
STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

President's Letter - August 2022

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

Summer is almost over and it's past time to look ahead to the 2022-2023 school year. As you're building your calendar for your own studios, do take a look at the TMTF calendar in this newsletter. We don't want you to miss a single event or meeting. Our first meeting is September 23 at Jordan Kitts Music. We plan to have the yearbooks and activity booklets ready so don't miss it!

Now might be a good time to take stock of the past year and make some goals for this coming year. Are you aspirational? Are your students aspirational? Most students aren't. Maybe it's because they don't know what's possible for them to achieve. It's our job to show them. Preparing for events can give them a goal and tremendous satisfaction when they achieve that goal.

Now let's talk about our own aspirations as teachers. I've always admired people who were life-long learners. It shows three things: 1) they are humble enough to know they can always learn something new and do something better; 2) they are curious; 3) they are open to new ideas and are teachable. Imagine if all your students displayed these qualities. How much fun it would be to teach them!

My fellow teachers, TMTF offers just such an opportunity for you, to learn new things and become better teachers. This year offers some of the best programs we've had in a long time, thanks to our President-elect, Dr. Susan Ha.

Your calendars are waiting for updates with the programs for 2022-2023. And while you're at it, plan to attend the VMTA Conference and Competitions at Liberty University October 27-29. See you there!

Musically yours,

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VMTA 2022 State Conference

If you have not already done so, please remember to mark your calendar and save the date for our fall conference! 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. Plans are in motion for the festivities to begin on Thursday with competitions starting in the morning, a Leadership Summit, and a workshop by Lisa Bastien and Dr. Paul Rumrill from Liberty University in the afternoon. The evening will conclude with a teacher recital. There will be vendors, more exciting workshops, competitions, concerts, a banquet, and recitals to attend the following two days of the conference.

Conference announcements via Constant Contact were sent out earlier this summer with other information. In case you missed it, there was one sent back in May that contained links to the two hotels that have been secured at a discounted rate for VMTA members attending the Conference. Keep an eye on your email inbox for more details as they become available in the next few months. If per chance you have not received any of these emails, please let me know. I hope to see you at LU in October!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
VMTA President

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 Thalia Lynn Baptist Church on Virginia Beach Blvd on Saturday morning, November 12, 2022.

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, SMS chair



Yearbook Ads

The window for placing an ad in the yearbook is closing. All ads need to be in no later than August 25th. If you know of a business or have a business that could benefit from being promoted in the public realm, please contact me. Our organization is in need of expanding the advertisement pages in our Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Yearbook as we have lost advertisements and revenue the last two years due to the pandemic. Our ads are what help us defray the cost of the printing of our yearbooks and activity books. The income from the ads also helps with the cost of our monthly meetings/workshops.

In the past, our yearbook has included ads from local businesses, members or member affiliated businesses. This would be a great vehicle to let others know in our community about a business or service so that we can help support it and spread the word! A business card ad is only \$30 and is an inexpensive way to advertise.

Our complete yearbook ad prices are as follows:

1/8page	\$30.00 (business card size)
1/4 page	\$60.00
1/2 page	\$90.00
Full page	\$150.00
Inside cover page	\$175.00
Back Cover	\$200.00

If you know of any school, college, music organization, business or group that might be interested in advertising in our yearbook, please contact me as soon as you can with their information. I will be glad to reach out to them. I can be reached at (757) 925-0248 or lynnkleisler@yahoo.com.

