



NOVEMBER 2018

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## NOVEMBER MEETING

*Dr. Peter Ryan  
Johann Nepomuk Hummel -  
"Anticipating the Romantics"*

Friday, November 16, 2018

**Newton Piano**

3750 Virginia Beach Boulevard  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

9:30 Coffee and Shopping  
10:00 Business Meeting and Workshop  
12:00 Lunch

*Membership Drive  
Any member who brings a  
"teacher friend"  
will receive a \$10 gift card  
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Johann Nepomuk Hummel (1778-1837) was a noted composer and performer of the Classical period. A prized student of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and contemporary of Ludwig van Beethoven, Hummel wrote a number of works for piano that were held in high esteem during his lifetime, but fell out of favor with performers and audiences soon after his death. However, Hummel's compositions clearly impacted the future generation of Romantic era composers, including Franz Schubert, Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, Franz Liszt, and Frederic Chopin. This presentation will discuss both his pedagogical works and those meant for high-level performers.

Dr. Peter Ryan is an Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Virginia's College at Wise, where he teaches and coordinates the Pianos and Music Theory programs. As a performer, Peter has given concerts in the Czech Republic, Austria, Ecuador, Quebec, and around the United States. His performing and research interests lie in the underperformed repertoire and composers, such as the piano works of Johann Nepomuk Hummel, George Antheil, Erwin Schulhoff, Antonin Dvorak, and Bedrich Smetana.

Peter holds a Bachelor of Music from the University of Florida, and both a Master of Music and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has studied with Jennifer Hayghe, Doris Pridonoff Lehnert, Elizabeth Pridonoff, and Kevin Sharpe, and to his duties at UVa-Wise, Peter also enjoys performing with the Johnson City Symphony Orchestra as their principal Pianist and occasional section cellist.

Prior to earning his degrees, Peter served as an Infantry Mortarman in the United States Marines Corps from 2004-2008. He now lives in Wise, VA with his wife, the UVA-Wise Director of Choral and Vocal Activities, soprano Hannah Wunsch Ryan.

Don't miss this wonderful workshop!

Mun Lee Han     Donna Halleck  
Co-President-Elects

## President's Notes

by Lynn Kleisler



Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

I just returned from the VMTA State Conference in Lynchburg and am excited about all the new ideas I learned from the various workshops. One highlight was the two workshops I attended by Dr. Peter Mack who is our MTNA Vice

President and is a nationally known performer, clinician and convention artist. He is originally from Ireland and teaches at the Cornish College of the Arts as well as has a private studio in Seattle. He had the most innovative and interesting teaching ideas I have ever seen! I could have listened to him all day! I am going to make copies of his handout to share at our next meeting. Of course, that is not the same as seeing him, but I hope that you may be able to glean some ideas from it. You can find some of his lectures and concerts on YouTube. Some of the teachers at the conference were so impressed with him that there was talk about how we could get him to do a workshop for us in this area. If you have not attended a conference before, maybe consider putting it on your calendar for next year. Our conference will be held at Old Dominion University in Norfolk next year, which will make it so much easier to attend.

### ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

Join the groups:  
**Music Teachers National Association**

**Virginia Music Teachers Association**

**Tidewater Music Teachers Forum**

**Post photos, announce your events, make connections**

We have several upcoming deadlines that are racing towards us in November and January for our TMTF events. They include November 10th for the Play-A-Thon, January 5th for the VMTA Theory Test, January 11th for VMTA Keyboard Skills/Sight Reading Tests and January 18th for Levels of Progress. That is not even everything! Please check your TMTF Yearbook and TMTF Activity Books for detailed information. I hope you are already planning to put students in these events.

Another date to put on your calendar is a new tradition we started last year of having a Christmas Get Together. We will be gathering again at Sushi King in Norfolk on December 8th. We had great fun, food and fellowship last year and hope that more members will be able to join us this year. An email reminder will be sent out at the end of this month.

