



STAFFLINES



Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Presidents' Letter



How time flies! It feels like I just got into the groove of summer, but stores are already selling back-to-school supplies, fall and Halloween decorations- what!? That's life... and I guess that's the life of a year-round teacher. Even though I have not taken a break or stopped teaching this summer, I still feel like this is a great time for restarting and assessing for the new academic year. I am looking forward to our new year of workshops and events in the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum, seeing you lovely people on a regular basis, and restarting as Co-President alongside Yuko!

If there is anything you have questions or concerns about regarding the forum, please let one of us know. I may not always have the answers but should know the right person to ask or direct you to.

As much as our organization is on a professional level, I do feel a friendship/family connection to the members. They say, "It takes a village." So true. Our little village of music teachers is always a fantastic resource for learning new skills in teaching, playing, and it's also great to just lean on each other for support whether it's professional or personal. I cherish this group of music teachers; I am very thankful to be a part of it and serving as one of your presidents again. See you soon!

Sincerely,

Laura Cardin



I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and great health. I am excited to begin my journey as a co-president for the next two years alongside Laura Cardin. Thank you for entrusting me with this important role, even though I am relatively new to TMTF.

I became a part of the forum in 2019 when my husband and I relocated from Japan. As a Navy family, we led a nomadic lifestyle, but that chapter finally ended in 2020 when my husband retired after 30 years of service - a significant milestone for my family.

I believe that a music teachers' community, such as TMTF, holds immense importance and value as it serves to inspire and motivate educators and nurture music students, and encourage them to participate in events. In today's digital age, I still feel that genuine, face-to-face human interaction to be of utmost importance.

Beyond its professional benefits, being a part of this community has given me a sense of belonging, particularly after a nomadic lifestyle where I longed to establish roots. (Continue to the next page)

When I attended my first TMTF meeting, I received a warm welcome with a gift, which made all the difference for me. The atmosphere was so inviting and trusting that I promptly decided to take on the role of Stafflines editor when I was asked only after joining a couple of months prior!

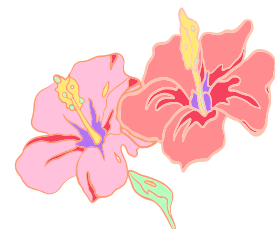
While many of us recognize the great value in TMTF, it is disheartening to see the decline in membership over the past decade, with numbers falling to less than half of their peak years. Please share your thoughts on overcoming this challenge and how we can reinvigorate our in-person music community. If you are aware of any other music teachers, please extend an invitation to them for our monthly meeting.

Before I fully embark on this new responsibility, I would like to extend a special thank you to Susan Atkins, the immediate past president, especially for her leadership in navigating the challenges posed by the pandemic, and ensuring the continuity of the organization. I hope to uphold the same level of dedication as she did.

I am looking forward to contributing my best efforts to support the growth and smooth functioning of our organization.

With warm regards,

Yuko Farman, NCTM



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VMTA 2022 State Conference



In case you missed the Constant Contact emails over the past few months, please mark your calendar and save the date for our upcoming state conference. The 2023 Virginia Music Teachers State Conference will be held November 2nd - 4th at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. Our renowned Guest Clinician is Randall Faber and our accomplished Guest Artist and Master Class Clinician will be Artina McCain. Other conference highlights include dynamic sessions by VMTA members, student competitions, vendor exhibits, and a banquet. The conference will also feature outstanding concerts including the VMTA Teacher Recital, the VMTA and MTNA Competition Winners' Recital, the Guest Artist Concert, the Commissioned Composer Concert, and the VMTA Concerto Competition Winners Concert in partnership with the ODU Symphony Orchestra.

Our conference hotel is Springhill Suites which is across from ODU. The deadline date for the VMTA special conference rate is October 2nd. The full conference schedule will be posted in August on our website, vmta-music.org. Registration will also open up at that time. I hope you will make plans to attend and invite others to join you!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
VMTA State President



Happy
Birthday



August

5 Bethany Jacob
20 Daniel Miller
30 Sharon Whealton
31 Susan Atkins

September

2 Josephine Jones
16 Sharon Alston
20 Tonya Holland
25 Debra Newton
28 Christine Ward
30 Vernon McCart

Attn. Chairpersons: Please review the date of the event and ensure there is no error or typo on my part.