Any assistance with helping to increase the number of ads in our yearbook would be greatly appreciated!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Yearbook Ads Chairman



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TMTF Calendar

AUGUST 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	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	31	1	2	3

SEPTEMBER 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	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	1

8/12 TMTF Board meeting
 8/21 DEADLINE Stafflines News

9/21 DEADLINE Stafflines News
 9/23 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
 Dr. Paulo Steinberg (Biography P. 10)



August

- 5 Bethany Jacob
- 14 Crystal Villanova
- 20 Daniel Miller
- 27 Loretta Beatty
- 30 Sharon Whealton
- 31 Susan Atkins
- 31 Marilyn Forman

September

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



2022-2023 TMTF CALENDAR (updated as of July 27)

August

- 12 TMTF Board Meeting
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**

September

- 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
 23 TMTF Meeting/ Workshop

October

- 14 TMTF Board Meeting
 21 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
 21 **DEADLINE - Sacred Music Festival**
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
 27-29 VMTA Conference

November

- 1 **DEADLINE - Achievement Award Registration**
 5 **DEADLINE - VA Beach Students Recital**
 11 **DEADLINE - TMTF Play-A-Thon**
 12 Sacred Music Festival - Virginia Beach & Portsmouth
 12 **DEADLINE - Portsmouth Students Recital**
 14 **DEADLINE - VMTA Theory Test**
 18 TMTF Meeting/ Workshop
 19 Students Recital - VA Beach
 20 Students Recital - Portsmouth

December

- 1 **DEADLINE - VMTA Theory Test changes**
 2-4 TMTF Play-A-Thon - Chesapeake & Virginia Beach
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**

January

- 10 **DEADLINE - TMTF Levels of Progress**
 20 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
 28 VMTA Theory Test - ODU
 28 **DEADLINE - VMTA Keyboard Skills/Sight Reading Tests**
 31 **DEADLINE - Play-A-Thon pledges**

February

- 10 TMTF Board Meeting
 12 **DEADLINE - Student Recital - Norfolk**
 17 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
 19 **DEADLINE - Student Recital - Portsmouth**
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
 26 Student Recital - Portsmouth - Zion Baptist Church
 26 Student Recital - Norfolk - Royster Memorial Presbyterian

March

- 1 **DEADLINE - Play-A-Thon**
 4 TMTF Levels of Progress - Virginia Beach, Portsmouth
 5 TMTF Levels of Progress - Virginia Beach, Norfolk
 12 VMTA Sight Reading/Keyboard Skills Tests
 17 TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Master Class
 17 **DEADLINE - TMTF Honors Auditions**
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
 25-29 MTNA Conference - Rena, Nevada

April

- 1 **DEADLINE - TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions**
 TBA **DEADLINE - Eastern District Auditions**
 TBA **DEADLINE - Glen Mayberry Auditions**
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
 21 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
 22 TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions
 29-30 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions

May

- 1 **DEADLINE - Achievement Award Documentation**
 1 **DEADLINE - TMTF High School Seniors' Recital**
 12 TMTF Board Meeting
 19 TMTF Meeting/Workshop/Luncheon - Conference Highlights
 20 TMTF Honors Recitals Rehearsals
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
 21 TMTF Honors Recitals and H.S. Seniors' Recital
 TBA Eastern District Auditions - CNU
 TBA TMTF Glen Mayberry Auditions - CNU

Please note: Check the monthly Stafflines, Yearbook and Activity Booklet for more detailed information as well as to confirm dates & locations to make sure that they have not changed.

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.

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

<p>The VMTA Sample Theory Syllabus includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Twelve levels of practice tests ➤ Corresponding Answer Keys ➤ Flash Drive for the Aural Test ➤ New Terms Glossary 	<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 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 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS: 4TH QUARTER 2021-2022**TMTF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING ACCT. 4/1/22 thru 6/30/22**

Opening Balance:		\$ 506.01
Income:		
Transfer from Glover for Judges & Assistant	\$ 270.00	
Transfer from Glover for Scholarships	\$ 6,050.00	
VA Baptist Fund	\$ 2,175.00	
Total Income:	\$ 8,495.00	
Expenses:		
Glover Judges & Assistant	\$ 270.00	
Glover Scholarships	\$ 4,300.00	
Total Expenses:	\$ 4,570.00	
Closing Balance:		\$ 4,431.01
Outstanding checks: (To reflect actual account balance)	\$ (1,750.00)	\$ 2,681.01

GARROW SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 4/1/22 thru 6/30/22

