

STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum



Friday, October 20, 2023

**“The Art of Pedaling and Q&A”
Presented by Thomas Pandolfi**

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

9:30 Coffee & Breakfast Treats
10:00 Business Meeting and Workshop
12:00 Lunch

Thomas Pandolfi began his music career early on at The Juilliard School (BM & MM) where the young prodigy caught the influential ears of Vladimir Horowitz, who would become his mentor, and legendary composer, Morton Gould. Since then he has been an audience favorite, selling out the world’s most prestigious stages, including Lincoln Center Alice Tully Hall, Strathmore, The Kennedy Center, Kiev Opera House, Bucharest’s Romanian Athenaeum, London’s Cadogan Hall, and many others.

In addition to being hailed as one of the greatest interpreters of Polish masters such as Chopin and Paderewski, this versatile pianist has received accolades from every thing from Bach to Gershwin, with Morton Gould saying, “It’s the finest performance of Gershwin I have heard since the composer himself.” His original and virtuosic transcriptions of works such as West Side Story and Phantom of the Opera, are one-of-a-kind, jaw-dropping, and dramatic encores that keep audiences of all ages returning to his performances again and again. Maestro Pandolfi is a Steinway Artist and when he is not on tour, resides in Northern Virginia.

Concert Information

Date: Friday, October 20, 2023
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Location: The Governor’s School For The Arts
254 Granby St, Norfolk, VA 23510

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER OCTOBER 2023

I hope you have had a great start to the year and that your first month was filled with success! Our initial meeting and workshop were very successful, drawing music teachers from different chapters, along with our own members and their guests.

A significant contributor to the success of the workshop was our esteemed guest, Tom Gerou. (Please refer to his impressive biography in the previous issue of Stafflines or visit TMTF.org.) Tom is a remarkably talented composer, specializing in piano music. During the workshop, he shared insights into the inspiration behind his compositions sprinkling in some delightful humor. It was truly a privilege to hear about his creative process, and we were fortunate to have this unique opportunity.

One of the key factors in our workshop's success was excellent organization, thanks to Susan Atkins. Susan not only extended the invitation to Tom Gerou but also arranged for a lunch that was enjoyed by all. After all, who can resist good food and lively conversations?

In summary, our inaugural workshop set the bar high and lived up to the expectations of a kick-off event.

Shifting our focus, mark your calendars for this month's workshop. The accomplished pianist, Thomas Pandolfi, will be sharing his insights on pedaling exclusively with TMTF members. He will also be performing a concert on the same evening at the Governor's School For The Arts.

Furthermore, the VMTA conference is just around the corner. Make sure you read the conference announcement from the VMTA president, our very own Lynn Kleisler on page 3.

I hope to see you at the next meeting/workshop and at the VMTA conference. Your participation would greatly enrich our event!

Yuko Farman
Co-President



For more photos from the September workshop, please visit the Tidewater Music Teacher's Forum Facebook page. Mun Lee Han has been managing our FB page and posting event photos for some time now. Cynthia Vaughn is now handling hospitality and also sharing pictures.



The printed Yearbook and activity book are now ready for pickup. **Please join us at the meeting and workshop to collect your copy.** We'd appreciate it if you could pick them up in person to help us save on both cost and time, rather than mailing them.



Sacred Music Festival

Deadline for the Sacred Music Festival is October 20th!



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

This event will be held at Thalia Lynn Baptist Church on Virginia Beach Blvd and Monumental Methodist Church in Portsmouth on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

If you're looking for good music to use, I highly recommend Wendy Steven's Hymns I, II, and III (composecreate.com)

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

Donna Halleck
Sacred Music Festival Chairperson

Get Involved in TMTF!

We have plenty of opportunities to get involved by helping with events, such as judging, and administering various tests, auditions, and recitals. These are excellent opportunities to contribute your talent and connect with other music teachers. If you are interested, please contact our co-president, Laura Cardin or Yuko Farman.

