



# STAFFLINES



Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

## ~Meeting and Workshop~

**Friday, September 23, 2022**

Jordan Kitt's Music

5164 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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

**Dr. Paulo Steinberg**

***"Guiding Intermediate Students Through the Bridge"***



Research shows that a big percentage of students who quit piano lessons are between ages 11 and 14. That is when many extracurricular activities are added to their schedule which affect their performance in other areas, including piano. How can we prepare our intermediate students for that inevitable phase? How can we keep them engaged and motivated? More importantly, how can we GUIDE them through the bridge that will lead to their success? This lecture will discuss a few tips that might help your students make progress and succeed during a very busy phase in their lives.

### Biography

Dr. Paulo Steinberg has performed as a soloist and as a collaborative pianist across the U.S., Canada, South America, and Europe. In the spring of 2017, he undertook a European recital tour stretching from the U.K. to Latvia including Ireland, Scotland, Luxembourg, Austria, Germany, and Sweden.

He holds Piano Performance degrees from Conservatório "Carlos Gomes" and Universidade de São Paulo in Brazil, Arizona State University (M.M) and Indiana University (D.M.). His main piano teachers include Carlos Yansen, Paulo Gori, Gilberto Tinetti, and Evelyne Brancart.

Dr. Steinberg often serves as an adjudicator in competitions, and offers master classes, lectures, workshops and performances in the U.S. and abroad. His summer projects normally include teaching at the Saarbürg Chamber Music Summer Festival in Germany and traveling around Europe, Brazil and/or Canada. His research interests focus on piano technique and Brazilian music.

Besides his love for teaching and performing, Steinberg has served in several administrative positions, most recently as president of the Virginia Music Teachers Association.

Four CD albums have been released recently: The Recital Clarinetist in collaboration with clarinetist Dr. Janice Minor; Duos in collaboration with clarinetist Dr. Sarunas Jankauskas; Time, Place, Spirit in collaboration with flutist Dr. Beth Chandler; and his solo CD album Alma Brasileira. For more information, go to [www.paulosteinberg.com](http://www.paulosteinberg.com) or follow him on Instagram (@paulosteinberg).



## President's Letter - April 2022

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

Are you as excited as I am about the upcoming school year? I get the feeling we're all ready to put the past two years of craziness behind us and open the door to a new era. 2022-23 promises to be a year full of possibilities and opportunities for professional growth, not only for us, but also for our students. The 2022-23 calendar is now on the website so take a look at it now so you can participate in all the great meetings and events we have to offer.

### Conference

Are you planning to attend the VMTA Conference at Liberty University? It promises to be one of the best ever - check it out on the [virginiamta.org](http://virginiamta.org) website. Register now to attend on October 27-29 and don't forget to make a hotel reservation. All the information is on the website.

### MTNA Certification

When I received my MTNA certification in piano in 2006, it changed my life. Truly, it did. The process was thorough and made me a better teacher. Now I'm the TMTF Certification Chair and I want to help you get certified too. Join me for monthly Zoom meetings where we can exchange information, get questions answered and most of all, get started. What days and times are good for you? I was thinking Friday mornings, once a month. If you're interested, please contact me - see below.

Musically yours,

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### Congratulations to Susan Cusher

Our fellow TMTF member, Susan Cusher, was a recipient of a MTNA grant of \$750 to further her teaching education. She is going to use the money for her preparation for the Associate Diploma (ARCT) in Piano Performance at the Royal Conservatory of Music Toronto, Canada. Susan is originally from Canada and is currently living in Virginia. She plans to take her practical examination in 2023.





## Take advantage of this learning opportunity

### All teachers are invited!

Jordan Kitt's Music is hosting a virtual teachers' workshop presented by  
**Laura Zaruta**  
 on **Tuesday, October 25**  
 at Jordan Kitt's Music 5164 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462

10:00 Coffee

10:30 Virtual workshop

### ***"How do you keep the music playing? Putting the FUN back in FUNdamentals and creating life-long musicians."***

Laura will explore creative ways to present music fundamentals that will inspire and motivate students, as well as help teachers relate to today's "connected lifestyle" while emphasizing the traditional elements of piano study.

