

STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

FEBRUARY MEETING
Friday, February 21, 2020

Susan Atkins, NCTM & Karstan Bock

**Are Your Students Addicted to Screens?
“Turn their love of technology into music theory success.”**

Location: Jordan Kitt's Music
5164 Virginia Beach Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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



Use your students' love of technology and competition to build their music theory skills. Learn how a free website teaches music theory by using addictive, interactive, and competition-based technology. Bonus: The website follows the VMTA music theory exam syllabus.

As the 14-year-old CEO of acalympics.com, Karstan Bock will share the experiences that motivated him to build the acalympics.com website. He and his piano teacher, Susan Atkins, will provide background on the music theory curriculum used in the free acalympics.com website and demonstrate how the music theory games capitalize on a student's love of technology and competitive instincts to make boring paper and pencil music theory instruction a thing of the past.

This presentation will also show how acalympics.com can leverage a student's skills singularly or as part of a team while participating in virtual competitions to improve music theory skills. Games include music theory terms, note reading, ear training and more. Music teachers will learn how they can use the tool to deliver tailored music theory instruction sessions to improve their students' skills.

In this session you will learn: [Acalympics](http://acalympics.com) background and research, How the website uses competition to enhance learning, The curriculum behind the games and how to play, How a teacher can use the website in their studio.

With over 100,000 games played since 2018, [Acalympics](http://acalympics.com) has had great success motivating the gifted, students with autism, and every ability in between. No matter a student's instrument or ability, this tool will turn students into music theory champions.

Susan Atkins, NCTM

Susan has 29 years of private piano teaching experience including students of all ages and skill levels. She is the owner of the Piano Learning Center in Virginia Beach and is Past-President of the Virginia Music Teachers Association.

Karstan Bock, Founder and CEO of acalympics.com

Karstan is a 9th grade student at the Math and Science Academy at Ocean Lakes High School in Virginia Beach, VA. Karstan plays 5 different musical instruments and enjoys computer coding.



President's Notes

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy February! I wish you and all your loved ones a wonderful Valentine's Day together. I am hoping your day is full of chocolates, flowers, and lots of love!

On January 11, 2020, seventeen members joined our fun social event - New Year's Cheers Party at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the pictures and video on our Facebook page which can be found at www.facebook.com/tidewatermusicteachers. If not, go check it out and give it a like!

We had a wonderful January's Workshop by Christopher Kypros, I enjoyed his outstanding performance and little teaching tips. Thanks to Lynn Kleisler, NCTM for arranging the 2019-2020 programs for us.

The 2020 VMTA Theory test was a huge success. Thanks to our dedicated chair, Marilyn Forman, NCTM, for her diligent work and a big "Thank you!" to those who work behind the scene.

The VMTA Sight Reading and Skills tests, TMTF Students Recitals and the TMTF Board Meeting are around the corner. Please check the event dates on the TMTF calendar in the yearbook as well as on our website www.tmtf.org.

Our next general meeting will be February 21st at Jordan Kitt's Music (formally known as Piano and Organ Warehouse). The presenters will be Susan Atkins, NCTM & Karstan Bock. They will show us how acalympics.com can leverage a student's skills singularly or as part of a team while participating in virtual competitions to improve music theory skills.

Finally, I am looking forward to the MTNA National Conference which will be in Chicago in March. I hope to see many of you there at what looks to be another fabulous MTNA event. This conference is a wonderful opportunity to meet other dedicated, enthusiastic pedagogues and composers from around the country (and the world!).

**TMTF President,
Mun Lee Han, NCTM**

Check out our new and improved website!
www.tmtf.org



Need Students?
Want to refer students?

Look no further than the TMTF website www.tmtf.org

You can submit your contact information and teacher profile to our webmaster
Mun Lee Han
munleehan@gmail.com

If you need to refer a student simply give them the webmaster address:
www.tmtf.org
It's that easy!