VMTA 2023 State Conference



The 2023 Virginia Music Teachers State Conference is coming up very soon! It will be held November 2nd - 4th at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. We are excited that our Guest Clinician is Dr. Randall Faber, who will be doing two presentations for us besides a publisher's workshop. Our Guest Artist and Master Class Clinician is Dr. Artina McCain, who is a Yamaha Artist. Other exciting conference highlights include dynamic sessions by VMTA members, student competitions, vendor exhibits and a banquet.

The conference will also feature many outstanding concerts. They include the VMTA Teacher Recital, the VMTA and MTNA Competition Winners' Recital, the Guest Artist Concert, the Commissioned Composer Concert and the VMTA Concerto Competition Winners Concert in partnership with the ODU Symphony Orchestra.

The conference hotel is Springhill Suites which is across from ODU. The deadline date for the VMTA special conference rate is **October 2nd**. Full conference information and registration can be found on our new website, vmta-music.org.

Please note that there will be a football game at ODU on Saturday, so you may want to consider staying at the hotel. If you have not registered, I hope you will make plans to attend and invite others to join you!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
VMTA State President

TMTF Play-A-Thon

Students of all levels and any instrument are invited to share their love of music by performing at this fun event. All students will receive a little prize after they perform. They can play seasonal, hymn, classical, duets, popular, or ensemble music, etc. **Pieces that students prepared for the Sacred Music Festival could also be used for this event.** Memorization is not required!!!

The deadline for this event is coming up in the next month! Registration is due by November 11th. The dates for the Play-A-Thon this year are December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. It will be held at Greenbrier Mall in Chesapeake in front of the Piano Showcase. Please use the current registration form that can be found in the 2023 Activity Book. Other Play-A-Thon forms can also be found there such as the Student Pledge Form, Letter to Parents, Teacher Guidelines, etc. Now is the time to start handing the Pledge Sheets out to your students to give them time to secure pledges before the event.

More information about this event can also be found in the TMTF Yearbook. **Please note that it is a requirement for a teacher's studio to participate in this event if entering students in the Glover Scholarship Auditions, Glen Mayberry Competition or receive money from the Louise Garrow Memorial Scholarship Fund this school year.** As well as helping our three scholarship funds, students will also have an opportunity to win cash prizes themselves if they bring in one of the three highest amounts of pledge money! Remember to tell students that donations are tax deductible.

If you have not participated before, we hope you will consider entering some students in the event this year!

Chairman: Lynn Kleisler, NCTM

Co-Chairman: Elizabeth Smith

CERTIFICATION MEETING

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

Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 **Time:** 10:00 am - 11:00 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

Susan Atkins, NCTM
Chairperson, Certification

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VMTA Theory Test

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START PREPARING FOR THE THEORY TEST

VMTA Theory Test

Saturday, January 28, 2024

9:00 Levels 4-12

10:30 Levels P-3B

Webb Center, Old Dominion University

Deadline: December 14, 2023

Fee: \$14 per test, make payable to TMTF

See TMTF Activity Booklet for details and registration form

How to prepare your students? See the Theory Syllabus on the VMTA website -

<https://vmta-music.org/>

The VMTA theory test is required to enter Eastern District Competitions

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR STUDENTS!

Questions?

Susan Atkins - pianolarningcenter@gmail.com or 757-282-8220

From the Richmond Music Teachers Association

As part of our 50th celebration for the Richmond Music Teachers Association, we will be having Melody Bober come on Saturday, October 21. She will share a lecture workshop, a showcase of new music, and a student recital. We are very excited, and we would love to invite you all to come too!

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023

Location: St. Luke Lutheran Church 7757, Chippenham Pkwy Richmond, VA 23225

Workshop and Music Showcase of New Bober Music: "Composition 101 - Giving every student the opportunity to compose" 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Break with Refreshments: 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Student Recital and presentation of Commissioned Piece,

Answer period and group photo - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

We would love to get a headcount if you (and other members) would like to come! Kjos is also preparing samplers of music to send for our day, so we'd love to hear from you.