Yuko Farman

2023-2024 TMTF Calendar as of July 27

August

- 11 TMTF Board Meeting
- 21 **Deadline - Stafflines News**

September

- 15 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
- 21 **Deadline - Stafflines News**

October

- 13 TMTF Board Meeting
- 20 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
- 20 **Deadline - Sacred Music Festival**
- 21 **Deadline - Stafflines News**

November

- 1 **Deadline - Achievement Award Registration**
- 2-4 VMTA State Conference at ODU
- 5 **Deadline-TMTF Student Recital-VA Beach**
- 11 **Deadline-TMTF Play-A-Thon Registration**
- 11 TMTF Sacred Music Festival - VA Beach & Portsmouth
- 12 **Deadline-TMTF Student Recital - Portsmouth**
- 17 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
- 19 TMTF Student Recital - VA Beach
- 19 TMTF Student Recital - Portsmouth

December

- 1-3 TMTF Play-A-Thon at Greenbrier Mall, Chesapeake
- 20 **Deadline - Theory Test**
- 21 **Deadline - Stafflines News**

January

- 19 **Deadline - TMTF Levels of Progress**
- 19 **Deadline - VMTA Keyboard Skills/Sight Reading Test**
- 19 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
- 21 **Deadline - Stafflines News**
- 27 VMTA Theory Test at ODU
- 31 **Deadline - Play-A-Thon Pledges**

February

- 4 **Deadline - TMTF Student Recital - Norfolk**
- 9 TMTF Board Meeting
- 11 **Deadline -TMTF Student Recital- Portsmouth**
- 16 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
- 18 TMTF Student Recital - Norfolk
- 18 TMTF Student Recital - Portsmouth
- 21 **Deadline - Stafflines News**
- 25 VMTA Sight Reading/Keyboard Skills Test at ODU

March

- 1 **Deadline - TMTF Play-A-Thon**
- 9 TMTF Levels of Progress - Portsmouth, VA Beach
- 10 TMTF Levels of Progress - VA Beach, Norfolk
- 13 **Deadline - TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions**
- 15 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
- 16-20 MTNA Conference - Atlanta, GA
- 21 **Deadline - Stafflines News**

April

- 1 **Deadline - Glover Scholarship Auditions**
- 19 TMTF Meeting/Workshop
- 20 TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions
- 21 **Deadline - Stafflines News**
- 27-28 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions

May

- 1 **Deadline - TMTF Achievement Award Doc.**
- 1 **Deadline - HS Seniors' Recital**
- 10 TMTF Board Meeting
- 17 TMTF Meeting/Workshop/Luncheon
- 18 TMTF Honors Recitals Rehearsals
- 19 TMTF Honors Recitals and HS Seniors' Recital at ODU
- TBA TMTF Glen Mayberry Auditions
- TBA VMTA Easter District Auditions

Year Book Ads

The window for placing an ad in the TMTF Yearbook is closing. All ads need to be in no later than August 20th. If you know of a business or have a business that could benefit from being promoted in the public realm, please contact me. If you are able to contact them yourself, that is even better and would be very helpful. You can find the TMTF Order Form in this issue.

Our organization is in need of expanding the advertisement pages in our Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Yearbook as we have lost advertisements and revenue over the few 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:

1/8 page	\$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
TMTF Yearbook Ads Chairman





TMTF Ads Order Form

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

May we contact you via e-mail? If so, please list your e-mail address below:

Phone: _____ Date Sent: _____

Contact Person: _____

Size of Advertisement: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please check one of the following: Use Previous Ad _____ Hard Copy Sent _____ Email Copy Sent _____

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(* Includes a link to your business featured on our website.)

Checks should be made payable to TMTF and sent to:

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

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

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