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# STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

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**Friday, April 19, 2024**

## **Motivating 21st Century Music Student**

Presented by Dr. Nancy H Barry

Location: Old Dominion University

189 Diehn Performing Arts

The Reading Room (Rm. 192)

10:00 Business Meeting and Workshop

12:00 Lunch

### **Workshop Description**

Motivation is essential for academic and musical success, but how best to motivate today's music student? While motivation has been a topic of interest among psychologists and educators for many decades, current scholars are expressing concerns that myriad student distractions and stresses brought about by recent changes in culture and technology pose new challenges for teachers such as shorter student attention spans, a superficial "scanning" approach to reading, decreased critical thinking ability, information overload, time management, and lack of "soft skills" (such as face-to-face communication).

### **Biography**

**Nancy H. Barry** is Professor and Program Coordinator of Music Education in the Department of Curriculum and Teaching at Auburn University. She earned a Bachelor of Music Education from Middle Tennessee State University; a Master's degree and Ph.D. in music education, and certificates in Electronic Music and Computers in Music from Florida State University.

Barry has numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals such as *Arts and Learning*, *Psychology of Music*, *Journal of Music Teacher Education*, *Contributions to Music Education*, *UPDATE*, and *Bulletin of Research in Music Education*, and is a frequent presenter at national and international professional conferences. She served as editor of the *Journal of Technology in Music Learning* and currently serves as a reviewer for national and international research journals such as *Psychology of Music*.

Barry is an active member of professional organizations such as NAFME and the College Music Society (CMS). Professional service includes past President of the CMS Southern Chapter, National CMS Secretary from 2016 - 2018, currently co-chairing the CMS Career Development Committee, and serving as a screener for the 2022 and 2023 Grammy Music Educator Awards. Barry was awarded the Auburn University Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lectureship in 2022.



## President's Letter April 2024

I just returned from the MTNA annual conference, and I had such an amazing time! If you have never been to a national conference, try to set aside some funds so that you can get to at least one, they are well worth it. There is so much learning and listening within the four and a half days of conferencing!

If you read my president's letter about attending the state conferences, you will know that I especially love and enjoy attending conferences to network. When you attend the national conference, you have the opportunity to meet and chat with many other wonderful people from our state as well as the other 49 states, Canada and beyond. I was thrilled to meet some of my favorite music teaching podcasters and have dinner with composer and blogger, Wendy Stevens, along with several other teachers whom I had never met. It is so neat to share with and learn what others are doing in their studios.

At the national conference, you also have the privilege to learn about books and materials from a wide variety of publishers and vendors. Of course, there are the publishers that we know about and can purchase their music at our local music stores, but there are so many other publishers and vendors from all over that we wouldn't know about unless you were there or really searching online. I was happy to see familiar faces whom I had met at previous conferences and meet new people; one publisher came all the way from New Zealand!

I am looking forward to sharing new teaching ideas and methods, insights on technology and management for your studio, and a few other specific musical teaching tips that I learned. Be sure to attend our MTNA Highlights workshop on May 17th, where Yuko Farman, Sally Copeland and I will be sharing some of the things we learned, and we will be giving away some items for free. 😊 You won't want to miss it!

Luara Cardin, Co-President

## Certification Meeting

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

**Date:** Friday, April 26, 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://certification.mtna.org)

Susan Atkins, NCTM  
Chairperson, Certification  
757-282-8220  
[pianolearningcenter@gmail.com](mailto:pianolearningcenter@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:yukofarman@gmail.com)



## 2024 Sight Reading and Skills Test Report

### Skills Test Results

79 Tests Taken  
 7 Absent  
 66 Superior  
 7 Excellent  
 5 Very Good  
 1 Good

### Sight Reading Test Results

60 Tests Taken  
 5 absent  
 34 Superior  
 19 Excellent  
 7 Very Good



Many thanks go out to the teachers and parents who light a spark of excitement in these students. Sight Reading and Skills are important to the growth of a young pianist, and we are grateful to those who recognize it and help their student take these steps. We are grateful to the following participating teachers: Mun Lee Han, Josephine Jones, Liz Smith, Susan Atkins, Donna Halleck, Anna Settle, Liz Sjolund, Joshua Miller and Galina Epelman. Special thanks go to volunteer judges Emily Katynski, Julie Heard, and Yuko Farman. These tests could not happen without your help!

Sarah Lantz  
 VMTA Sight Reading Festival Co-Chair

## 2024 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 9th and 10th, 2024.

Special Thanks to the Area Coordinators - Josephine Jones, Emily Katynski, Mary Ann Medlin and Joan Edwards.

This year, we have -

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

Mun Lee Han  
 2023 Levels of Progress Chair





## TMTF Play-A-Thon



The TMTF 2023 Play-A-Thon was a great success this past December. The final amount of pledges collected were \$5,436.00. This is approximately \$563 less than we made last year, but hopefully we will have more participation next year as that was down too. One hundred and eleven students representing eleven teachers participated in this event. All of your efforts to work with your students so that they could perform and contribute deserves an enormous “Thank You” and is greatly appreciated.

