

STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Meeting & Workshop: Friday, January 20, 2023

Teacher Round Table

"Student Saver Pieces"

Led by Lynn Kleisler, NCTM

Location: Jordan Kitt's Music: 5164 Virginia Beach Blvd.,
Virginia Beach, VA23462

9:30 Coffee - 10:00 Meeting & Workshop - 12:00 Lunch



Workshop description

Join your fellow music teachers to exchange ideas to enhance your teaching. This forum is our opportunity to share our wisdom and insights with each other. The discussion will focus around method books, repertoire collections, sheet music and anything you consider a "Student Saver" piece. It can be for young, school age or adult students. Teachers will be asked to bring their favorite books and sheets to show their fellow teachers if possible. There may even be some time to demonstrate them if you like.

In addition, any special things that you do in your studio to aide in student learning and enjoyment, i.e. music games, computer games, etc., will also be touched on. During the discussion, we will also examine reasons why the music appeals to your students and what pieces your students beg to play over and over again. Hopefully, you will leave with a lot of great ideas to implement in your own studio!

Lynn Kleisler is a Past President of TMTF and the current Virginia Music Teachers Association President.

Meeting Notes

I will be leading the "Teacher Round Table" discussion at our meeting this month. The focus of the discussion will be on "Student Saver" pieces. I will be bringing music to share from pre-reading to intermediate levels. Besides having a list of this music to hand out, I will also have a handout of a list that Kevin Chance shared at the NC State Conference this past October. Since many of you participate in the Glover Scholarship Auditions and in an effort to show you some of Glover's pieces that you may not be familiar with, I will also be bringing some of his music for you to peruse at the meeting.

Please be sure to bring your favorite pieces, ideas or anything special you do with your students to share with the group. The hope is that we will all leave with a lot of great ideas from each other to implement in our studio and to help start off the New Year!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM



PRESIDENT'S LETTER - JANUARY 2023



Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

I just finished reading the book When the World Stopped to Listen by Stuart Isacoff and I can heartily recommend that you read it. It is subtitled "Van Cliburn's Cold War Triumph and Its Aftermath." Even more interesting than the detailed description of the second Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition in Moscow in 1958 was learning what happened to all the competitors, most of all Van Cliburn. Many of you know that I was fortunate to attend the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Ft. Worth, Texas last summer. I've long been interested in this competition. The book asks the question, "what is Van Cliburn's legacy not only in the classical music world, but in the geopolitical landscape of the Cold War and beyond?"

Today, I ask, what is our legacy as music teachers? Are we working to make a living, fulfill a need for music education, win competitions? Or could we take the long view? I hope I'm infusing in my students the life-long love of music. The last thing I want to do is turn the student off and make them associate music education with feelings of anxiety and inadequacy. I realize that becoming a musician isn't for everyone, but living a life where music provides joy, pleasure, and fulfillment is a worthy goal.

TMTF, and by extension, VMTA and MTNA provide all the tools we need to become better music teachers. Let's take advantage of them. Come to our next TMTF monthly on January 20 for our **Teacher Round Table**. We will be discussing "Student Saver Pieces", led by Lynn Kleisler. Bring your favorite piano pieces and be inspired to inspire your students.

See you there!

Musically yours,

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2023 Levels of Progress

Event Dates: March 4 and 5, 2023

Registration DEADLINE: January 10, 2023
(Postmark date)

Registration Fees: \$12.00 for each solo entry
(\$17.00 for non-members) \$7.00 per student for ensembles **(\$12.00 for non-members)**

It's time to prepare your students for TMTF Levels of Progress. You can find the registration form in 2022-2023 TMTF Activity Book or download it from our website, www.tmtf.org under "Members Only" tab.

Reminders,

- Memorization of pieces is optional. TMTF still highly encourages memorization, but we also realize that this is not always possible. Levels of Progress is intended for students of ALL ages and abilities, so we want to be sure all students are able to participate.
- 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.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at munleehan@gmail.com.

Musically yours,

Mun Lee Han, NCTM
Levels of Progress Chair

VMTA Keyboard Skills - Online

For the first time, VMTA is offering the Keyboard Skills Test virtually! The virtual test via Zoom is scheduled to be on

Saturday, February 18th, 2023.

The registration deadline is **January 18th, 2023.**

This test date was specifically created for those teachers who are interested in having students participate in the Keyboard Skills Test, who either do not have a local chapter in their area, a chapter that does not participate in this event or for students that take lessons online only. We are fortunate that TMTF does participate in this event. This online test would be helpful though to those teachers who have students who are taught online only. The online test fee is \$20.00 per entry and begins at Primer Level and goes up to Level 12. The syllabus can be downloaded from the VMTA website or you contact me.

Volunteer judges are needed for this event who are comfortable with judging online. If this is you, please let me or Mun Lee Han know. For further information, you can contact me or Mun Lee Han (Co-Chairman - Online) at vmtakeboardskills@gmail.com.

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
VMTA Keyboard Skills Chairman



Certification Zoom Meetings

As the TMTF Certification Chair, I want to help our members get certified through MTNA and make the process as easy as possible. Yes, it's daunting, but think how much easier it will be if we all do it together!

