

# STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

Today I'm saying goodbye as your president, and hello to our new co-presidents: Laura Cardin and Yuko Farman. But it's not really goodbye, as I will still be part of the group, involved in many of the events and attending board meetings as Past President. Heading an organization during the Covid pandemic has been memorable and rewarding. I thank all the members who have supported me and helped me get things done. What makes the Forum great? It's members - people like you who care about our students and improving all of our teaching skills.

What do you have planned for the summer? How about taking advantage of your MTNA membership and watching a webinar or two archived on the MTNA website. Or you could read some articles archived on the website.

The MTNA website has many resources for teachers, no matter how long you've been teaching or what instrument you teach. By the way, don't forget to renew your membership!

Another great project for the summer is to work on your certification project. The next Zoom meeting for certification is June 16.

Email or text me to tell me what time is good for you. We would like to get as many people as possible to join in.

If you have never entered your students in our events, please consider doing so during the 2023-24 school year. Yes, it's a bit more work, but oh so rewarding. Your students will suddenly have a reason to practice and they will feel a remarkable sense of achievement when they succeed. Contact me if you have questions!

At this moment, the Programs Committee is working on bringing some fantastic programs to our monthly meetings. Look for the calendar to be published in the August Stafflines and also in an email. You won't want to miss a single meeting!

Have a wonderful summer!

Musically yours,

Susan Atkins, NCTM  
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## CERTIFICATION MEETING IN JUNE

Our next Zoom Certification Meeting will be **Friday, June 16, 2023**. Please contact me to let me know what time is best for you.

I will send you the Zoom invitation a couple of days prior to the meeting. In the meantime, check out the website: [certification.mtna.org](http://certification.mtna.org).

That should get you interested and maybe you'd like to explore the possibilities with us.

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## GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

The Glover Scholarship Auditions were held on April 22, 2023 at Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth. We had eight teachers enter students in the event this year. Thirty three students were registered and thirty two 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 nine honorable mention awards of \$200 were also given.

Teachers who had student winners include Laura Cardin, Joan Edwards, Susan Grice, Mun Lee Han, Lynn Kleisler, Mary Ann Medlin and Josephine Jones.

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 teachers 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 Mun Lee Han.

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



## 2023 TMTF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Fifteen students will receive TMTF Achievement Awards for 2023.

These students have accumulated either 45, 30 or 15 points from participation in TMTF, VMTA and MTNA events.

### Third Trophy Award

- Austin Jones
- Anisha Warusavitharana
- Christina Wong

### Second Trophy Award

- Katelynn De Peralta
- Samantha De Peralta
- Andrew Huang
- Ellie Liu
- Shae Rogers

### First Trophy Award

- Joey Chen
- Neva Hatfield
- Erika Holmes
- Jacey Li
- Autumn Wang
- Erick Zeng
- Adam Zhu

The above students are from the studios of Donna Halleck, Mun Lee Han, and Josephine Jones.

Please consider enrolling your students in this program next year. It is a great way to encourage participation in TMTF and VMTA events and to give your students recognition for their piano study.

Josephine Jones,  
TMTF Achievement Award Chairman

**VMTA THEORY REPORT 2023**

Eleven teachers participated in the VMTA Theory test this year with a total of 136 students registered and 127 students who took the test.

Here's the breakdown of the scores and number of students for each.

- Superior ----- 54
- Excellent ----- 36
- Very Good ---- 21
- Good ----- 6
- Pass ----- 5
- Not Pass ----- 5
- Absent ----- 9

Congratulations to 10 students and their teachers for achieving a 100% or more on this year's VMTA Theory Test! See below for the list.

2B	Neva Hatfield	Donna Halleck
2B	Siri Liao	Helen Heifetz
3B	Victor Tang	Elizabeth Sjolund
Pri	Francis Kang	Mun Lee Han
Pri	Sophia Padgett	Mun Lee Han
Pri	Katie Sun	Mun Lee Han
3A	Kyan Yuan	Mun Lee Han
3B	Adeline Plemmons	Sally Copeland
Pri	Emma Chow	Susan Atkins
2A	Lydia Lynerd	Susan Cusher

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

Susan Atkins	Elena Heifetz
Sally Copeland	Josephine Jones
Susan Cusher	Joshua Miller
Galina Epelman	Elizabeth Sjolund
Donna Halleck	Elizabeth Smith
Mun Lee Han	

A very big thank you to ODU, who provided the venue for the test.

Another very big thank you to Sally Copeland, who helped with room reservations, catering and numerous attention to the details.

