




Piano Master Class with Dr. Kerry Carlin

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

Kyle Beale

(Student of Susan Atkins)

Invention in F BWV 779 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Joshua McCreary

(Student of Lynn Kleisler)

Prelude in Db Major, Op. 28, No. 15 Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

Roman Alberti

(Student of BJ Atkinson)

Tarantella Albert Pieczonka (1828-1912)

Madeline Bevins

(Student of Susan Grice)

Rhapsody in G Minor, Op. 79, #2 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)




March 8, 2019 (Friday)

- 9:30 Coffee & Shopping
- 10:00 Business Meeting & Piano Master Class
- 12:00 Lunch

♫ Dr. Kerry Carlin is currently Professor Emeritus of the East Carolina University School of Music in Greenville, NC. He is also the Immediate Past President and "2018 Teacher of the Year" of the North Carolina Music Teachers Association. He has acted as presenter and panelist for various National and State Conferences. He combines a passion for the piano with an interest in music education research to form the foundation of his pedagogical perspectives. As a researcher, Dr. Carlin has studied aspects of piano teacher effectiveness, piano teacher training, and trends in piano teaching. He has performed solo and ensemble recitals in the US and Europe, including several years as pianist with the New England based Montage Trio.



Newton Piano
3750 Virginia Beach Blvd., #35
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

See Page 2 for more of Kerry Carlin's bio



President's Notes

by Lynn Kleisler

Hello Fellow Music Teachers!
Our February meeting with Dr. Agnes Wan on "Performance Anxiety" was wonderful and very insightful. She covered a lot of material and gave us much to think about! We have

extra copies of her very detailed handout. For those who were not able to attend, the handout will be set out at the registration desk for you to pick up at our next meeting. We are also very pleased that she became a new member of our group this year!

On February 22nd we had an informal "get together" on certification where we talked about steps to getting started on becoming certified. A "thank you" goes to Susan Atkins for organizing it. I have extra handouts from the meeting that cover various aspects of the steps to this process. I also plan to make some copies of the Piano Teacher Profile Projects Handbook and the Piano Teacher Profile Projects Workbook too. I will have them set out at our next meeting for anyone who may be interested. The MTNA Certification Program was begun to improve the level of professionalism in the field of music teaching. For the teacher, it provides prestige, recognition and the potential for student recruitment and increased earning power. It also shows your students and community that

you are a music teaching professional who takes their career seriously and wants to increase the professionalism of their studio. I have found it to be very beneficial to me in the years since I became certified.

We have another great meeting coming up on March 8th with Dr. Kerry Carlin who is going to lead our Master Class. Please note that this meeting is earlier than our usual time in the month and will be held at Newton Piano in Virginia Beach. Students will have the opportunity to play one of their beautiful grand pianos. Dr. Carlin is "Professor Emeritus" at East Carolina University and is known for his very insightful pedagogical perspectives. I was fortunate to meet him and spend time talking to him at the 2017 North Carolina Music Teachers Association Conference. I found him very easy to relate to and thought about how wonderful it must have been to study with him.

I hope you will be able to join us at our next meeting!

Most Sincerely,
Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
TMTF President

"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you." –

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Bio, Dr. Kerry Carlin, continued

Dr. Carlin studied at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, the Cleveland Institute of Music (BM), the Vienna Hochschule fur Musik, and Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music (MM, DME), where his piano teachers included Jorge Bolet, Gyorgy Sebok, Robert Goldsand, John Ogdon, Marion Hall, and Lili Krauss. He received the Certificate in Piano Pedagogy from The New School for Music Study in Princeton, NJ, where he studied under eminent piano pedagogues Frances Clark and Louise Goss, and has received Permanent Professional Certification from the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA).

As a researcher, Dr. Carlin has studied aspects of piano teacher effectiveness, piano teacher training, and trends in piano teaching. He has acted as presenter and panelist for the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy, the World Piano Pedagogy Conference, the Music Teachers National Association, and MTNA state affiliates. Dr. Carlin has been a contributor to Keyboard Companion (now Clavier Companion) and has authored for the European Piano Teachers Association. He has

performed solo and ensemble recitals in the US and Europe, including several years as pianist with the New England based Montage Trio. He currently serves as Immediate Past President of the North Carolina Music Teachers Association.