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

TMTF Calendar

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <small>Valentine's Day</small>	15
16	17 <small>Presidents' Day</small>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

- 2 Student Recital – Portsmouth – Zion Baptist Church
- 9 TMTF Sight Reading/Keyboard Skills Tests – ODU
- 9 Student Recital – Norfolk – Royster Memorial Presbyterian
- 14 TMTF Board Meeting
- 14 DEADLINE – Student Recital - Chesapeake**
- 21 TMTF Meeting/Workshop – Susan Atkins, NCTM & Karstan Bock
- 21 DEADLINE – Stafflines News**
- 23 Student Recital – Chesapeake – Great Bridge Presbyterian Church

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				

- 6 DEADLINE – TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions**
- 7 TMTF Levels of Progress – Portsmouth
- 8 TMTF Levels of Progress – Virginia Beach
- 13 TMTF Meeting/Masterclass – Dr. Maria Yefimova**
- 14 TMTF Levels of Progress – Virginia Beach, Suffolk
- 15 TMTF Levels of Progress – Virginia Beach, Norfolk
- 20 DEADLINE – TMTF Honors Recital Auditions**
- 21 DEADLINE – Stafflines News**
- 21-25 MTNA Conference – Chicago, Illinois

**Meeting/Workshop will be held at Newton Piano instead of Piano Warehouse

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February

- 3 Jane Gallatin
- 4 Beverly Manry
- 18 Gracie Wilson
- 22 Alisa Bohon



March

- 1 Laura Cardin
- 4 John Presto
- 8 Stephen Kolb
- 11 Elena Schwartz
- 15 Rose Nelson
- 18 Mary Ann Medlin
- 19 Walter Noona
- 22 Elizabeth Sjolund
- 24 Geraldine Sawyer
- 30 Cathy Bryan
- 30 Galina Epelman
- 31 Zachary Bridges

Membership Drive

Any member who brings a "teacher friend" will receive a \$10 gift card from Music & Arts



Don't Miss It!

MTNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

March 21-25, 2020

Chicago, IL

Conference Artist: Anton Nel

Winner of the National Chopin Piano Competition

For more information and to register
MTNA.org

Levels of Progress 2020

Thank you all for your registration forms and payment! We are grateful to see all of these students participating. Scheduling these students will be done by the first week of February, so stay tuned for more information as it gets closer to the date.

As you make plans for this event in Levels of Progress 2020, please review the information in your current Yearbook on page 20 and Activity Book on pages 35-46. Please be sure to only use the information, Registration Forms and Judging Sheets in the current 2019-2020 Activity Book.

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. Other than a portion of our membership dues, Levels of Progress is the only TMTF event that provides funds for the organization itself. 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!

Kelsey Jamerson & Elizabeth Baker
2019-2020 Levels of Progress Co-Chairs

Glover Scholarship Auditions

The deadline for the Glover Scholarship Auditions is right around the corner. The application is due by March 6, 2020. This event will take place at Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth on April 4th.

Eligibility and requirements to participate in this event can be found in the TMTF Yearbook. Please be aware that a teacher's studio participation in the 2019 TMTF Play-A-Thon is required to enter students in these auditions. The Play-A-Thon pledge money must also be received by March 1st to participate in this year's auditions. The application and judging sheet can be found in the TMTF Activity Book. Two typed judging sheets should accompany each application. Please do not fold the judging sheets. Please also make sure that you use this year's application and review all requirements before mailing it in.

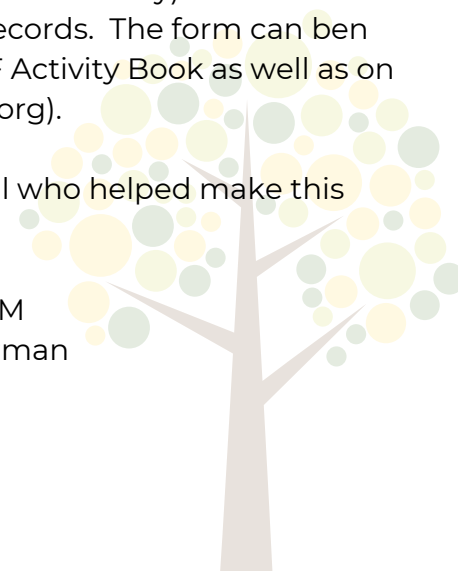
Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Glover Scholarship Chairman

TMTF Play-A-Thon

Please remind your students to collect and turn in their pledge money if you have not already done so. The pledge money is due by March 1st to compete in the David Carr Glover Scholarship Auditions or the Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions. Please also be sure to include your completed "**Studio Schedule and Pledge Validation Form**" when you send your student's money (checks only) to me. I need this form for my records. The form can be found in the TMTF Activity Book as well as on our website (tmtf.org).

