

# STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

## President's Letter - June/July 2022



Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

Have you attended a classical music concert lately? I had the opportunity to see Olga Kern two evenings in the same week as part of the Virginia Arts Festival. Words cannot describe my feelings as I sat listening, in awe of these world class musicians. I was newly inspired and motivated to help my own students make beautiful music. Most of my students won't attain the standard set by these musicians, but it does make me want to up my game.

I encourage you to take the time to attend some local concerts this summer and in the coming year. Think what you could learn that would make your own teaching better. It's an inconvenience to have to reschedule lessons if the concerts are on weeknights, but in my mind it's worth it.

Virginia Arts Festival is a great place to start - vafest.org. Then check out the Virginia Symphony, Virginia Opera, Symphonicity and Tidewater Winds. There are concerts scheduled for outdoors in parks and at the oceanfront this summer.

Have an inspiring and musical summer!

Musically yours,

Susan Atkins, NCTM  
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## MTNA Membership Renewal

Please sign up for 2022-2023 MTNA membership if you have not yet done so. It covers the costs of the national, state, and local fees. It also includes the benefits of:

- **Peer Connections**—a network of outlets, forums and channels for like-minded individuals in the music profession to collaborate and communicate, both locally and nationally.
- **Ongoing Education**—conferences, events and advice on teaching tips and pedagogy, technology and web trends, master classes and informational sessions.
- **Invaluable Resources**—access to countless benefits, from Certification, publications and consultation services to competitions, teacher enrichment grants and insurance.”(cpd from MTNA.com)

Please join before **July 15** so that we can include your information in our yearbook!

To renew online, please go to [mtna.org](http://mtna.org)

Donna Halleck, Membership Chair

## MTNA Certification

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

Contact Susan Atkins, NCTM  
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## **VMTA 2022 State Conference**

Remember to mark your calendar and save the date for our fall conference! It is going to be held at Liberty University in Lynchburg on October 27th – 29th. Our featured guest clinician is Lisa Bastien and our guest artist is Thomas Pandolfi.

Plans are in motion for the festivities to begin on Thursday with competitions starting in the morning, a Leadership Summit, and a workshop by Lisa Bastien in the afternoon. The evening will conclude with a teacher recital. A conference announcement via Constant Contact was sent out on May 6th by our President Elect, Kimberly Parker. It contains links to the two hotels that have been secured at a discounted rate for VMTA members attending the conference. There will be more exciting workshops, concerts and recitals to attend the following two days of the conference.

Keep an eye on your email inbox for more details as they become available over the next few months. I hope to see you there!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
VMTA President

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## **Glover Scholarship Auditions**

The Glover Scholarship Auditions were held on April 9, 2022 at Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth. We had nine teachers enter students this year. Thirty eight students were registered and thirty seven auditioned. Twenty two students won a monetary award within grades 5 through 8. These awards included a first place of \$400, a second place of \$350, and a third place of \$300 in each school grade. A total of ten honorable mention awards of \$175 were also given. Teachers who had student winners include Susan Atkins, Joan Edwards, Donna Halleck, Mun Lee Han, Lynn Kleisler, Mary Ann Medlin, Josephine Jones and Elizabeth Smith.

A Joan Moore Memorial Award is given yearly to a deserving eighth grader that auditioned in this event due to donations given in her name to honor her. Joan Moore was one of the first to be on the Glover Scholarship Auditions Committee and was a friend of David Carr Glover as well as worked for him during her music career. The teacher of the student who received this \$100 award this year is Joan Edwards.

We appreciate all of you who supported this event and a very special “Thank You” goes to all of you who judged for us that day.

Chairman and Committee  
Lynn Kleisler, Joan Edwards & Donna Halleck

## Yearbook Ads

Do you know of a business or have a business that could benefit from being promoted in the public realm? Our organization is in need of expanding the advertisement pages in our Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Yearbook. We lost advertisements and revenue again last year due to the pandemic. Our ads are what help us defray the cost of the printing of our yearbooks and activity books. The income from the ads also helps with the cost of our monthly meetings/workshops.

In the past, our yearbook has included ads from local businesses, members or member affiliated businesses. This would be a great vehicle to let others know in our community about a business or service so that we can help support it and spread the word! Examples of advertisements in the past include real estate agents, jewelry making, landscaping, substitute organist or pianist, tutor, consignment shops, personal services, legal services, hair dresser, veterinarian services, website designer, home goods, insurance agent, health products, etc., etc.!!! This is only a small list of what is out there and what we personally encounter and use in our own life. A business card ad is only \$30 and is an inexpensive way to advertise.

