

# STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

## President's Letter - January 2022



Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

This is my new mantra: Safe and sensible, fun and flexible. We've been living with the pandemic for almost a year now. As I look back, I'm amazed at how we as an organization were able to adjust to the changing guidelines and risk factors. A big shout-out to all who persevered and worked hard to make it possible for us to continue offering the programs our students and teachers need.

Which brings me back to my mantra. Safe and sensible: Everyone does their own risk assessment. We want to keep everyone safe, but we also want to offer the events and programs you've come to expect. My own students and their parents are grateful for the opportunities TMTF offers. Fun and flexible: In this ever-changing environment, we want to be flexible and have the ability to change the venue of our event to meet the needs of our students and teachers. And we can have fun doing it. Don't spend too much time complaining. Think positive!

You probably saw the email, but if not, the announcement is in this newsletter. The VMTA Theory Test will not be held at ODU this year. Each teacher will administer the test in their studios. We've also allowed more time to prepare. The deadline has been moved to February 1. The new timeline is in this newsletter, so please mark your calendars.

At this time, we're still planning to have our January TMTF meeting in person. But please watch your email inbox for any changes. Thanks to technology, we can always meet on Zoom. In fact, we will offer this meeting on Zoom to those who want to watch from home. Watch your email inbox for the invitation.

Don't miss the January meeting. It's an opportunity to exchange ideas with other teachers. The roundtable topic is "Practicing" and will be led by member Katharine Wright, NCTM.

See you there!

Musically yours,  
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## **January Meeting: Friday, 1/21/2022**

Jordan Kitts Music  
5164 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA  
23462

### **Teacher Round Table "Practice Tips" led by Katharine Wright, NCTM**

9:30 Coffee  
10:00 Business Meeting  
Workshop  
12:00 Lunch

Join your fellow music teachers to exchange ideas about our favorite subject: Practicing. TMTF member Katharine Wright will lead the discussion and you're sure to discover some gems you can use in your music studio.

## VMTA Theory Test

The **2022 VMTA Theory Test** scheduled for January 29, 2022, will not be held in the Webb Center at Old Dominion University. The Covid pandemic and the emergence of the new variant, Omicron, prompted this decision.

- ❖ For this coming 2022 VMTA Theory Test, all teachers will administer the Theory Test to their students in their own private studios.
- ❖ The teachers will grade their own students' tests.
- ❖ Scores will be submitted by the deadline to Marilyn Forman, Theory Chairman.

**Listed below are the deadline dates for the Theory Test.**

- Registration Deadline: **February 1, 2022**
- VMTA Test mailed to teachers: **March 1, 2022**
- Teachers submit scores: **April 20, 2022**

Thank you for your participation with the 2022 VMTA Theory Test.

Marilyn Forman  
TMTF Theory Chairman  
Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

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## VMTA Keyboard Skills Test and Sight Reading Test

There will be a change of location from Old Dominion University for the February 2022 Skills and Sight Reading tests. The new dates and times are as follows:

- **February 12 (Saturday) from 1 pm until completion at Marsh School of Music**
- **February 13 (Sunday) from 1 pm until completion at Marsh School of Music**
- **February 13 (Sunday) from 11 am (Sunday) until completion at Jordan Kitt's Music.**

Also, the Sight Reading test requirement for District Audition is WAIVED for the year 2022.

Please use the edited registration form in this month's Stafflines, or download the fillable form from our website, TMTF.org, under the "Members Only" tab.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mun Lee Han, NCTM & Sarah Lantz  
(TMTF Skills and Sight Reading Test Co-Chairperson)



## TMTF Calendar

### January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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					

**1/10 - DEADLINE - VMTA Keyboard Skills/Sight Reading Test**

**1/14 - DEADLINE - TMTF Levels of Progress**

**1/21 - TMTF Meeting/Workshop (Ref. Page 1)  
DEADLINE - Stafflines News**



### February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28					

**2/1 - DEADLINE VMTA Theory test registration**

2/11 - TMTF Executive Board Meeting at Jordan Kitts Music

2/12-13 - VMTA Keyboard Skills/Sight Reading Test (Ref. Page 2)

2/18 - TMTF Meeting/Workshop at Jordan Kitt's Music  
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**2/21 - DEADLINE Stafflines News**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### 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
- 10 Destiny Koiman
- 22 Alisa Bohon
- 25 Katherine Wright

## Sacred Music Festival

I would like to thank those that participated in the 2021 Sacred Music Festival. We had two locations: Thalia Lynn Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, and The Music Staff in Chesapeake.

A big thank you to Josephine Jones, Lynn Kleisler, Maryann Medlin, and Elizabeth Smith for entering students and judging.

Our numbers were down this year with only 36 registrations, but hopefully next year they will be back up again.

Thank you to the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum for your continued commitment to training young people to serve in churches and in a ministry capacity.

Donna Halleck  
SMF Chairman

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Happy New Year my colleagues! This New Year, I hope all your dreams come true. Wishing you a life full of happiness, love and prosperity!

Yuko Farman, Editor



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