Another very big thank you to Phi Mu Alpha and the Community Music Division for providing volunteers.

Next year's test will be January 27, 2024. Please consider registering your students for this important part of their musical education.

Susan Atkins, NCTM  
2022-2023 Local Chairman

**2023 VMTA Fall State Conference**

Dear VMTA Members,

We are thrilled to announce that the 2023 VMTA Fall State Conference will take place **November 2-4 at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.**

Further details will follow soon. In the meantime, please mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Kim Parker, NCTM  
VMTA, President-elect



## 2023 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions and Honors Recitals

The 2023 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions were held on April 29 and 30, 2023. Sixty-five students from eight TMTF teachers registered for this event. Sixty-four students auditioned. Thank you to the teachers who served as judges, monitors and tabulators for the auditions: Susan Grice, Elizabeth Smith, Cathy Bryan, Elizabeth Sjolund, Tonya Holland, Mary Ann Medlin, Joshua Miller, Sally Copeland, Yuko Farman, Susan Atkins, Donna Halleck, Mun Lee Han, and Josephine Jones.

Forty students from seven teachers were selected to perform in two recitals on Sunday, May 21, 2023 in Chandler Hall at Old Dominion University. These recitals were dedicated to the memory of Myrenna Kickasola who served as TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions Chairman for over twenty years.

Josephine Jones, Honors Recitals Auditions Chairman  
Susan Grice, Honors Recitals Chairman

### EASTERN DISTRICT RESULTS 2023

#### Level IA

1st Place: Ryder Shi  
Teacher: Galina Epelman  
Alternate: Rinzen Llanto  
Teacher: Galina Epelman  
HM: Michael Nguyen  
Teacher: Galina Epelman

#### Level IB

1st Place: Matthew Chow  
Teacher: Susan Atkins  
Alternate: Manyao Zhang  
Teacher: Teresa Falk  
2nd Place: Chelsea Li  
Teacher Liz Sjolund  
3rd Place: Liya Jiang-Umstattd  
Teacher: Galina Epelman  
HM: Atrina Wang  
Teacher: Galina Epelman

#### Level II

1st Place: Lauren Kang  
Teacher: Alisa Bohon  
Alternate: John Sunstone  
Teacher: Alisa Bohon

2nd Place: Leah Ye  
Teacher: Susan Atkins  
3rd Place: Kamilla Safina  
Teacher: Galina Epelman  
HM: Andrew Chow  
Teacher: Susan Atkins

#### Level III

1st Place: Matthew Fan  
Teacher: Alisa Bohon  
Alternate: Corinne Lombardo  
Teacher: Alisa Bohon  
2nd Place: TIE  
Kobe Langen  
Teacher: Teresa Falk  
Lydia Li  
Teacher: Galina Epelman  
HM: Vikram Goudar  
Teacher: Joshua Miller

The May 20, 2023 Eastern District judges were Dr. Kristen Topham, Longwood University; Dr. Anna Billias, Washington and Lee; Dr. Keenan Reesor, Southern Virginia University, and Dr. Eric Ruple, James Madison University. There were 31 registrants and 29 participants. Thank you to all for your participation this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisa Bohon





# TEACHER RECITAL

at

SIMON JCC  
3000 CORPORATE WOODS DRIVE  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23462

1-3:00PM  
08.27.2023

All pieces must be 7 minutes or under. Chamber music is also encouraged.

Please contact Sarah Lantz ([slantz@jordankitts.com](mailto:slantz@jordankitts.com)) with the Title of the piece(s), composer(s), and duration, as well as your name and contact info.

Deadline for registration is August 13.

\*\*Registration will be closed as soon as the slots are filled.



**LOOK!**

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPATION POLICY:

Money raised from the TMTF Play-A-Thon supports all three scholarships TMTF offers: Louise Garrow Scholarship, David Carr Glover Scholarship and Glen Mayberry Scholarship. Therefore, **eligibility for students to receive funds requires that the teachers' studios must participate in the Play-A-Thon (at least one student must represent the studio) for the current school year.** Thus far, we have had this policy in place for David Carr Glover and Glen Mayberry Scholarships; **starting in 2024, this policy will also take effect for the Louise Garrow Scholarship.** (A TMTF teacher's studio must participate in the 2023 December Play-A-Thon in order for their 2024 Eastern District Audition Winners, who are traveling to the 2024 State Competitions, to receive the Louise Garrow Scholarship).

Laura Cardin  
Associate Treasurer

MTNA  
CERTIFICATION



MTNA Professional Certification is due for renewal.

