

STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum



President's Notes

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

It is hard to believe that we are now in the year 2021! In spite of missing those Christmas parties, choral concerts, the Nutcracker Ballet, and all the usual festivities, let us be grateful for our families, our health, and overall well-being.

There are lots of deadlines this month for upcoming VMTA and TMTF events! Take a quick look through the yearbook to re-engage yourself and your students in all of the activities that TMTF has to offer! Due to COVID Level Red Restrictions, we will determine if our upcoming planned events can still be "In Person". Please stay tuned for updates.

I hope the New Year is off to a great start for you and your students. Have a wonderful 2021!

**Mun Lee Han, NCTM
TMTF President**





January Meeting via Zoom

(No in-person meeting)

Friday, January 15, 2021

Yuko Farman, NCTM

Introduction to Russian Teaching Method

10:00 - 12:00 Business Meeting and Workshop

Zoom invite will be sent to each member in an email.

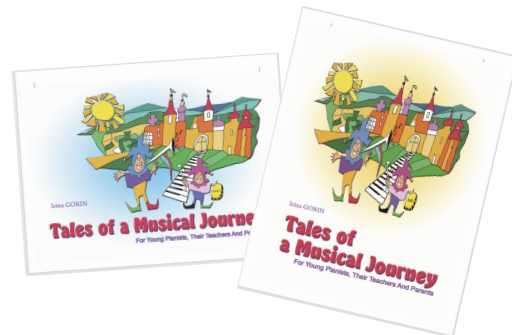
Yuko came to know the Russian piano school's teaching method after earning a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, Cum Laude from Christopher Newport University as an adult. During school years, she suffered from arm injury and she sought to find the cause of her injury even after graduating from school. The answer came when she found a Russian teacher, Ilinca Vartic. Through her teaching, Yuko found that her injury was caused by misuse of pianistic apparatus, and not due to overuse or over practice. Yuko's way of perceiving the piano has drastically changed. She recognized the value of the Russian piano school's teaching method; it is logical, ergonomic, and easy to understand, and it became her passion and mission to teach her own students based on the method.

Her mission expanded to teaching Japanese piano instructors when she translated the Russian method books for children, "Tales of a Musical Journey" written by Irina Gorin, into Japanese. Irina Gorin studied at Kiev Music College and Kharkov Conservatory in Ukraine and she immigrated to the States 26 years ago. Yuko conducted numerous seminars while living in Japan to disseminate the method book between 2016 to 2019 including inviting Irina Gorin to Japan so that Japanese teachers could learn directly from her.

In this presentation, Yuko will explain the teaching method of the Russian piano school. She will also demonstrate how to teach young beginners using "Tales of a Musical Journey" and will point out the differences between conventional piano method books and the Russian piano method book, "Tales of a Musical Journey". Yuko is currently working with Yamaha to publish the Japanese version under its name.

Aside from conducting seminars, she continues to study with Ilinca Vartic since 2012. She obtained a performance diploma from Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, ABRSM (DipABRSM) in 2018 as part of her commitment in piano study. Since August 2019, she is working as an assistant teacher for Ilinca Vartic's online coaching program, PianoCareerAcademy.com.

Tales of a Musical Journey
Book 1 & Book 2
By Irina Gorin



2021 VMTA Skills Test

The VMTA Skills Tests will be administered on -

- 1) **Saturday, February 6, 2021** at Marsh School of Music (328 Office Square Ln. #102, Virginia Beach, VA 23462)
- 2) **Sunday, February 7, 2021** at Jordan Kitt's Music or online via Zoom platform. (Jordan Kitt's Music - 5164 VA Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462)

The registration DEADLINE is **January 8, 2021**. The POSTMARK date is the same as the DEADLINE date.

Syllabus is available from the State Chairperson. Detail information and the application forms can be found in the TMTF Yearbook and the Student Activity Booklet.

Please encourage your students to participate in these tests as the preparation involved in preparing will definitely be educational and rewarding for them.

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Lynn Kleisler (Skills Test State Chairperson) 757-925-0248 lynnkleisler@yahoo.com

TMTF Play-A-Thon

This was the fifteen year of our annual TMTF Play-A-Thon and it was a great success!! The event was held at Greenbrier Mall on December 4th, 5th and 6th. It was very enjoyable to hear music of all genres, both solos and duets, being performed by students of all levels and ages including adults. It was also wonderful to hear string students perform as well. Thank you Jessica Tuttobene for including them!