#### Biography

Laura Zaruta is a piano teacher, clinician, and trainer with extensive experience working with teachers and schools, including public/private K-12, higher education, and private studios. As a clinician, Laura regularly presents on educational topics such as group piano teaching, blending traditional teaching with technology, and the benefits of interactive learning.

Laura studied both piano and clarinet as a child and was fortunate to be part of a wonderful public school music program. She was awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Marywood University and graduated co-valedictorian of her class with a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance. She went on to complete a Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy from Temple University, where she also studied collaborative piano and opera coaching.



## 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 two locations on **Saturday, November 12, 2022.**

- Thalia Lynn Baptist Church on Virginia Beach Blvd.
- Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth

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





## VMTA 2022 State Conference

Our VMTA State Conference is coming up next month! 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. The festivities will begin on Thursday with competitions and a Leadership Summit starting in the morning. Workshops by Lisa Bastien and Dr. Paul Rumrill from Liberty University will be in the afternoon. The evening will conclude with a teacher recital. Dr. Gary Ingle, Executive Director and CEO of MNTA, will be our guest speaker. There will be vendors, more exciting workshops, competitions, concerts, a banquet, and recitals to attend the following two days of the conference.

Registration information, which includes the registration form, workshop details and hotel information can be found on the website, [virginiamta.org](http://virginiamta.org). The early bird registration date ends **September 30th**. Links to the two hotels that have been secured at a discounted rate for VMTA members attending the Conference can also be found on the website. The deadline date for the discounted hotel rate is **September 27th**. I hope to see you at LU in October!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
VMTA President

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### WANT TO UP YOUR TEACHING GAME? GET CERTIFIED THROUGH MTNA



Do you want to be a better music teacher?  
Do you want to gain additional respect from your colleagues, your students and their parents?  
Do you want to have more confidence in your teaching?

When I became certified through MTNA in 2006, it changed my life, and it can change yours too. As the TMTF Certification Chair, I want to help you through the certification process.

Wondering about the cost of certification? VMTA and TMTF are offering a \$100 reimbursement each (total \$200) to offset the cost of certification.

Beginning in October, I'll be hosting monthly Zoom meetings where you can check in, get your questions answered, exchange information, and most of all, get motivated.

I was thinking Friday mornings. What day and time would work for you? Let me know - see below for my contact information.

Curious? Find out more at: [Certification.MTNA.org](http://Certification.MTNA.org).

Just think - in less than a year, you could have 4 more letters after your name. NCTM stands for Nationally Certified Teacher of music.

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## VMTA THEORY NOTICE

**It is time to begin planning for next year's VMTA Theory Test!**

**This event will be held on January 28, 2023, at Old Dominion University at the student Webb Center. The dates and deadlines are below:**

**January 28, 2023 – VMTA Theory Test**

**November 14, 2022 – Registration Deadline**

**December 1, 2022 – Deadline for changes**

**Location – Webb Center at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529**

The Registration Deadline is earlier this year because of the Webb Center Scheduling Requirements. Changes in levels can be made up to the deadline of December 1, 2022. Therefore, begin planning which of your students will be taking the Theory Test now. Adding additional students can be done up to the December 1, 2022 deadline. Presently, wearing masks at the Webb Center is optional.

The student can take only one test level per year and the fee is \$14.00. One check, made payable to **TMTF**, should be submitted by the teacher for his/her students and sent to the local Theory Chairman, Marilyn Forman. See the TMTF Activities Book for the Registration Forms required for this VMTA Theory Event.

Teachers can purchase a hard copy of the 2013 VMTA Sample Theory Syllabus from Marilyn Forman, TMTF Theory Chairman, This Sample Syllabus is also available on the VMTA Website. [www.music-usa.org/vmta](http://www.music-usa.org/vmta)

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| <p>The VMTA Sample Theory Syllabus includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Twelve levels of practice tests</li> <li>➤ Corresponding Answer Keys</li> <li>➤ Flash Drive for the Aural Test</li> <li>➤ New Terms Glossary</li> </ul> | <p>Marilyn Forman, NCTM<br/>Theory Chairman<br/>37 Patton Drive<br/>Newport News, VA 23606-1744</p> |
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The cost of the Sample Theory Syllabus is \$21.00. Send Marilyn a check made payable to TMTF with "Theory Tests" written in the memo field.