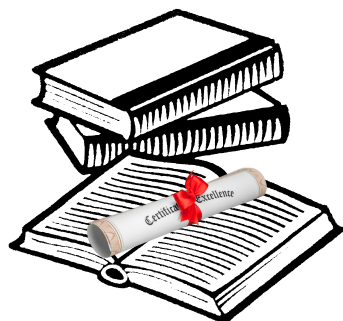
That's why I'm going to host monthly Zoom meetings for anyone interested in getting certified. No pressure, no commitment, just information and encouragement. You can bring your questions and I will try to answer them.

Based on a survey of interested participants, I've chosen Friday, January 27 for our first meeting. We start at 11:00 and will try to finish in an hour. I'll send out the Zoom link to your emails a few days before.

While you're thinking about certification, visit the MTNA Certification website: certification.mtna.org.

If you have not yet indicated interest, please send me an email or text.

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2023 Sight-Reading and Skills Test

The VMTA Helen Parker Sight Reading and will be administered with the VMTA Skills Tests on –

Sunday, March 12, 2023

at Diehn Performing Arts Center
Old Dominion University

The registration DEADLINE is **January 10, 2023**.

The POSTMARK date is the same as the DEADLINE date.

There will be no make-up dates.

Syllabus is available from the State Chairperson. Detail 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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TMTF PLAY-A-THON

The 2022 TMTF Play-A-Thon was once again a hit for our organization! It was held at Greenbrier Mall in Chesapeake on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th. I would like to thank all of the teachers and students who participated in this event and helped to make it such a great success. Thirteen teachers participated with a total of 131 students registered to perform. A very special thank you goes to Elizabeth Smith, our Play-A-Thon Co-Chairman, who came every day to help with the setting up and/or taking down of all of the equipment, etc. we use at the event. I would also like to thank Cathy Bryan and Joan Edwards (hubby too) for their help and time in setting up on Friday and Laura Cardin (hubby too) for helping to pack everything up on Sunday.

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 to me by January 31, 2023. 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”**, **not your student’s pledge sheets**, 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 a success!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Play-A-Thon Chairman



TMTF CALENDAR

JANUARY 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 M.L. King Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

- 10 - **Deadline:** TMTF Levels of Progress
- 10 - **Deadline:** VMTA Keyboard Skills & Sight Reading Tests
- 18 - **Deadline:** VMTA Virtual Keyboard Skills Test Registration (Ref. P. 3)
- 20 - TMTF Meeting (Ref. p. 1)
- 21 - **Deadline:** Stafflines News
- 28 - VMTA Theory Test - Webb Center, ODU
- 31 - **Deadline:** Play-A-Thon pledges (award deadline) (Ref. P. 5)

FEBRUARY 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4

- 10 - TMTF Executive Board Meeting at Jordan Kitt's Music from 10am
- 12 - **Deadline:** Student Recital Norfolk
- 17 - TMTF Meeting, Clinician: Dr. Eric Ruple at Jordan Kitt's Music
- 19 - **Deadline** - Student Recital Portsmouth
- 21 - **Deadline** - Stafflines News
- 26 - Student Recital - Norfolk - Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church
- 26 - Student Recital - Portsmouth - West Side Christian Church

Happy Birthday

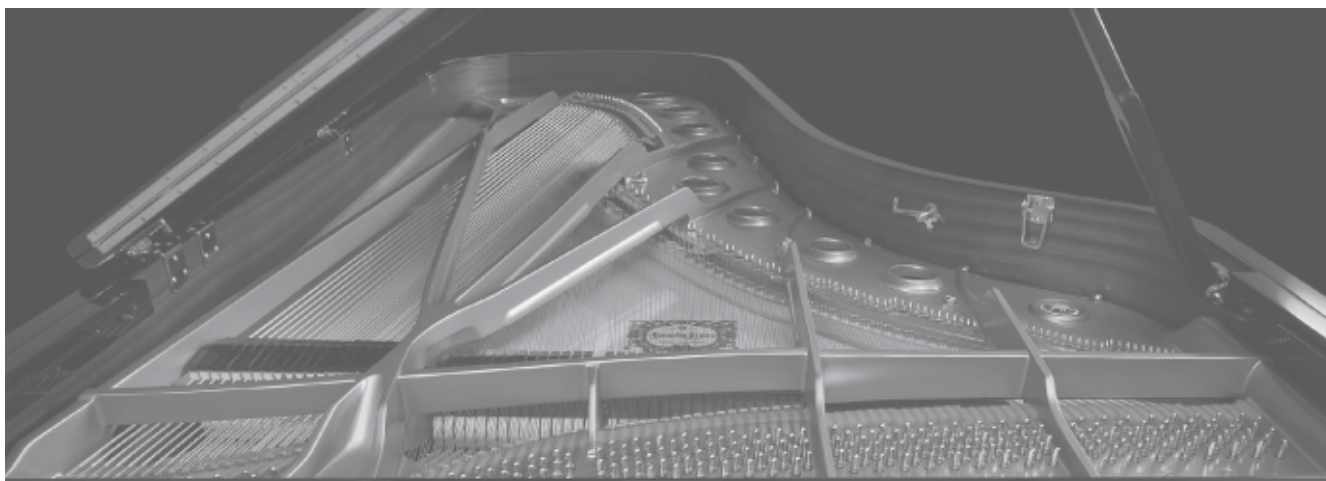
January

- 5 Hugh Middleton
- 7 Geraldine T. Boone
- 12 Romaine Hardy
- 12 Nancy Whitfield
- 17 Agnes Han
- 20 Susan Grice
- 28 Jeanette Winsor

February

- 3 Jane Gallatin
- 22 Alisa Bohon
- 25 Katherine Wright





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