting the location at East End Baptist Church for the Suffolk and Portsmouth teachers and students.

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church in Virginia Beach was gracious in allowing us to use their excellent facilities for the third year! Thanks to Brett Woodall for always making us feel welcome.

We had 9 teachers that sent in 60 students for this year's event! That is an increase in teachers and students!

Congratulations and *thank you* to all the teachers and judges who made this year's Sacred Music Festival a great success!

I look forward to seeing you back next year, and I would love to see more of you come and join us as well!

Donna Halleck,
Chairman

TMTF Play-A-Thon

The 2019 TMTF Play-A-Thon this past December was a great success! It was held at Greenbrier Mall in Chesapeake and Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach. Many thanks go to all of the teachers and students who participated in this event and helped to make it a great success. A very special thank you goes to Elizabeth Smith, our Play-A-Thon Co-Chairman, for taking care of the Pembroke location and seeing that everything ran smoothly. We also want to thank Piano Showcase for the use of their piano and their store during this event and Piano Warehouse for the use of their piano at Pembroke Mall.

Please remind your students to collect and turn in their pledge money to you as soon as possible. For a student to qualify for one of the TMTF monetary rewards, the pledge money has to be turned in by January 31st. To compete in the David Carr Glover Scholarship Auditions or the Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions, all pledge money has to be turned in by March 1st.

Please be sure to include your completed "Studio Schedule and Pledge Validation Form" when you send your student's money (checks only) to me. I need this form for my records as well as to determine who will receive one of the monetary awards. This form can be found in the TMTF Activity Book as well as on our website (tmtf.org).

Thanks again to all who helped make this event successful!

Lynn Kleisler
Play-A-Thon Chairman



WELCOME

TMTF New Members

Sarah Eubanks
Yuko Farman, NCTM
Debra Walker Newton
Meghan A. Hutton
Loretta Beatty



Suzanne West Guy, after a fifteen year valiant battle, peacefully succumbed to the ravages of Parkinson's disease in her home in Norfolk on Friday, December 20 at 5:00 a.m. She leaves behind her a saddened professional community, beloved family members, and many devoted friends, whose lives she indelibly enriched.

Born in Roanoke, Virginia on November 22, 1941, Suzanne Penn West was the oldest child of Francis Thornton West and Nina Penn Moir West. Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, was her husband of 48 years, Louis Lee Guy, Jr.

Her first love was the piano. When Suzanne was ten years old, she began taking piano lessons with Mary Kirk in the small town of Martinsville, Virginia, where she spent her formative years. Graduating from Martinsville High School in 1960, she entered Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia where, under the tutelage of Irene Leftwich Harris, she truly dedicated herself to her craft, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Piano Performance in 1964.

Suzanne began teaching piano lessons in 1966 in Salisbury, Maryland in the first home she shared with her husband, Louis, when the first of her three sons was only a baby. Thus began the career that has changed the lives of countless music lovers, inspiring students, teachers, and musicians in the United States and beyond.

Throughout her fifty three years of teaching, her studios in Annandale, Virginia and later in Norfolk would become renowned for the expressive, eloquent players she developed. Extensive study with teachers Nelita True and Grace McFarlane further inspired her entire teaching career. Thirty-three of her former students are now in successful music teaching positions, many at the college and university level.

Suzanne's influence has extended far beyond her studio and the many young artists she meticulously trained. She taught piano pedagogy at Peabody Conservatory and George Mason University, developed a devoted following as a columnist for Clavier

Magazine from 1989 through 2007, and presented motivational workshops, lectures, and master classes on 20 different topics in 44 states. Overseas, she was a frequent member of the summer International Workshop for the Arts. She earned the Music Teachers National Association Master Teacher Certificate, presented several programs at national conventions, and in 2010 was honored as an MTNA Fellow.

Early in her career, Suzanne dreamed of writing a book, and, as a talented and successful author, has more than fulfilled her aspirations. Her first book, *If...You Would Add Beauty to the World*, is self-published and into its fourth printing. She collaborated with Donna Lacy to author and publish two books for children, *The Music Box: The Story of Cristofori* and *The Orchestra, The Orchestra!*, receiving several awards and commendations. Other books detailing her innovative ideas about learning and perfecting repertoire include two volumes co-authored with Ingrid Clarfield entitled *From Mystery to Mastery* and, in collaboration with Victoria McArthur, two volumes each of *Great Piano Literature - Focus on Melody* and *Focus on Rhythm*. She also compiled and edited eight volumes of piano pieces in the series *Expressive Etudes*. Her latest work, *Wit and Wisdom from the Piano Bench* is a treasure chest of notable quotables, full of Suzanne's witty sayings and wise truths, compiled and edited by Tonya M. Holland.