Our complete yearbook ad prices are as follows:

1/8page	\$30.00 (business card size)
1/4 page	\$60.00
1/2 page	\$90.00
Full page	\$150.00
Inside cover page	\$175.00
Back Cover	\$200.00

If you know of any school, college, music organization, business or group that might be interested in advertising in our yearbook, please contact me as soon as you can with their information. I will be glad to reach out to them. I can be reached at (757) 925-0248 or [lynnkleisler@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnkleisler@yahoo.com).

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

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
Yearbook Ads Chairman

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## TMTF Play-A-Thon

There is yet a new total for the 2021 TMTF Play-A-Thon. It is \$7,601! Many thanks to all of you who made this possible.

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
Play-A-Thon Chairman

### TMTF Calendar

June 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			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		

No event

July 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					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
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### June

- 7 Susan Ha
- 7 Meghan Hutton
- 12 Helen Heifetz

### July

- 2 Lynn Kleisler
- 3 Yuko Farman
- 9 Wanda Hall
- 13 Alisa Dishong
- 16 Donna Halleck
- 16 Kristi Harriman
- 18 Sally Copeland
- 28 Sarah Lantz



### Eastern District Results 2022

#### Level IA

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Emilia Yu  
Teacher: Alisa Bohon
- Alternate: Ryder Shi  
Teacher: Galina Epelman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Manyao Zhang  
Teacher: Teresa Falk
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Keren Song  
Teacher: Galina Epelman
- HM: Liya Jiang-Umstadd  
Teacher: Galina Epelman

#### Level IB

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lauren Kang  
Teacher: Alisa Bohon
- Alternate: Chelsea Li  
Teacher: Liz Sjolund
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Matthew Chow  
Teacher: Susan Atkins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sophie Wu  
Teacher: Teresa Falk

#### Level II

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lydia Li  
Teacher: Galina Epelman
- Alternate: Hally Hallare  
Teacher: Jolanta Szewczyk
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: John Sunstone  
Teacher: Alisa Bohon
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Violet Cusher  
Teacher: Teresa Falk
- H.M. Joshua Kang  
Teacher: Teresa Falk

#### Level III

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Maxyn Hallare  
Teacher: Jolanta Szewczyk
- Alternate: Alan Schuster  
Teacher: Alisa Bohon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Isaac Li  
Teacher: Galina Epelman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Matthew Fan  
Teacher: Alisa Bohon
- H. M. Leo Guo  
Teacher: Teri Falk

The judges were Dr. Hsiang Tu, Virginia Tech and Dr. Paulo Steinberg, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA. There were 36 registrants and 34 participants. Thank you to all for your participation this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alisa Bohon,  
Eastern District Chair

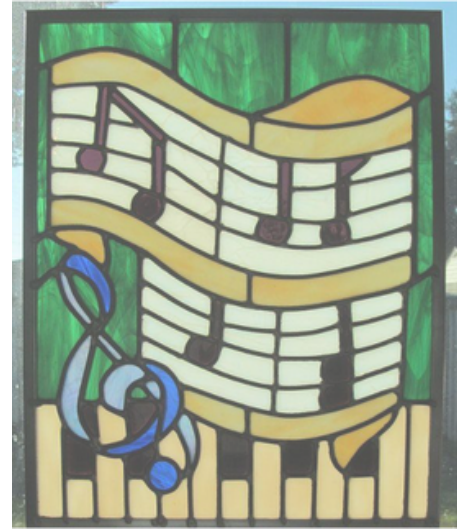
## SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL

### Prepare for our first Event in the fall!

This is the best opportunity for your students to prepare pieces for Play-A-Thon, Christmas Recitals, church offeratories, preludes, and specials without the pressure of memorization.

This event will be held at Thalia Lynn Baptist Church on Virginia Beach Blvd on Saturday morning, November 12, 2022.

If you're looking for good music to use, I highly recommend Wendy Steven's Hymns I, II, and III. [Composecreate.com](http://Composecreate.com)



Don't let this event pass you by! Get involved!

Donna Halleck, SMS chair



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A black and white illustration of a grand piano with a treble clef and musical notes above it.