Virtual or online events, meetings, conferences, festivals, competitions, etc, count for the same points as a live or in-person event.

Complete your renewal application online or print the PDF forms by clicking the button below.

[CLICK HERE](#)

You can request the forms be mailed to you by emailing [mtnacertification@mtna.org](mailto:mtnacertification@mtna.org).

**Renewals are due annually before July 1.** After July 1, a late fee will be assessed. You will receive additional notifications between now and the July 1 deadline.

## YEARBOOK ADS

Do you know of a business or perhaps 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 still have not regained the amount of advertisements and revenue that we had before 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, 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.

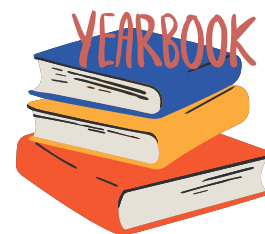
Our complete yearbook ad prices are as follows:

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).

An order form has been included in the Stafflines for you to share with potential advertisers in “your world”. Any assistance with helping to increase the number of ads in our yearbook would be greatly appreciated!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
TMTF Yearbook Ads Chairman





### TMTF Ads Order Form

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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May we contact you via e-mail? If so, please list your e-mail address below:

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Please check one of the following: Use Previous Ad \_\_\_\_\_ Hard Copy Sent \_\_\_\_\_ Email Copy Sent \_\_\_\_\_

The yearbook ad prices for this year are as follows:

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

(\* Includes a link to your business featured on our website.)

**Checks should be made payable to TMTF and sent to:**

Lynn Kleisler  
 2800 Airport Road  
 Suffolk, VA 23434  
 Phone: 757-925-0248  
 E-mail: [lynnkleisler@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnkleisler@yahoo.com)

Thank you so much for your support!

**TMTF SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS: 4TH QUARTER 2022-2023**

**TMTF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING ACCT. 4/1/23 thru 6/30/23**

<b>Opening Balance:</b>		\$	681.01
<b>Income:</b>			
VA Baptist Foundation Endowment	\$		2,197.00
Transfer - Glover 2023 Judges	\$		180.00
Transfer - Glover 2023 Scholarship Winners	\$		6,550.00
Transfer - Glover 2023 reimbursement- Joan Edwards	\$		10.60
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>8,937.60</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Glover 2023 Judges	\$		180.00
Glover Scholarships	\$		850.00
Transfer to Glover - VA Baptist Foundation Endowment	\$		2,197.00
Transfer - Glover 2023 reimbursement- Joan Edwards	\$		10.60
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>3,237.60</b>
<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>6,381.01</b>
<b>Outstanding checks: (To reflect actual account balance)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(5,700.00)</b>	<b>\$ 681.01</b>

**GARROW SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 4/1/23 thru 6/30/23**

<b>Opening Balance:</b>		\$	1,553.30
<b>Income:</b>			
Account interest	\$		0.19
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>0.19</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,553.49</b>

**GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 4/1/23 thru 6/30/23**

<b>Opening Balance:</b>		\$	19,875.24
<b>Income:</b>			
VA Baptist Foundation Endowment	\$		2,197.00
Deposit from Student Recitals Donations	\$		30.00
Account interest	\$		2.44
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>2,229.44</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Transfer to checking - Glover 2023 Judges	\$		180.00
Transfer to checking - Glover 2023 Scholarship Winners	\$		6,550.00
Transfer to checking - Glover 2023 reimbursement- Joan Edwards	\$		10.60
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>6,560.60</b>
<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>15,544.08</b>

**MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 4/1/23 thru 6/30/23**

<b>Opening Balance:</b>		\$8,339.89
<b>Income:</b>		
Account interest	\$	1.03
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1.03</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Closing Balance:</b>		<b>\$8,340.92</b>

**Laura Cardin**  
Associate Treasurer



# TMTF CALENDAR

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

6/16 - Certification meeting (Ref. p. 1)

JULY 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4 Independence Day	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

7/21 - Stafflines due

Happy Birthday



## June

- 7 Susan Ha
- 7 Meghan Hutton
- 12 Helen Heifetz
- 18 Cynthia Vaughn

## July

- 2 Lynn Kleisler
- 3 Yuko Farman
- 9 Wanda Hall
- 16 Donna Halleck
- 18 Sally Copeland
- 28 Sarah Lantz



The new MTNA membership year begins soon and it is time to renew! Please click the link below, sign in to your account, click the "Renew MTNA Membership" button in your member profile and follow the prompts. You may also renew with your mailed statement or by contacting (888) 512-5278.

Your current membership ends on **June 30**, and you must renew to continue receiving member benefits beyond this date.