JoAnn Falletta, Music Director of the Virginia Symphony and Buffalo Philharmonic, said of Suzanne, "If there is an angel of music in Virginia, it surely must be pianist and teacher, Suzanne Guy. This extraordinary woman has fostered a love of music in countless people of all ages with wit, gentleness, and profound wisdom."

A memorial service will be held Saturday January, 4 2020 at 12 noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norfolk, conducted by the Reverend Scott Hennessey, followed by a reception at her residence at Harbours Edge. A private burial will precede the service at Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 St. Paul's Blvd, Norfolk, 23510, Heartland Hospice, 5041 Corporate Woods Drive, Virginia Beach, Va, 23432, or The Michael J Fox Foundation, PO Box 4777, New York, New York 10263.



Obituary

Virginia "Ginny" Neal Koun, 89, of Virginia Beach, Va., passed away peacefully on December 20, 2019. She was preceded in death by her daughter Sharon Kay Vondra, her sister Barbara Courts and husband John N. Koun.

Left to cherish her memory are daughter, Susan V. Crosland (Dudley) of Virginia Beach VA; son, Charles N. Vondra (Lisa -beth) of Chester Springs, PA; son, Alan J. Vondra of Irvine CA; sister Patricia Kelley (Verne) of Boca Raton FL; grandchildren, Edward D. Wood; Neal M. Wood; Virginia R. Schiappa(Andrew); Kai Vondra; Clare-Elyse Vondra and much loved nieces and nephews.

Virginia was born on February 26, 1930, in Mpls. Minn. She completed her undergraduate degree from Carleton College and her master's degree from the University of Georgia.

Virginia loved her family, her faith and her music. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach and sang in the choir. As a music teacher, she made an impact on the lives of many students in Virginia and Georgia.

A memorial service for Virginia will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach on February 15, 2020 at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The Academy of Music at P.O. Box 11146, Norfolk, VA, 23517. Online condolences can be expressed by visiting www.vacremationsociety.com

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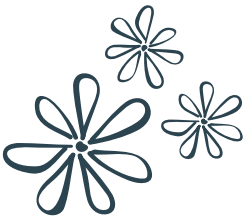


Hello!

My name is Yuko Farman. I am a new member of TMTF and I am a new editor for Stafflines. When I previously lived in this area, I went back to school and earned a BM in piano performance at CNU. I moved to a lot of places because of my husband's job and I am happy to be back in the Hampton Roads area. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone!

If you have an article that you would like to post on Stafflines, please send it to me by the 21st of each month.

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LEVELS OF PROGRESS 2020

It's not too early to start planning for Levels of Progress!

As you make plans for your students' participation in Levels of Progress 2020, please review the information in your current Yearbook on page 20 and Activity Book on pages 35-46. Please be sure to only use the information, Registration Forms and Judging Sheets in the current 2019-2020 Activity Book.

Please make note of an important change to the due date for Levels of Progress registrations. The due date to submit registrations for Levels of Progress was incorrectly printed in your Yearbook and Activity Book as January 24, 2020, which is too late. **The corrected due date for Levels of Progress registrations is Friday, January 17, 2020. All registrations must be submitted by that date.** Please make a note of the corrected date in your Yearbook/Activity Book!

Levels of Progress began in 1969 and has served as a model for some of our sister chapters who also wished to have a fundraiser that would benefit the students, teachers and organization. Other than a portion of our membership dues, Levels of Progress is the only TMTF event that provides funds for the organization itself. Your participation will help us continue to provide quality presenters for our meetings and the best possible opportunities for our teachers and students. Thank you!

Kelsey Jamerson & Elizabeth Baker
2019-2020 Levels of Progress Co-Chairs





Cheers to all good things that 2020 will bring!

RSVP by January 4, 2020 (Saturday)

☎ Mun Lee Han, (757) 214-5439 or ✉ Tidewatermtf@gmail.com



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Salmon Pesto Rigatoni

Herb Grilled Shrimp, Brushed with Scampi Butter Sauce

Parmesan Chicken with Lemon Butter Caper Sauce

DESSERT

Cheese Cake or Chocolate Silk Pie

BEVERAGES

Coffee, Ice Tea & Soda

All Inclusive **\$40.00** per person (Includes Tax and Service Charge)

Stafflines Deadline

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Alternatively, you may submit a printed article via U.S. Postal Service.

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

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