## VMTA THEORY NOTICE

**Hello TMTF Teachers,**

- The results of the 2022 VMTA Theory Test are below.
- Eight teachers participated in the VMTA Theory event this year with a total of 124 students participating.
- The statistics for the different achievement levels are below.

**“Superior” 55**

**“Excellent” 37**

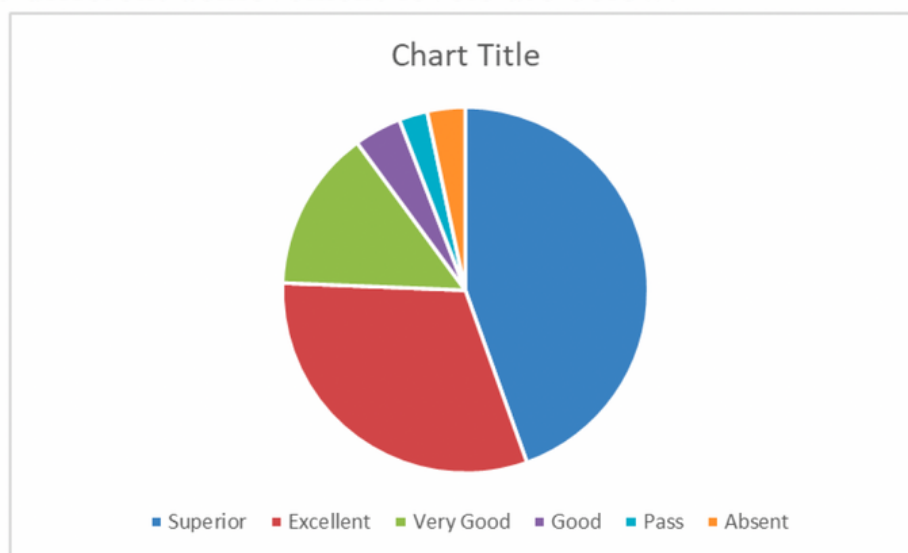
**“Very Good” 18**

**“Good” 5**

**“Pass” 3**

**“Not Pass” 2**

**“Absent” 4**



- Congratulations to 24 students and their teachers for achieving a 100% or more on this year’s VMTA Theory Test!
- These exceptional students with their teachers and levels are listed below.

Pri	Aaron Tran	Josephine Jones
Pri	Savannah Ward	Donna Halleck
1A	Jocelyn Wu	Josephine Jones
1B	Lydia Kauffman	Donna Halleck
1B	Margaret Kauffman	Donna Halleck
1B	Christine Cather	Donna Halleck
1B	Emeline Sawyer	Elizabeth Smith
1B	Kaden Leuer	Mun Lee Han
1B	Scarlett Smith	Mun Lee Han
1B	Cole Sutton	Susan Atkins
1B	Leonardo Hu	Elizabeth Sjolund
2A	Siddhant Samtani	Susan Atkins

2A	Neva Hatfield	Donna Halleck
2A	Anthony Guo	Mun Lee Han
2A	Joey Chen	Mun Lee Han
2A	Zoe Dooley	Mun Lee Han
2B	Abbie Copperthite	Donna Halleck
2B	Paul Bene	Elena Heifetz
3A	Autumn Wang	Josephine Jones
3A	Erick Zeng	Josephine Jones
3A	Shae Rogers	Josephine Jones
3A	Joseph Wu	Josephine Jones
5	Samantha De Paralta	Josephine Jones
9	Meilin Ranjan	Josephine Jones

Many Thanks to the eight teachers who participated and registered students in this year's VMTA Theory Test.

- ★ Susan Atkins
- ★ Galina Epelman
- ★ Donna Halleck
- ★ Mun Lee Han
- ★ Elena Heifetz
- ★ Josephine Jones
- ★ Elizabeth Sjolund
- ★ Elizabeth Smith

- I also want to acknowledge Dr. Nancy Klein, Music Chairman for the Old Dominion University Music Department, who sponsored this Music Theory Event.
- Next Year's 2023 VMTA Theory Test will be **January 28, 2023**.
- The Registration Deadline is November 14, 2022. Details will be in the next Stafflines.

*Have a Musically Exuberant, Super Summer!*

Sincerely,  
 Marilyn Forman, Theory Chairman  
 Susan Atkins, Theory Co-Chairman



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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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