This year's 2022 VMTA Theory Tests were administered by individual teachers in their own studios. Eight teachers participated with 124 students registered for this event. The eight teachers who participated are listed below.

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

The results of the 2022 VMTA Theory Test are listed below:

|                  |    |                 |   |
|------------------|----|-----------------|---|
| <i>Superior</i>  | 55 | <i>Pass</i>     | 3 |
| <i>Excellent</i> | 37 | <i>Not Pass</i> | 2 |
| <i>Very Good</i> | 18 | <i>Absent</i>   | 4 |
| <i>Good</i>      | 5  |                 |   |

- Congratulations to 24 students and their teachers for achieving a 100% or more on this year's 2022 VMTA Theory Test!

| Student             | Teacher            | Level |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Aaron Tran          | Josephine A. Jones | Pri   |
| Savannah Ward       | Donna Halleck      | Pri   |
| Jocelyn Wu          | Josephine A. Jones | 1A    |
| Christine Cather    | Donna Halleck      | 1B    |
| Leonardo Hu         | Elizabeth Sjolund  | 1B    |
| Lydia Kauffman      | Donna Halleck      | 1B    |
| Margaret Kauffman   | Donna Halleck      | 1B    |
| Kaden Leuer         | Mun Lee Han        | 1B    |
| Emeline Sawyer      | Elizabeth B. Smith | 1B    |
| Scarlett Smith      | Mun Lee Han        | 1B    |
| Cole Sutton         | Susan Atkins       | 1B    |
| Joey Chen           | Mun Lee Han        | 2A    |
| Zoe Dooley          | Mun Lee Han        | 2A    |
| Anthony Guo         | Mun Lee Han        | 2A    |
| Neva Hatfield       | Donna Halleck      | 2A    |
| Siddhant Samtani    | Susan Atkins       | 2A    |
| Paul Bene           | Elena Heifetz      | 2B    |
| Abbie Copperthite   | Donna Halleck      | 2B    |
| Shae Rogers         | Josephine A. Jones | 3A    |
| Autumn Wang         | Josephine A. Jones | 3A    |
| Joseph Wu           | Josephine A. Jones | 3A    |
| Erick Zeng          | Josephine A. Jones | 3A    |
| Samantha De Paralta | Josephine A. Jones | 5     |
| Meilin Ranjan       | Josephine A. Jones | 9     |

- I also want to gratefully 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**.
- Refer to the 2022 – 2023 TMTF Yearbook and Activity Book for forms and details.



## Keep the Music Alive!

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# TMTF Calendar

## September 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     |          |

## October 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
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| 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     | 31     |         |           |          |        |          |

### 9/21 DEADLINE Stafflines

9/23 - TMTF Meeting/Workshop  
 Detail posted in page 1 of this newsletter

10/14 - TMTF Executive Board Meeting  
 10/21 - TMTF Meeting/Workshop presented by Dr. Annie Jeng

### 10/21 - Deadline - Sacred Music Festival Deadline - Stafflines

10/27~29 VMTA Conference



### September

- 2 Josephine Jones
- 6 Elizabeth Edler
- 16 Sharon Alston
- 17 Jessica Tuttobene
- 25 Debra Newton
- 28 Christine Ward
- 30 Vernon McCart

### October

- 5 Rachel Matthews
- 15 Mary Taylor
- 15 Joshua Miller
- 21 Elizabeth Smith
- 27 Elizabeth Baker Duncan
- 29 Kelsey Jamerson



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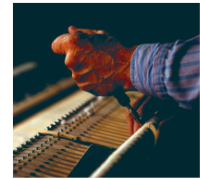
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**\$500 Instant Rebate on Roland GP609**

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**Yamaha b Series upright piano!**

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