

STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum



Meeting & Workshop: Thursday April 7, 2023

Awadagin Pratt

Piano Masterclass

Location: Jordan Kitt's Music: 5164 Virginia Beach Blvd.,
Virginia Beach, VA23462

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

Biography

Born in Pittsburgh, Awadagin Pratt began studying piano at the age of six. Three years later, having moved to Normal, Illinois with his family, he also began studying violin. At the age of 16 he entered the University of Illinois where he studied piano, violin and conducting. He subsequently enrolled at the Peabody Conservatory of Music where he became the first student in the school's history to receive diplomas in three performance areas - piano, violin and conducting. In recognition of this achievement and for his work in the field of classical music, Pratt recently received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Johns Hopkins.

In 1992 Pratt won the Naumburg International Piano Competition and two years later was awarded an Avery Fisher Career Grant. Since then, he has played numerous recitals throughout the US including performances at Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles and Chicago's Orchestra Hall.

His many orchestral performances include appearances with the New York Philharmonic, Minnesota Orchestra and the Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Baltimore, St. Louis, National, Detroit and New Jersey symphonies among many others. Summer festival engagements include Ravinia, Blossom, Wolftrap, Caramoor and Aspen, the Hollywood Bowl and the Mostly Mozart Festival in Tokyo.

As a conductor, Pratt participated in the American Symphony Orchestra League and Conductor's Guild workshops and the National Conducting Institute, where he worked closely with Leonard Slatkin and conducted the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center. He has also conducted the Toledo, New Mexico, Vancouver WA, Winston-Salem, Santa Fe and Prince George County symphonies, the Northwest Sinfonietta, the Concertante di Chicago and several orchestras in Japan.

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A great favorite on college and university performing arts series and a strong advocate of music education, Pratt participates in numerous residency and outreach activities wherever he appears; these activities may include master classes, children's recitals, play/talk demonstrations and question/answer sessions for students of all ages.

Pratt has been the subject of numerous articles in the national press, including Newsweek, People Magazine and New York Newsday. He was named one of the 50 Leaders of Tomorrow in Ebony Magazine's special 50th anniversary issue and has been featured on National Public Radio's Performance Today, St. Paul Sunday Morning and Weekend Edition. On television, Pratt has performed on the Today Show, Good Morning America and Sesame Street, been profiled on CBS Sunday Morning and was one of the featured soloists on PBS's Live from the Kennedy Center - A Salute to Slava.

In November 2009, Pratt was one of four artists selected to perform at a White House classical music event that included student workshops hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama and performed in concert for guests including President Obama. He has performed two other times at the White House, both at the invitation of President and Mrs. Clinton.

Pratt's recordings for Angel/EMI include A Long Way From Normal, an all Beethoven Sonata CD, Live From South Africa, Transformations and an all Bach disc with the St. Lawrence String Quartet. His most recent recordings are the Brahms Sonatas for Cello and Piano with Zuill Bailey for Telarc and a recording of the music of Judith Lang Zaimont with the Harlem Quartet for Navona Records.

Pratt is currently Professor of Piano and Artist in Residence at CCM. He was recently named the Artistic Director of the Cincinnati World Piano Competition and is also the Artistic Director of the Art of the Piano Festival at CCM.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER APRIL 2023

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

We're nearing the finish line but there's so much more to do!

Don't miss our guest artist and clinician Awadagin Pratt. He will be conducting a master class at our regular TMTF meeting on Friday, April 7 at 10:00 am, Jordan Kitts Music (5164 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach). Please note: the information in the yearbook is incorrect.

Mr. Pratt will also be performing on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 pm, Wilder Performing Arts Center at Norfolk State University. TMTF members can attend for free. I plan to go to the box office before 7:00 to get my ticket. There are no reserved seats. Please encourage your students to attend. Students and children are \$5.00. Their parents can attend for \$15. The poster in this newsletter has the concert information.

Also at the April meeting we will be voting on the slate of officers for the 2023-2025 term. The slate is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. The elected officers will be installed at the May meeting. I regret to tell you Dr. Susan Ha has resigned her position as President-elect. The pressures of the fine arts department head at NSU were all consuming and we agreed she can let this task go for now. She will be helping to put together the programs for next year until her term ends in May. I thank Susan for her service. All the programs this year have been wonderful.

See you at the April meeting!

Musically yours,

Susan Atkins, NCTM
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Certification Meeting in April

Our next Zoom Certification Meeting will be **Friday, April 28, 2023 at 11:00 am.**

Please let me know if you would like to join us so I can send you the Zoom invitation.

In the meantime, check out the website: [Certification.mtna.org](https://www.certification.mtna.org). That should get you interested and maybe you'd like to explore the possibilities with us.

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TMTF SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2023 - 2025 TERM

Co-Presidents	Yuko Farman Laura Cardin
President-Elect	Sally Copeland
Recording Secretary	Julie Heard
Treasurer	Mun Lee Han
Associate Treasurer	Laura Cardin
Members-at-Large	Mary Ann Medlin Lynn Kleisler

We will vote on the slate at our April meeting. I would like to thank the nominating committee led by Mary Ann Medlin. Members were Susan Grice, Lynn Kleisler, Donna Halleck and Laura Cardin.