Please remind your students to collect and turn in their pledge money to you as soon as possible. For a student to **qualify** for one of the monetary awards, the money has to be turned in to **me** by January 31, 2021. The latest deadline for all monies to be turned in to participate in the David Carr Glover and Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions is March 1, 2021.

Please be sure to include your completed **“Studio Schedule and Pledge Validation Form”** when you send your student's pledge money to me. I need this for my records as well as to determine who will receive one of the monetary awards. The form can be found in the TMTF Activity Book.

Thank you!

Lynn Kleisler
Play-A-Thon Chairman

TMTF Calendar

JANUARY 2021

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- 8th** **DEADLINE - VMTA Keyboard Skills Tests**
- 15th 10:00 TMTF Meeting/Workshop on Zoom
Clinician: Yuko Farman, NCTM
- 15th** **DEADLINE - TMTF Levels of Progress**
- 21st** **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**

* Student recital scheduled for February in Portsmouth has been **cancelled**. Sally Copeland, Student Recital Co-Chair*

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 6th VMTA Keyboard Skills Test (Location on p. 3)
- 7th VMTA Keyboard Skills Test (Location on p. 3)
- 12th 10:00 TMTF Executive Board Meeting TBD location
- 19th 10:00 TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Clinician Susan Ha
- 20th** **DEADLINE - VMTA Theory Test**
- 21st** **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**

* The Student Recital scheduled for Sunday, 2/21/21 at 3:00 at Royster Presbyterian Church in Norfolk has been **cancelled**. Due to the increasing COVID metrics in our area that would put the students, parents, and teachers at risk. Fingers crossed for next year!

Jeanette Winsor, Norfolk Student Recitals Chair*



January

- 5 Hugh Middleton
- 7 Geraldine T. Boone
- 12 Romaine Hardy
- 12 Nancy Whitfield
- 17 Agnes Han
- 20 Susan Grice
- 28 Jeanette Winsor

February

- 3 Jane Gallatin
- 22 Alisa Bohon

VMTA State Auditions Winners Announcement

2020 VMTA STATE AUDITIONS RESULTS:



Piano IA First Prize:

Entrant #4 – Megan Lai (Nancy O'Neill Breth, teacher)

Piano IA Second Prize:

Entrant #3 – Dali Meng (Yifei Sun, teacher)

Piano IA Honorable Mention:

Entrant #6 – Kevin Shen (Silva Blazquez, teacher)

(There were six entrants in the Piano IA competition.)

Piano IB First Prize:

Entrant #10 – Felix Xu (Margarita Gramaticova, teacher)

Piano IB Second Prize:

Entrant #11 – Maria Neal (Maria Yefimova, teacher)

Piano IB Honorable Mention:

Entrant #9 – Jevin Xu (Susan Barrett, teacher)

(There were seven entrants in the Piano IB competition.)

Piano II First Prize:

Entrant #21 – Sophia Lin (Marjorie Lee, teacher)

Piano II Second Prize:

Entrant #18 – Lydia Li (Galina Epelman, teacher)

Piano II Honorable Mention:

Entrant #14 – Jessica Chen (Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt, teacher)

(There were nine entrants in the Piano II competition.)

Piano III First Prize:

Entrant #27 – Erina Takeyama (Marjorie Lee, teacher)

Piano III Second Prize:

Entrant #28 – Alexander Suh (Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt, teacher)

(There were seven entrants in the Piano III competition.)

Judges

Dr. Emily Chua

Dr. Gabriel Dobner

Dr. Paul Rumril

2021 VMTA Sight Reading Test

The VMTA Executive Board has voted to cancel 2021 VMTA Helen Parker Sight-Reading Test. The Sight Reading requirement for 2021 District Auditions is waived.

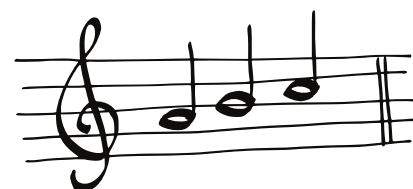


Need Students? Want to refer students?

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!



MTNA Competition Result, Virginia 2020 can be viewed at VMTA website <https://virginiامتa.org/menu.html>

Stafflines Advertising Rates

The following advertising rates are for Stafflines news that is not related directly to TMTF activities.

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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Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to

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