Please note that we will be at Newton Piano in Virginia Beach for our November 16th meeting. Dr. Peter Ryan from The University of Virginia's College at Wise will be doing a lecture/recital on Johann Nepomuk Hummel. He will be highlighting how Hummel impacted many Romantic composers including Schubert, Liszt, Mendelssohn and Chopin. He will also be demonstrating some of Hummel's works at various levels. This will be our last meeting and Stafflines for 2018. I saw Peter give this presentation and I found it very informational and inspiring. Come join us for a great workshop!!

Sincerely,

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
 TMTF President



## TMTF CALENDAR

### November

- 1      **DEADLINE – Achievement Award Registration**
- 5      **DEADLINE – Student Recital – Portsmouth**
- 10     DEADLINE – TMTF Play-A-Thon**
- 10     Sacred Music Festival – Thalia Lynn Baptist Church, Virginia Beach
- 10     Sacred Music Festival - East End Baptist Church, Suffolk
- 11     Student Recital – Portsmouth – Zion Baptist Church
- 16     TMTF Meeting/ Workshop – Dr. Peter Ryan \*\* Newton Piano, Virginia Beach
- 18     Student Recital – Virginia Beach – Thalia United Methodist Church
- 30     TMTF Play-A-Thon - Chesapeake & Virginia Beach

### December

- 1-2    TMTF Play-A-Thon – Chesapeake & Virginia Beach
- 8      Christmas Get-Together - Sushi King, Norfolk 6:00-9:00 PM
- 21     DEADLINE - TMTF Stafflines**

### January

- 5      DEADLINE – VMTA Theory Test Registration**
- 11     DEADLINE - VMTA Skills Test/Sight Reading Test**
- 18     DEADLINE - TMTF Levels of Progress**
- 18     TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Richard McGrath - Music & Arts, Greenbrier, Chesapeake
- 21     DEADLINE - TMTF Stafflines**
- 26     VMTA Theory Test at ODU Webb Center
- 28     DEADLINE - TMTF Student Recital - Norfolk**

## 2019 Sight-Reading and Skills Test

The VMTA Helen Parker Sight Reading and will be administered with the VMTA Skills Tests on –

Sunday, February 10, 2019 at **Old Dominion University**

The registration DEADLINE is **January 11, 2019**. The POSTMARK date is the same as the DEADLINE date.

Syllabus is available from the State Chairperson. Detail information and the application forms can be found in the TMTF Yearbook and the Student Activity Booklet.

Please encourage your students to participate in these tests as the preparation involved in preparing will definitely be educational and rewarding for them.

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*Lynn Kleisler (Skills Test State Chairperson)*  
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*Fay Barss (Sight Reading Test State Chairperson)*  
804-282-7725 [faysmusic@gmail.com](mailto:faysmusic@gmail.com)



TIDEWATER MUSIC TEACHER'S FORUM  
9/21/18 thru 10/20/18

**ASSETS**

Savings Account	\$3,002.90
Checking Account	\$11,101.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,104.41</b>

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance	\$3,002.82
Interest for August	\$0.08
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,002.90</b>

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance	\$12,360.71
Memberships	\$45.00
Yearbook Ads	\$420.00
Ex. Teachers' Recital	-\$13.78
Ex. Publicity	-\$73.29
Ex. Programs	-\$548.14
Ex. Yearbook/Activity Book	-\$887.49
Ex. Membership	-\$100.00
Ex. Executive Board	-\$101.50
Closing Balance	\$11,101.51

**Check out our new and improved website!**

**[www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org)**

List your teacher profile with our new webmaster  
Mun Lee Han  
[munleehan@gmail.com](mailto:munleehan@gmail.com)



**TMTF PLAY-A-THON**

**It is almost here!** The dates for the event are November 30, December 1 & 2, 2018. It will be held at Greenbrier Mall in Chesapeake and at Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach. The **deadline for registration is November 10th**. Detailed Information about the event can be found in the TMTF 2018/2019 Yearbook and the TMTF 2018/19 Activity Book. Please use the registration form that can be found in the TMTF Activity Book when sending it in to me. **Please also note** that there is a new letter in the TMTF Activity Book this year to help students when working to obtain pledges.

Students of all levels and any instrument are invited to share their love of music by performing at this fun event. 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. Memorization is not required!!!