Opening Balance:		\$ 1,352.34
Income:		
2020-2021 Play-A-Thon Money	\$ 300.00	
2019-2020 Play-A-Thon Money	\$ 300.00	
Account interest	\$ 0.04	
Total Income:	\$ 600.04	
Expenses:		
Total Expenses:	\$ -	
Closing Balance:		\$ 1,952.38

GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 4/1/22 thru 6/30/22

Opening Balance:		\$ 6,884.23
Income:		
2020-2021 Play-A-Thon Money	\$ 6,389.57	
2019-2020 Play-A-Thon Money	\$ 10,621.18	
Account interest	\$ 0.33	
Total Income:	\$ 17,011.08	
Expenses:		
Transfer to checking for Glover Winners	\$ 6,050.00	
Transfer to checking for Glover Judges	\$ 270.00	
Total Expenses:	\$ 6,320.00	
Closing Balance:		\$ 17,575.31

MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 4/1/22 thru 6/30/22

Opening Balance:		\$8,834.59
Income:		
Account interest	\$ 0.22	
Total Income:	\$ 0.22	
Expenses:		
Total Expenses:	\$ -	
Closing Balance:		\$8,834.81

TMTF SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS: 7/1/2021-6/30/2022

TMTF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING ACCT. 7/1/21 thru 6/30/22

Opening Balance: \$ 3,639.01

Income:

Transfer for Glover helper	\$ 35.00
Mayberry Scholarship -Old Dominion U. (Ashley Frye 5/2021)	\$ 2,500.00
Transfer from Glover for Judges 2021	\$ 280.00
Transfer from Glover for Scholarships 2021	\$ 6,700.00
Transfer from Glover for Judges & Assistant	\$ 270.00
Transfer from Glover for Scholarships	\$ 6,050.00
VA Baptist Fund	\$ 2,175.00

Total Income: \$ 17,975.00

Expenses:

Mayberry Scholarship -Old Dominion U. (Ashley Frye 5/2021)

Transfer to Glover for VA Baptist Foundation check	\$ 2,098.00
Glover Judges & Assistant 2022	\$ 270.00
Glover Scholarships 2022	\$ 4,300.00
Glover Scholarships 2021	\$ 900.00
Glover Scholarships 2020	\$ 200.00

Total Expenses: \$ 7,768.00

Closing Balance: \$ 13,846.01

Outstanding checks: (To reflect actual account balance) \$ (1,750.00) \$ 12,096.01

GARROW SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 7/1/21 thru 6/30/22

Opening Balance: \$ 1,362.24

Income:

2020-2021 Play-A-Thon Money	\$ 300.00
2019-2020 Play-A-Thon Money	\$ 300.00
Account interest	

Total Income: \$ 600.00

Expenses:

Total Expenses: \$ -

Closing Balance: \$ 1,962.24

GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 7/1/21 thru 6/30/22

Opening Balance: \$ 7,085.42

Income:

2020-2021 Play-A-Thon Money	\$ 6,389.57
2019-2020 Play-A-Thon Money	\$ 10,621.18
Account interest	

Total Income: \$ 10,621.18

Expenses:

Transfer to checking for Glover Winners	\$ 6,050.00
Transfer to checking for Glover Judges	\$ 270.00

Total Expenses: \$ 6,320.00

Closing Balance: \$ 11,386.60

MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 7/1/21 thru 6/30/22

Opening Balance: \$11,825.17

Income:

Account interest

Total Income: \$ -

Expenses:

Mayberry Scholarship -Old Dominion U. (Ashley Frye 5/2021)	\$ 2,500.00
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Total Expenses: \$ 2,500.00

Closing Balance: \$9,325.17



September workshop will be presented by Dr. Paulo Steinberg

Program will be announced in the September Stafflines



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 are: Carlos Yansen, Paulo Gori, Gilberto Tinetti, and Evelyne Brancart.

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 Saarburg 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 or follow him on Instagram (@paulosteinberg).





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Two to three line announcement such as a recital or job opening: No Fee

One half page (8.5" x 5.5"): \$10.00

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