

STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Friday, March 8, 2024

Mini Concert & Piano Masterclass
Presented by Kwan Yi

Location: Jordan Kitt's Music
5164 Virginia Beach Blvd.,
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

10:00 Business Meeting and Workshop



Biography

Pianist Kwan Yi has performed throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia in such venues as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Kimmel Center, Kennedy Center, Chicago Symphony Center, Mann Performing Arts Center, Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Library of Congress, Metropolitan and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museums, Großer Sendesaal des Hessischen Rundfunks, Auditorium du Louvre, Teatro Principal de Alicante, Teatro Gayarre, Suntory Hall, and Seoul Arts Center.

Yi has appeared as a soloist with the Russian National Orchestra, Houston Symphony Orchestra, Brevard Festival Orchestra and the North Carolina Symphony under the batons of Hans Graf, Julian Kuerti, Grant Llewellyn and Mikhail Tartanikov. As a recitalist and masterclass instructor, he has completed residencies at University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Bowling Green State University, University of Georgia, Michigan State University, and University of South Carolina. As a chamber musician, he has collaborated with Itzhak Perlman, Miriam Fried, and Roberto Diaz on national tours and was invited to perform at the Kronberg, Ravinia, Trondheim, and the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern festivals and Carnegie Hall Presents, Curtis Presents, CIM Mixon Hall Masters, and Peoples' Symphony Concert series. He has recorded for FHR and Hänssler labels with violinist Itamar Zorman.

A recipient of many honors and prizes, Yi's awards include Mieczyslaw Munz Prize, National Federation of Music Clubs Award, and prizes at the Fourth Sendai International Piano Competition.

Yi is a graduate of the Curtis Institute, Juilliard School and the Peabody Institute where he worked with Leon Fleisher and Robert McDonald. He currently serves as associate professor of piano at the East Carolina University School of Music.



President's Letter March 2024

I hope this message finds you in good spirits as we have entered the latter half of the school year. I want to extend my gratitude to our dedicated event chairpersons whose efforts have ensured the successful execution of TMTF and VMTA yearly events thus far.

Our February workshop welcomed Dr. Zachary Deak as our guest speaker. Dr. Deak's lecture on piano memorization was thorough and engaging, providing valuable insights gathered from the viewpoints of accomplished pianists. Among the many valuable takeaways from his presentation, a few points resonated with me.

One such insight, stated by Stephen Hough, likened piano performance to a theatrical experience, underscoring the significance of performing from memory. Angela Hewitt highlighted that while playing from memory demonstrates dedication, it necessitates continuous training to keep our "memory muscles" sharp.

In conclusion, while opinions on piano memorization vary, the key aspect in teaching is to adopt a personalized approach, acknowledging that each student's path is unique and should be addressed accordingly.

Looking ahead, we have the MTNA conference scheduled for March. I have yet to attend one, and I am eagerly anticipating the experience.

Our March workshop is on Friday, March 8th. Three students are performing for the masterclass. I hope to see you there!

Warm regards,

Yuko Farman, NCTM
Co-President



Piano Masterclass **program**

with Guest Artist
Kwan Yi

Mathew Chow, Student of
Susan Atkins

Impromptu Op 28 No. 3
by Hugo Rheinhold (1954-1935)

Chelsea Li, Student of
Elizabeth Sjolund

Sonata in C Major K. 330
Allegro Moderato
by W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Neva Hatfield, Student of
Donna Halleck

Claire de Lune
by Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Monthly Performance Class for Teachers

A member has suggested reinstating the monthly performance class for teachers. In the past, these gatherings took place at various homes, with teachers rotating hosting duties. This allows teachers to keep up with performance skills. If you are interested, please contact Yuko Farman at yukofarman@gmail.com

Glover Scholarship Auditions

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline for the David Carr Glover Scholarship Auditions is **April 1st**. The event is going to be held on April 20th at Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth. Please make sure that **two** typed judging sheets accompany each student's application. If a student's application form has two sheets, be sure to staple them together so that they do not get mixed up with other application forms. Also, please **do not** staple the applications to the judging sheets. The applications and judging sheets should all be mailed in a large envelope and not folded. Please check the TMTF Yearbook and TMTF Activity Book for more detailed information.

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Glover Scholarship Chairman

Certification Meeting

Start the process or just get more information about MTNA Certification.

Date: Friday, March 22, 2024

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Location: In-person at Susan Atkins' house - 4537 Biscayne Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455
RSVP to Susan Atkins. Want to Zoom? - RSVP to receive link. Want more information? Visit [Certification.mtna.org](https://www.certification.mtna.org)

Susan Atkins, NCTM
Chairperson, Certification
757-282-8220
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Piano Day at CNU

Christopher Newport University is organizing "Piano Day" at the Ferguson Center for the Arts in Newport News on Saturday, March 30th, 2024. This event welcomes piano students aged 12 to 18 to participate in a stress-free workshop aimed at fostering performance skills, learning, and sharing their passion for the instrument. Participants will have the opportunity to perform in a Masterclass with CNU faculty and engage in a relaxed recital atmosphere. The event is free of charge. The teachers are allowed to attend the Piano Day events even if their students are not registered.