The students who won a monetary award for raising the most amount of money for this event are as follows:

First Place \$100 Award	Vanessa Knight for raising \$375	(teacher – Mary Lee Taylor)
Second Place \$75 Award	Alice Malgee for raising \$280	(teacher – Susan Atkins)
Third Place \$50 Award	Joshua Bogan for raising \$200	(teacher – Mary Ann Medlin)

Congratulations and a special thank you goes to Joan Edwards’ studio that raised \$1,275 and Mary Ann Medlin’s Studio that raised \$1,005. Studios who raised \$500 or more are Susan Atkins (\$905), Josephine Jones (\$650), and Mary Lee Taylor (\$500). A special expression of gratitude goes to Elizabeth Smith, Co-Chairman, for her help. Many thanks again to all of you who were a great support and helped this three day event be a success!!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
Chairman

### Opportunity at Spacious Piano Studio in Virginia Beach

We recently received correspondence from a prospective member, Susan Flinn, who would like to spread the word about her piano studio in Virginia Beach. She is currently renting a spacious studio and extending an invitation to anyone interested in providing lessons there. There may be some piano and strings teachers who might be interested! Additionally, the studio room with the baby grand is a nice size for small chamber recitals, rehearsals, or ensembles. If interested, contact Susan Flinn below.

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921 First Colonial Road, Suite 1712  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454  
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# TMTF CALENDAR

## 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**

## May 2024

- 1** **DEADLINE - TMTF Achievement Award Documentation**
- 1** **DEADLINE - High School Seniors' Recital**
- 4** VMTA Eastern District Auditions at Christopher Newport University
- 4** Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions at Christopher Newport University
- 10** TMTF Executive Board Meeting  
Location TBA
- 17** 10:00 a.m. TMTF Meeting/Workshop/Luncheon - Conference Highlights  
*Jordan Kitt's Music - 5164 VA Beach Blvd., VA Beach, VA 23462*
- 18** TMTF Honors Recitals Rehearsals - Chandler Recital Hall, ODU
- 19** TMTF Honors Recitals and H.S. Seniors' Recital - Chandler Recital Hall, ODU
- 21** **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**

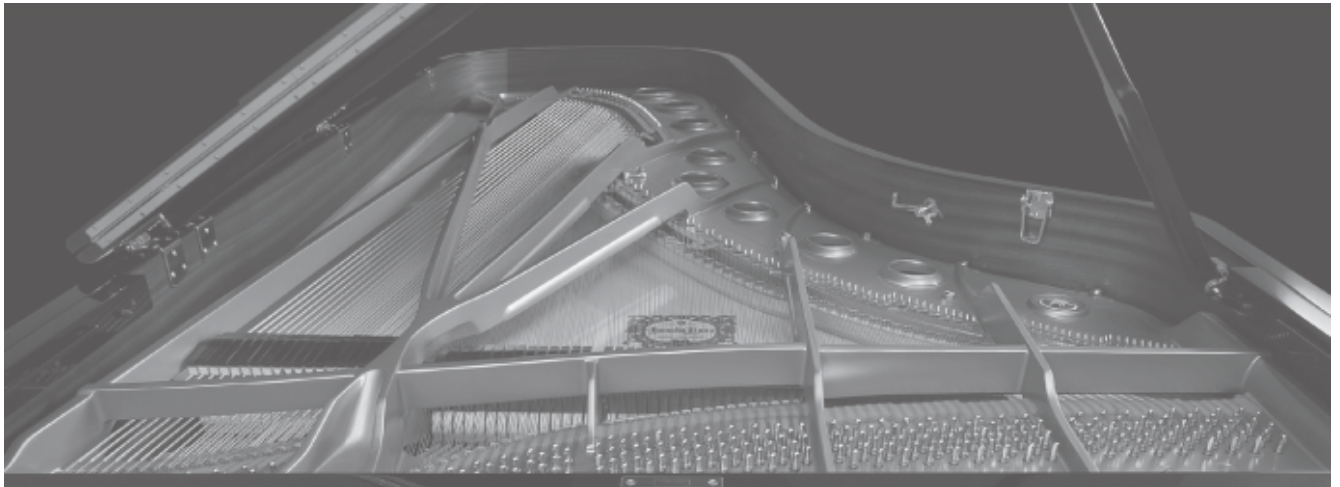


### April

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

### May

- 4 Carol Noona
- 4 Megan Stuart
- 4 Megan Zimmerman
- 11 Teresa Compos-Falk
- 16 Betty J. Atkinson
- 26 Susan Burke Cusher
- 28 Mun Lee Han



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Full page (8.5" x 11"): \$20.00

Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to Yuko Farman, NCTM, 9052 River Crescent, Suffolk, VA 23433

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