### [RENEW ONLINE](#)

MTNA's programs serve as your connection to the larger established teaching community—a community committed to and interested in inspiring and developing its future members and the music-teaching profession as a whole.

Renew Your Membership Today!





# OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

## Pianos, Digital Pianos & Violins Available for Public Purchase Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 8-10, 2023

Dear Alumni, Friends and Neighbors:

The F. Ludwig Diehn School of Music at Old Dominion University has had the use of new first-class pianos on a no-cost basis for the 2022-2023 academic year. This arrangement is provided through a partnership with the Rockley Family Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting music education. The instruments provided to institutions or otherwise made available will be sold at a significant discount from new retail pricing to perpetuate this valuable program and provide resources to the School of Music.

A large selection of *grands, baby grands, digital player grands, vertical (upright) pianos, digital pianos, violins, violas and cellos* will be available. This event will feature starter to professional level instruments from such famous makers as ***Yamaha, Cristofori, Roland, Stravari Fine Violins, and other instrument manufacturers, with a discrete selection of pre-owned Steinway & Sons pianos.*** Most instruments are less than one-year old, include a new factory warranty, are tuned, and ready to go. Delivery and special no-interest financing is available on site. Moreover, in most cases, a substantial portion of your purchase is considered as a charitable contribution to the Rockley Family Foundation and may be TAX DEDUCTIBLE.\*

**BY APPOINTMENT:** You are invited to attend a special “pre-sale” on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 8-10, 2023 along with our faculty and staff. This will give you an opportunity to purchase with priority in selection and price reductions. To secure a time call: **(757) 536-3533**

This event will be held on campus in the Diehn Center for the Performing Arts, 1339 West 49th Street, Norfolk, VA 23529. Free parking is available in Garage E, 4904 Bluestone Ave. For directions and event details (including “virtual appointment” options) please call or visit: [www.RockleyFamilyFoundation.org/ODU](http://www.RockleyFamilyFoundation.org/ODU)

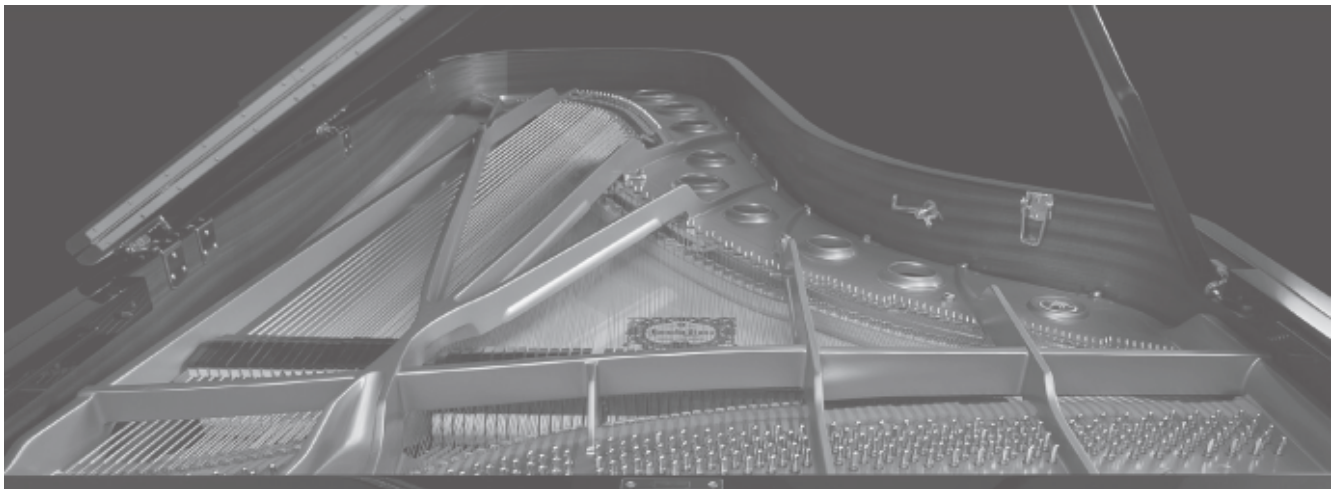
In a time where creative solutions are needed to maintain a properly equipped music program, this collaboration is important to us in our efforts to further education in the arts. We invite you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Nancy K. Klein, Ph.D.  
Director, F. Ludwig Diehn School of Music

**For information & available appointment times call (757) 536-3533**

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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

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Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to Yuko Farman, NCTM, 9052 River Crescent, Suffolk, VA 23433

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