The deadline to register for your student is Friday, March 15th

<https://cnu.edu/academics/departments/music/festivals/pianoday/>

Performance Opportunity for Your Student

Our member Susan Grice wanted to introduce you to an exciting performance opportunity for your talented students. The program is called Sundays at Four Terrific Teen Performance.

Talented teenagers aged 13 to 19 are offered the chance to audition for a performance opportunity. Selected performers will have the opportunity to showcase a 12 to 15-minute program at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Smithfield, VA every August.

For more information, contact Yuko Farman at yukofarman@gmail.com.

TMTF CALENDAR

March 2024

- 1** **DEADLINE - TMTF Play-A-Thon** (participation in scholarship events deadline)
- 8** 10:00 a.m. TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Clinician: Kwan Yi
Jordan Kitt's Music - 5164 VA Beach Blvd., VA Beach, VA 23462
- 9** TMTF Levels of Progress - Portsmouth, Virginia Beach
- 10** TMTF Levels of Progress - Virginia Beach, Norfolk
- 16** **DEADLINE - TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions**
- 16-20** MTNA Conference - Atlanta, GA
- 21** **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**

LOP is a prerequisite for the Honors Auditions.

April 2024

- 1** **DEADLINE - Glover Scholarship Auditions**
- 1** **DEADLINE - VMTA Eastern District Auditions**
- 19** TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Clinician: Dr. Nancy H. Barry
Diehn Performing Arts Center, Old Dominion University
- 20** TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions
Monumental UMC, 450 Dinwiddie St, Portsmouth, VA 23704
- 21** **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
- 27-28** TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions
Marsh School of Music, 328 Office Square Ln #102, VA Beach, VA 23462
- 29** **DEADLINE - Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions**

Snacks and coffee are no longer provided at the monthly meetings.



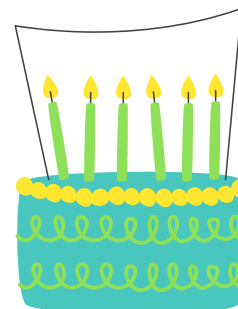
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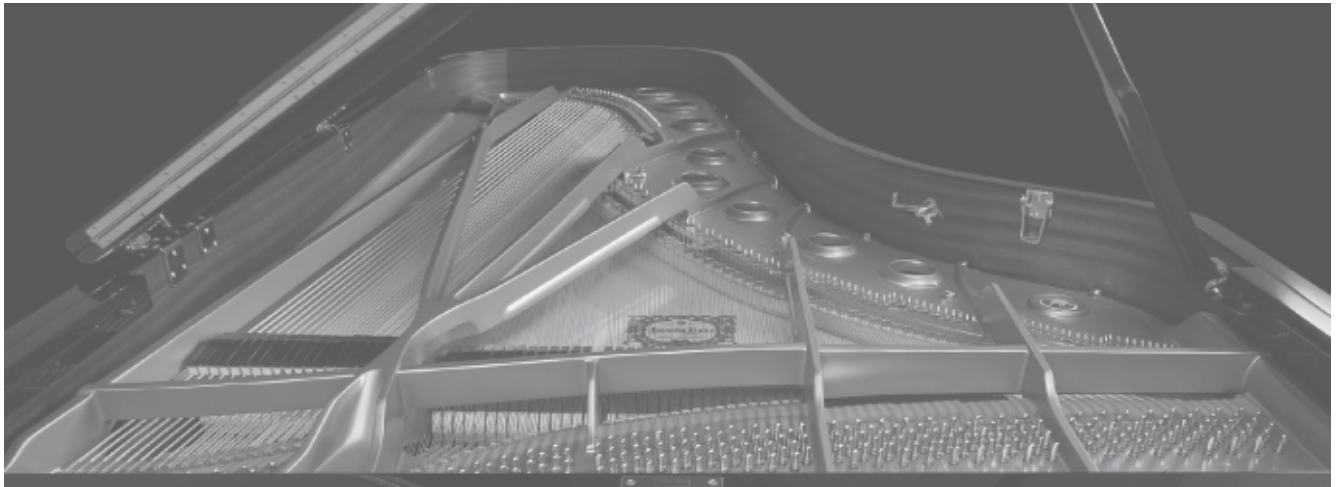
March

- 1 Laura Cardin
- 18 Mary Ann Medlin
- 19 Walter Noona
- 21 Rebekah Ruth-Nieto
- 22 Elizabeth Sjolund
- 30 Cathy Bryan
- 30 Galina Epelman

April

- 10 Joan Edwards
- 18 Brenda Watkins
- 24 Anna Perkins Settle





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