**It is a requirement to participate in this event if you are going to enter students in the Glover Scholarship Auditions or Glen Mayberry Competition.** As well as helping our three scholarship funds, students will also have an opportunity to win cash prizes themselves! Remember to tell students that donations are tax deductible. If you have not before, I hope you will consider entering some students in this event this year!

Chairman: Lynn Kleisler

## VMTA 2018 State Auditions Winners

### **Piano IA**

- \* 1st prize: Entrant #4 - Felix Xu (teacher: Margarita Gramaticova)
- \* 2nd prize: Entrant #24 - Hannah Ying (teacher: Elizabeth Sjolund)
- \* Honorable Mention: Entrant #1 - Benjamin Gao (teacher: Yifei Sun)

### **Piano IB**

- \* 1st prize: Entrant #9 - Sophia Lin (teacher: Marjorie Lee)
- \* 2nd prize: Entrant #10 - Haru Mikawa (teacher: Hope Armstrong Erb)
- \* Honorable Mention: Entrant #5 - Alina Laraway (teacher: Ruta Smedina-Starke)
- \* Honorable Mention: Entrant #6 - Lydia Li (teacher: Galina Epelman)

### **Piano II**

- \* 1st prize: Entrant #12 - Adrian Cheung (teacher: Oxana Titova)
- \* 2nd prize: Entrant #16 - Tan Nguyen (teacher: Marjorie Lee)
- \* Honorable Mention: Entrant #17 - Danil Kotikov (teacher: Maria Yefimova)

### **Piano III**

- \* 1st prize: Entrant #23 - Robert Jiang (teacher: Elizabeth Sjolund)
- \* 2nd prize: Entrant #18 - Hana Wang (teacher: Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt)

Dr. Tad Hardin  
Chair, VMTA State Auditions



## MTNA CERTIFICATION

### Becoming a NCTM will change your life!

Perhaps a small exaggeration, but consider this an opportunity to become a better teacher and to put another 4 letters following your name.

We on the TMTF board who have been certified, including our Certification Chair, Jeanette Winsor, would like to invite you to meet with us so we can answer your questions, match you up with a mentor, and motivate you to get started on the road to MTNA certification. Wondering about the cost of certification? VMTA and TMTF are offering a \$100 reimbursement each (total \$200) to offset the cost of certification.

Consider your schedule and when you'd be able to meet with us in November or December, and email Susan Atkins at [pianolearningcenter@gmail.com](mailto:pianolearningcenter@gmail.com).

Friday morning  
Saturday morning or afternoon  
Sunday afternoon or evening

From there, we'll schedule a meeting in a central location and let you know so you can come.

Susan Atkins (757-282-8220 - cell)

## Need Students? Want to refer students?

Look no further than the TMTF website:  
[www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org)

You can submit your contact information and teacher profile to our webmaster:  
Mun Lee Han

[munleehan@gmail.com](mailto:munleehan@gmail.com)

If you need to refer a student, simply give them the website address: [www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org) - it's that easy!



### November

6	Lonell Riddick
8	LaToya Albritton
10	Jennifer Coleman
10	Avelina Ibarra
21	Paula Graves
22	Suzanne Guy
26	Kennin Simmons
30	Susie Keele

### December

10	Ella Drew
11	Myrenna Kickasola
16	Russell Andrews
20	Tristi Chan
28	Simeon Kim

### January

1	Frank Elliott
5	Hugh Middleton
7	Geraldine Boone
12	Romayne Hardy
12	Nancy Whitfield
15	Camille White
17	Jiyon Agnes Han
18	Vesta Griffin
20	Susan Grice
28	Jeanette Winsor



**MTNA Winners - Virginia 2018****Junior Piano**

Winner: Oscar Paz-Suaznabar  
 Alternate: Angela Zhang  
 HM: Arthur Ding  
 HM: Joanna Cheng

**Teacher**

Marjorie Lee  
 Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt  
 Marjorie Lee  
 Marjorie Lee