Dr. Carlin has taught at the New School for Music Study, Indiana University, Southeastern Massachusetts University (now the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth), and is currently Professor Emeritus at the East Carolina University School of Music in Greenville, NC, where he taught for 34 years and served as Director of the Piano Pedagogy Program, the Group Piano Program, the ECU Summer Keyboard Camp, the ECU Young Artist Competition for Precollege Pianists, and several years as Chair of the Keyboard Department. During his time at East Carolina University, Dr. Carlin taught every course that the Piano Division of the Keyboard Department had to offer—such is the lot, or the pleasure, of being a piano pedagogue.

Dr. Carlin received the 2018 Teacher of the Year Award from the North Carolina Music Teachers Association (NCMTA) at their fall conference in October, 2018.

TMTF CALENDAR

March

- 2 TMTF Levels of Progress - Portsmouth, Virginia Beach
 3 TMTF Levels of Progress - Virginia Beach
 8 **DEADLINE - Glover Scholarship Auditions**
 8 TMTF Meeting - Dr. Kerry Carlin, "Piano Master Class" @10:00 a.m., Newton Piano, Virginia Beach
 9 Levels of Progress - Virginia Beach, Suffolk
 10 Levels of Progress - Virginia Beach, Norfolk
 15 **DEADLINE - TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions**
 16-20 MTNA National Conference in Spokane, Washington
 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
 28 **DEADLINE - Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions**
 28 **DEADLINE - VMTA Eastern District Auditions**

April

- 6 TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions - Monumental United Methodist Church, Portsmouth, VA
 12 TMTF Meeting/Workshop – Dr. Victoria Fischer Faw @ 10:00 a.m., Newton Piano, Virginia Beach
 21 **DEADLINE – Stafflines News**
 27-28 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions - Marsh School of Music, Virginia Beach, VA

Hurricane Relief for North Carolina Teachers

Our March meeting will be the last chance to donate to this worthy cause either monetarily or by donating music. We have had a wonderful response from our members in collection of materials for the North Carolina teachers who were devastated by the hurricanes last fall. Many thanks to the teachers who have taken the time to do a "spring cleaning" and donate! My plan is to get the materials to them in early March. Please consider bringing music you may not need to our March meeting and/or giving a donation. Checks should be made out to TMTF with a memo "NCMTA Donation" as we will be sending their state treasurer a check. Donations are tax deductible. If you need the books to be picked up, please let me know and I will make arrangements.

Thank you so much for your consideration!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
TMTF President

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TIDEWATER MUSIC TEACHER'S FORUM
1/21/19 thru 2/22/19

ASSETS	
Savings Account	\$3,003.23
Checking Account	\$18,584.13
TOTAL	\$21,587.36

SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$3,003.16
Interest for Jan	\$0.07
CLOSING BALANCE	\$3,003.23

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$9,769.04
Donations (NCMTA)	\$70.00
Advertisements	\$70.00
Master Class	\$24.00
Play-a-thon	\$7,020.75
Sight Reading Test	\$1,296.00
Skills Test	\$1,452.00
Theory Test	\$2,184.00
Membership	\$70.00
Yearbook	\$60.00
Ex. Levels of Progress	-\$3.75
Ex. Sight Reading Test	-\$648.00
Ex. Skills Test	-\$726.00
Ex. Theory Test	-\$1,560.00
Ex. Yearbook/Activity Book	-\$31.40
Ex. Programs	-\$397.53
Ex. Publicity	-\$64.98
CLOSING BALANCE	\$18,584.13

Friendly Reminder from Our Treasurer

All reimbursement requests should be turned in with a copy of the TMTF Reimbursement Request Form found in the back of the activity book.

Thank you kindly,
Crystal Villanova
TMTF Treasurer

Honors Recitals Auditions

Teachers! The TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions are an opportunity for students who enjoy performing to participate in a competitive event. All students (voice and instrumental) Level 4 and higher are welcome. They must have participated in the 2019 Levels of Progress.

Registration deadline for the Honors Recitals Auditions is Friday, March 15, 2019 (postmark). The auditions dates are Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th at the Marsh School of Music.

Important Reminders for Honors Recital Auditions

1. Please inform your students of the auditions dates before sending in your registration. We will inform you of the particular days for each level as soon as possible, even if the actual playing schedule is not complete. We cannot determine which level plays on which day until the registrations for each level are received. All special time requests must come with the registration form.
2. Make sure students know the dress requirements and point deductions for not complying with them.
3. Send typewritten or computer printed judging sheets with your registration

All details are in the TMTF Activity Book or contact the chairman, Myrenna Kickasola at 757-420-6938 or joekick@regent.edu.



NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR - COULD IT BE YOU?