Thanks again to all who helped make this event successful!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Play-A-Thon Chairman



Really? Honors Recitals Auditions? Already? Yes!!!! Now is the time to plan!!!! Saturday April 25th and Sunday, April 26th

If you haven't considered having your motivated, intermediate to advanced students participate, check it out in the Yearbook and Activity Book. Participation in Levels of Progress is required.

TMTF Honors Recital Auditions is a competitive opportunity (solo or ensemble) for piano, voice and other instruments, Levels 4 through 12.

Registration Deadline: March 20, 2020 (postmark)

Fee: \$12.00

Audition Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020
Sunday, April 26, 2020

Location: Marsh School of Music
328 Office Square Lh. #102
Virginia Beach, VA 23462



PLEASE READ THE TMTF ACTIVITY BOOK FOR DETAILS CONCERNING REPERTOIRE, DRESS CODE, TIME LIMITS, TEACHER ASSISTANCE, and RESPONSIBILITY.

Contact the Chairperson, Myrenna Kickasola with questions. She would love to hear from you!!
joekick@regent.edu or 757-420-6938

Piano Day at CNU Saturday, March 28, 2020

- Piano Day is an opportunity for advanced student pianists aged 13-18 who are studying piano privately to learn, experience and collaborate with university faculty and emerging talent in Virginia and beyond. All participants will attend masterclasses featuring CNU piano faculty. The day will conclude with an honors recital open to the public where participants will have the opportunity to showcase their talents.
- Participation fee: \$25

For more information, visit
<https://cnu.edu/academics/departments/music/festivals/pianoday/>

TIDEWATER MUSIC TEACHER'S FORUM	
12/28/2019 to 1/21/2020	
ASSETS	
Savings Account	\$3,004.06
Checking Account	\$15,752.34
TOTAL	\$18,756.40
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$3,003.98
Interest for Dec	\$0.08
CLOSING BALANCE	\$3,004.06
CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$15,752.34
CLOSING BALANCE	\$15,752.34

TMTF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING ACCT. 10/31/19 thru 12/31/19

Opening Balance:		\$	1,676.01
Income:			
Transfer from Mayberry for scholarship (Madeline Bevins)	\$	2,500.00	
Total Income:	\$	2,500.00	
Expenses:			
Memorial Donation to Glover (Agnes Wan)	\$	50.00	
Memorial Donation to Glover (Suzanne Guy)	\$	25.00	
Glover Scholarships	\$	500.00	
Eastern District	\$	450.00	
Total Expenses:	\$	1,025.00	
Closing Balance:		\$	3,151.01
Outstanding checks: (To reflect actual account balance)	\$	2,800.00	\$ 351.01

GARROW SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 10/31/19 thru 12/31/19

Opening Balance:		\$	262.01
Income:			
Service Fee Reversal	\$	12.00	
Transfer from GM to avoid bank service fees	\$	300.00	
Account interest	\$	0.04	
Total Income:	\$	312.04	
Expenses:			
Service Fee	\$	12.00	
Total Expenses:	\$	12.00	
Closing Balance:		\$	562.05
Money to be added back to GM from Garrow (Actual Balance):	\$	300.00	\$ 262.05

GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 10/31/19 thru 12/31/19

Opening Balance:		\$	10,411.72
Income:			
Memorial Donation (Agnes Wan)	\$	50.00	
Memorial Donation (Suzanne Guy)	\$	25.00	
Account interest	\$	0.79	
Total Income:	\$	75.79	
Expenses:		\$	-
Total Expenses:	\$	-	
Closing Balance:		\$	10,487.51

MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 10/31/19 thru 12/31/19

Opening Balance:			\$14,722.98
Income:			
Account interest	\$	1.08	
Total Income:	\$	1.08	
Expenses:			
Transfer to Garrow to avoid bank service fees	\$	300.00	
Transfer to Checking for scholarship (Madeline Bevins)	\$	2,500.00	
Total Expenses:	\$	2,800.00	
Closing Balance:			\$11,924.06
Money to be added back to GM from Garrow (Actual Balance):	\$	300.00	\$ 12,224.06



VMTA State Audition Results

State Winner List

Place	Name	Instrument	Teacher(s)	Accompanist
<u>Virginia Junior Composition - 3 entries</u>				
Winner	Mathias Stewart		Michael Anderson	
Honorable mention	Tarun Chava		Kelly Burcher	
<u>Virginia Junior Performance Piano - 13 entries</u>				
Winner	Adrian Cheung	Piano	Oxana Titova	
Alternate	Oscar Paz-Suaznabar	Piano	Marjorie Lee	
Honorable mention	Qi Wei Chen	Piano	Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt	
	Raelyn Hoang	Piano	Silva Blazquez	
<u>Virginia Junior Performance String - 3 entries</u>				
Winner	Ari Han	Violin	Wanchi Huang	Bobby Carlson
Alternate	Minh Nguyen	Violin	Vladimir Kromin	
Honorable mention	Josef Wolpert	Cello	Dana McComb	Daniel Stipe
<u>Virginia Junior Performance Woodwind - 2 entries</u>				
Winner	Mira Kim	Clarinet	Julianna Arnold	Kevin Wang
Alternate	Yeo (Daniel) Yeum	Oboe	Trevor Mowry	Jeongseon Choi
<u>Virginia Senior Composition - 4 entries</u>				
Winner	Atesh Camurdan		Natalya Vornovitsky	
Honorable mention	Kayleigh Hoang		Silva Blazquez	
<u>Virginia Senior Performance Brass - 1 entry</u>				
Representative	Zachary Regin	Horn	Olivier Huebscher	James Regin
<u>Virginia Senior Performance Piano - 20 entries</u>				
Winner	Trung Nguyen	Piano	Marjorie Lee	
Alternate	Ethan Hsiao	Piano	Dmitri Nazarenko	
Honorable mention	Erina Takeyama	Piano	Marjorie Lee	
	Jude Giddens	Piano	Marjorie Lee	
<u>Virginia Senior Performance String - 5 entries</u>				
Winner	Colin Hill	Cello	John Kaboff	Brad Clark
Alternate	Christopher Kim	Cello	Dana McComb	Christopher Reed
Honorable mention	Bryan Kim	Violin	David Ehrlich	Tristi Chan
<u>Virginia Senior Performance Voice - 1 entry</u>				
Representative	Cynthia Hu	Voice-Soprano	Margaret McNulty	George Peachey
<u>Virginia Senior Performance Woodwind - 4 entries</u>				
Winner	Jayden Liu	Clarinet	Kenneth Lee	Jenny Kong
Alternate	Julia Kwon	Flute	Jennifer Lapple	Jenny Kong
Honorable mention	Elliot Lee	Clarinet	Kenneth Lee	Jenny Kong
<u>Virginia Senior Piano Duet - 3 entries</u>				
Winner	Nicole Papenfuss	Piano	Silva Blazquez	
	Raelyn Hoang	Piano		
Alternate	Melissa Wu	Piano	Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt	
	Hana Wang	Piano		
Honorable mention	Victoria Midkiff	Piano	Mary Louise Hallauer	
	Jacqueline Wang	Piano		
<u>Virginia Young Artist Performance Piano - 2 entries</u>				
Winner	Robert Carlson	Piano	Paulo Steinberg	
Alternate	Mary Sundem	Piano	Tad Hardin	
<u>Virginia Young Artist Performance String - 2 entries</u>				
Winner	Zachary Williams	Cello	Dana McComb	Christopher Reed
Alternate	Brenna Crowgey	Violin	Akemi Takayama	TBD
<u>Virginia Young Artist Performance Woodwind - 1 entry</u>				
Representative	Laura Ruple	Oboe	Jeanette Zyko	Robert Carlson

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
Yuko Farman
yukofarman@gmail.com

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

Stafflines Advertising Rates

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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
Full page (8.5" x 11") : \$20.00
Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to

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