**Junior String**

Winner: Kayleigh Kim, violin  
 Alternate: Ari Han, violin

Ko Sugiyama  
 Wanchi Huang

**Junior Woodwind**

Winner: Lily Walters  
 Alternate: Angela Shen  
 HM: Melanie Chuh

Jennifer Apple  
 Albert Hunt  
 Donna Dymond

**Senior Piano**

Winner: Evan Hu  
 Alternate: Christopher Papenfuss  
 HM: Alexander Suh  
 HM: Ashley Lee  
 HM: Andrew Zhang

Marjorie Lee  
 James Litzelman  
 Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt  
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 Marjorie Lee

**Senior String**

Winner: Emma Cary, cello  
 Alternate: Jason Hwang, cello  
 HM: Pablo Ronderos, viola

Neal Cary  
 Dana McComb  
 Alina Kirshon Goldman

**Senior Voice**

Winner: Cynthia Hu, Soprano  
 Alternate: Deepa Narayan, Sop

Margaret McNulty  
 Alina Kirshon Goldman

**Senior Woodwind**

Winner: Yujin Kim  
 Alternate: Chaewon Min

Youn Young Yi  
 Youn Young Yi

**Senior Piano Duet**

Winner: Jialin Tso/Alexander Suh  
 Alternate: Emily Ye/Austin Huang

Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt  
 James Litzelman/Jun  
 Yang

**Young Artist Piano**

Winner: Robert Carlson  
 Alternate: Rebecca Edmiston

Paulo Steinberg  
 Tad Hardin

**Young Artist String**

Representative: Brenna Crowgey,  
 violin

Akemi Takayama

**TMTF SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS:  
1st QUARTER 2018-19****TMTF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING ACCT. 7/01/18 thru 9/30/18**

Opening Balance:	\$ 1,556.01
Income:	-0-
Expenses:	
Glover scholarships and expenses	\$ 980.00
Closing Balance:	\$ 576.01

**GARROW SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 7/01/18 thru 9/30/18**

Opening Balance:	\$ 1,061.73
Income: Account interest	\$ 0.08
Expenses:	\$ -0-
Closing Balance:	\$ 1,061.81

**GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 7/01/18 thru 9/30/18**

Opening Balance:	\$ 10,650.44
Income: Account interest	\$ 0.81
Play-A-Thon Funds	\$ 190.00
Total:	\$ 190.81
Expenses:	-0-

<u>Closing Balance:</u>	\$ 10,841.25
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**MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 7/01/18 thru 9/30/18**

Opening Balance:	\$ 12,219.65
Income: Account interest:	\$ 0.92
Play-A-Thon Funds	\$ 81.44
Total:	\$ 82.32
Expenses:	-0-
Closing Balance:	\$ 12,302.01

**MTNA Winners, continued****Young Artist Woodwind Teacher**

Winner: Danielle Kim	Youn Young Yi
Alternate: Laura Ruple	Susan Barber
HM: Seth Walker	Susan Barber

**Elementary Composition**

Winner: Tanush Chava	Danna Pantzke Henline
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**Senior Composition**

Winner: Can Link Pham	Frances McKay
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**Looking forward to seeing all of our friends at Play-A-Thon this year!  
Christmas music, now in stock!**

**Piano Showcase, Greenbrier Mall**

Contact: Scott Bailey  
Piano Showcase  
Greenbrier Mall  
757-420-1130

**The Jubal Arts Center**  
is in need of a  
**piano and guitar instructor.**  
Please contact  
Cecelia Robinson at  
[jubalartscenter.eebc@gmail.com](mailto:jubalartscenter.eebc@gmail.com)  
or 757-539-3324  
for more information

**LEVELS OF PROGRESS 2019**

The Levels of Progress deadline of January 18 is getting closer! Before the next couple of months fill up with student recitals and holiday events, now is a great time to get started planning your participation in Levels of Progress 2019. Please check page 19 of your 2018-2019 Yearbook and pages 37-48 of your Activity Book for the latest forms and information.