Susan Atkins, NCTM

2023 LEVELS OF PROGRESS

Thank you to everyone who gave the gift of their time and helped make Levels of Progress a success this year! This event went well in all 4 locations on March 4th and 5th, 2023.

Special Thanks to the Area Coordinators - Josephine Jones, Susan Atkins, Mary Ann Medlin and Joan Edwards. Also, not to forget those volunteered judges - Yuko Farman, Sarah Lantz, Emily Katynski and Julie Heard.

This year, we have -

- 17 teachers registered students.
- 5 teachers served as Area Coordinators.
- 16 teachers judged or assisted.
- 200 students registered for Levels of Progress.

Mun Lee Han
2023 Levels of Progress Chair



2023 SIGHT READING AND SKILLS TEST REPORT

Skills Test Results:

7 teachers participated
101 tests taken
5 absent
80 superior
20 Excellent

Sight Reading Test Results:

75 tests taken
4 absent
38 superior
30 Excellent
7 Very Good

Thank you to all who participated in this year's sight reading and skills tests. It is a joint effort of judges, monitors, and teaching the students that they may be excited about sight-reading and honing their skills. A special thank you goes to our volunteer judges this year: Emily Katynski, Bethany Jacob, Julie Heard, Sarah Lantz, Jeanette Winsor and Kelsey Jamerson. We greatly appreciate all of your time and effort!

Mun Lee Han / Sarah Lantz
(Sight Reading and Skills co-chairpersons)



TMTF CALENDAR

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

1 - Deadline: Glover Scholarship Auditions

6 - Awadagin Pratt Concert at Wilder Performing Arts Center, NSU at 7:30PM (700 Park Ave., Norfolk, VA)

7 - TMTF Meeting at 9AM; Masterclass by Awadagin Pratt at Jordan Kitt's Music from 10AM~12PM

21 - Deadline - Stafflines News

22 - TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions at Monumental UMC, 450 Dinwiddie, St., Portsmouth, VA

26-30 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions at Marsh School of Music, 328 Office Square Ln. #102, VA Beach, VA

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

1 - Deadlines:

- TMTF Achievement Award Documentation
- High School Seniors' Recital
- Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions
- VMTA Eastern District Auditions

12 - TMTF Executive Board Meeting

19 - TMTF Meeting - Conference Highlights

20 - TMTF Honors Recitals Rehearsals at ODU

20 - MTF Glen Mayberry Auditions at CNU

20 - VMTA Eastern District Auditions - CNU

21 - TMTF Honors Recitals & HS Seniors' Recital at ODU

21 - Deadline: Stafflines News

Happy Birthday

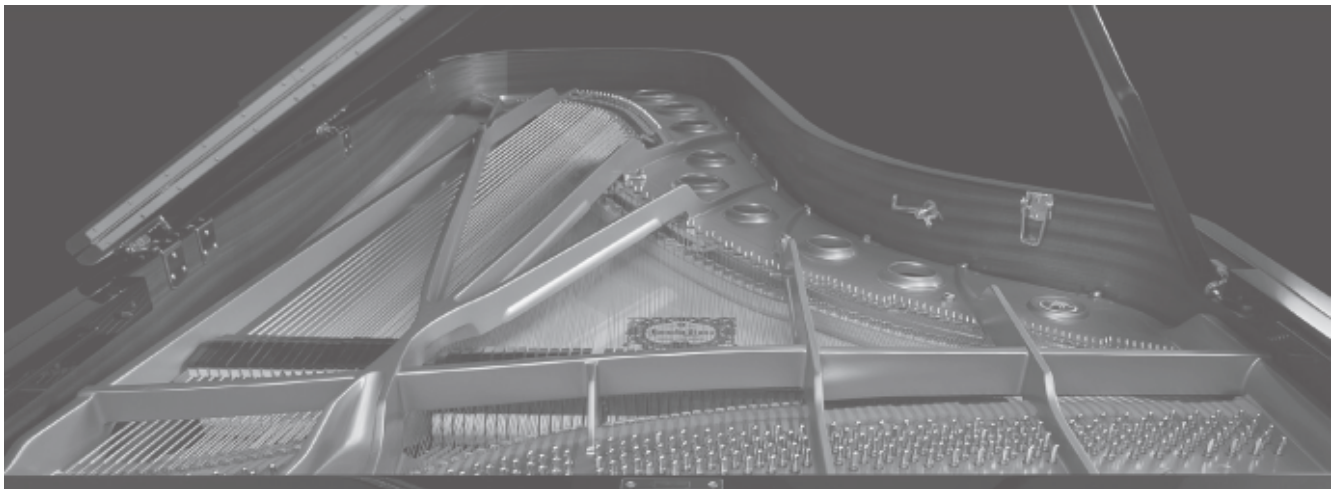
April

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

May

- 4 Carol Noona
- 11 Teresa Cmpos-Flk
- 16 Betty J. Atkinson
- 26 Susan Burke Cusher
- 28 Mun Lee Han





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AWADAGIN PRATT PIANO LIVE IN CONCERT

Pianist Awadagin Pratt's recent and upcoming engagements include recital and concerto appearances in Baltimore, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Ravinia, Colburn Festival, Aspen Music Festival, Eastern Music Festival, Duke University, and at Carnegie Hall for the Naumburg Foundation. Mr. Pratt performed at the White House three times for guests including Presidents Clinton and Obama.

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