If possible, please complete the google form so we can get an estimate of people coming. You can either send a note to your association and fill out the google form (with a headcount in the "notes" section) or you can request your association to fill out separately.

<https://forms.gle/MXzbGevQNb1MTQn56>

Jennifer Scott

TMTF CALENDAR

October 2023

- 13 10:00 a.m. TMTF Executive Board Meeting via Zoom
- 20 10:00 a.m. TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Clinician: Thomas Pandolfi
Jordan Kitt's Music - 5164 VA Beach Blvd., VA Beach, VA 23462
- 20 **DEADLINE - Sacred Music Festival**
- 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**

November 2023

- 1 **DEADLINE - Achievement Award Registration**
- 2-4 **VMTA State Conference at Old Dominion University**
- 5 **DEADLINE - TMTF Student Recital - VA Beach**
- 11 **DEADLINE - TMTF Play-A-Thon Registration**
- 11 TMTF Sacred Music Festival
 - *Thalia Lynn Baptist Church, 4321 VA Beach Blvd, VA Beach, VA 23452*
 - *Monumental UMC, 450 Dinwiddie St, Portsmouth, VA 23704*
- 12 **DEADLINE - TMTF Student Recital - Portsmouth**
- 17 10:00 a.m. TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Clinician: Keiko Sekino, DMA
Jordan Kitt's Music - 5164 VA Beach Blvd., VA Beach, VA 23462
- 19 Student Recital - VA Beach - Coastal Virginia Unitarian Universalist Church
- 19 Student Recital - Portsmouth - West Side Christian Church

Happy Birthday!

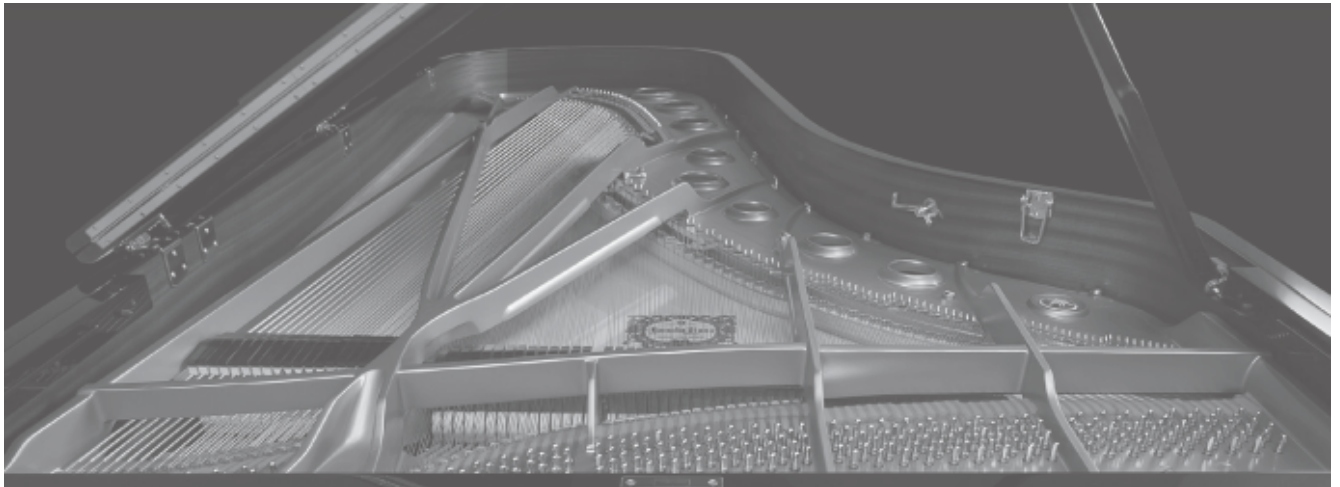
October

- 8 Julie Heard
- 15 Mary Taylor
- 15 Joshua Miller
- 21 Elizabeth Smith
- 27 Elizabeth Baker

November

- 1 Carol Cook
- 3 Adrienne Gaines
- 10 Avelina Ibarra
- 25 Amanda Lea Marsrow
- 30 Susie Keele





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