*Please note that memorization is still optional for one or both pieces. If a student does not memorize one or both pieces, the student will play from the original copy of the music*

Please note that memorization is still optional for one or both pieces. If a student does not memorize one or both pieces, the student will play from the original copy of the music. The student must bring a photocopy of the music for the judge to use. The judge will keep the photocopy, and it will be destroyed following Levels of Progress. This policy is in accordance with the rules and regulations of MTNA and VMTA and is also used for other TMTF events.

TMTF relies on Levels of Progress as one of the largest contributors of funds for TMTF. Your participation makes a huge difference in the life of the Forum! Levels of Progress began in 1969 and has served as a model for some of our sister chapters who also wished to have a fundraiser that would benefit the students, teachers and organization. Your participation will help us continue to provide quality presenters for our meetings and the best possible opportunities for our teachers and students. Thank you!

Bethany Jacob  
2018-2019 Levels of Progress Chair

## VMTA THEORY NOTICE

Hello Music Teachers,

This is a reminder that on Saturday, January 26, 2019, the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum (TMTF) will administer the VMTA Theory Test. This Event will be held at the Student Webb Center at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. The Registration Deadline is Saturday, January 5, 2019.

Levels 4 - 12 begin at 9:00 a.m.

Levels Pri - 3B begin at 10:30 a.m.

I encourage everyone to participate. Teachers who are not members of TMTF can also participate. Contact Marilyn Forman, TMTF Theory Chair, if you are a non-member and interested to participate.

The phone number and email address for Marilyn Forman is at the bottom of this page.

The *Registration Form* and the *Student Release Form* are in the TMTF Activity Book.

Please make copies of the *Student Release Form*, which is found in the TMTF Activity Book, for your students. Please note that each student should have their own form. Do not combine siblings on one form. Have your students bring this form with them on the day of the Theory Test. Also, please help them fill-out the form. Do not mail your *Student Release Forms* to the Theory Chairman. Along with the *Student Release Form*, please also have your students bring two pencils for their use.



Students can take only one test per year. The fee is \$14.00 for one test. Mail the Registration Form, and also include one check reflecting the sum of the students entered and payable to TMTF. **Do not have students mail their registration to the Theory Chairman.** Only the teachers should mail the Registration form and the one check totaling the registration sum amount of the students entered to the TMTF Theory Chairman, Marilyn Forman. This also applies to a teacher entering one student. The teacher should mail the Registration form and check.

**Reminders:**

- ◆ Students may enter the program at any level or skip levels at the discretion of their teacher.
- ◆ Students who previously failed a test can go to the next level provided the private teacher tests and approves the student to proceed.
- ◆ An oral test can be given if requested on the Registration Form.
- ◆ The knowledge required for the Theory Test is cumulative, and may include questions based on materials required from previous levels. There are no retakes for failures in the same year, and there are no make-up dates for the Theory Test should students be absent on the Theory Test day. Students who are absent the day of the Theory Test will receive their test but not receive VMTA credit for the test.

Teachers can purchase a hard copy of the 2013 VMTA Sample Theory Syllabus

<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>➤ Aural CDs for each level</li> <li>➤ New Terms Glossary</li> </ul>	<p>Marilyn Forman, NCTM          Theory Chairman          37 Patton Drive          Newport News, VA 23606-1744</p>
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The cost of the Sample Theory Syllabus including the aural CDs is \$21.00. Mail to Marilyn Forman your check for \$21.00 and made payable to TMTF with "Theory Tests" written in the memo field.

Note: This Sample Theory Syllabus can also be viewed online on the VMTA website.

Teachers are expected to come help administer and grade the Theory Tests on the Theory Test Day, Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Teacher assignments will be given to all teachers entering students in this Event.

All the Best,

Marilyn Forman, Theory Chairman

Tel: (757) 930-8560

Email: [mforman@odu.edu](mailto:mforman@odu.edu)

## **Stafflines Deadline**

The deadline for submitting articles for *Stafflines* is the 21st of each month. The editor must receive the articles no later than this date.

Please submit all articles via email to:

Susan Atkins

pianolearningcenter@gmail.com

Alternatively, you may submit a printed article via U.S. Postal Service.

## **Stafflines Advertising Rates**

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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:

Susan Atkins, Editor  
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Local Chapter of the Virginia Music Teachers Association  
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