This is my sixth year as Stafflines editor, and I've enjoyed it tremendously. In fact, the time has gone by so fast, I was surprised to find it has been six years since I started.

But, change is good, and it's time for me to move on to something new.

Are you thinking of doing a volunteer job, giving back, getting more involved in TMTF? This could be the job for you!

If you are interested, please contact:

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I will also be glad to answer your questions.

Susan Atkins
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GET READY FOR THE APRIL DR. VICKY FISCHER FAW PROGRAM

**Dr. Victoria Fischer Faw: Articulating Bartok –
“Understanding the Touch & Pedal Notation
in his Pedagogical Works”
Friday, April 12, 2019
Newton Piano
Virginia Beach**

Vicky will be lecturing and demonstrating about how Bartok's pedagogical works represent one of the most significant contributions to the teaching literature by a major composer. This session will explore Bartok's often challenging piano notation, and demonstrate solutions for teaching and playing it. Representative works valuable to the beginning and intermediate studio will be demonstrated and explained.

She will presenting the following repertoire:
First Term at the Piano, early volumes of
Mikrokosmos, For Children Ten Easy Pieces, and
various other beginning pieces.

Send your specific questions about articulation or pedaling (or other interpretive questions) to:
Mun Lee Han
munleehan@gmail.com

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:

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If you need to refer a student, simply give them the website
address: www.tmtf.org - it's that easy!

MTNA CERTIFICATION

We had our first meeting, but it won't be the last

Our first meeting went really well! We had nine people in attendance, including Mun Lee Han who took photographs. Lynn Kleisler and I have announced our willingness to mentor anyone who wants to go through the certification process. Or, you can choose any other TMTF certified member to be your mentor.

Wondering about the cost of certification? VMTA and TMTF are offering a \$100 reimbursement each (total \$200) to offset the cost of certification.

We will continue to meet periodically to check in with each other and provide some accountability. If you would like to be on my contact list, email

Susan Atkins at pianolearningcenter@gmail.com.

In the meantime, let me know if you have questions about the process.

Susan Atkins (757-282-8220 - cell)



March

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

April

4	Erin Pollard
6	Lisa Carter
6	Shirley Saylor
10	Joan Edwards
13	Catherine Huey
18	Brenda Watkins

TMTF PLAY-A-THON REMINDER

The pledge money for the TMTF Play-A-Thon is now due. If you have not sent yours in, please remind your students to turn in their pledges to you. The money should be sent to me, checks only, with a completed "Teacher's Studio Schedule and Pledge Validation Form" sheet. It can be found in the TMTF Activity Book and is important for correct record keeping.

Lynn Kleisler, Chairman

GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

Please note that the deadline for the applications for the Glover Scholarship Auditions is March 8th. The event will be held April 6, 2019 at Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth. Eligibility and requirements to participate in it can be found in the TMTF Yearbook. Please be aware that a teacher's studio participation in the 2018 TMTF Play-A-Thon is required to enter students in this event. All Play-A-Thon money must also have been turned in. The application and judging sheets can be found in the TMTF Activity Book. Please make sure to use this year's application and judging sheets and review all requirements before mailing them in. Please also do not fold the application and completed judging sheets before placing them in a large envelope to mail.

Thank you!
Lynn Kleisler, Chairman
Joan Edwards, Co-Chairman

2019 Sight Reading and Skills Test Report

Skills Test

7 Teachers Participated

121 Students Registered

115 Tests Taken

74 Superior, 29 Excellent, 9 Very Good, 3 Good

Sight Reading Test

12 Teachers Participated

108 Students Registered

99 Tests Taken

34 Superior, 43 Excellent, 15 Very Good, 5 Good, 2 Pass

I would like to thank all those who participated in judging and working the desk on the day of event. Thank you so much for encourage your students in their musical endeavors. Special thanks to Marilyn Forman, Jeanette Winsor, Avelina Ibarra, Amanda Masrow, Nancy Whitfield, Laura Cardin, and Kelsey Jamerson who volunteering their time to help up in judging.

Thank you again!

Mun Lee Han NCTM

(Sight Reading and Skills Local Chairperson)

TMTF MEMBERS RECITAL

Sunday, September 1, 2019

2:30 PM

Christ and St. Luke's Church

560 West Olney Road

Norfolk, VA 23507

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Send recital information to

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DEADLINE: August 24



Fri., March 15th (Appointment only 10am-6pm)
Sat., March 16th (Appointment only 10am-6pm)
Sun., March 17th (Open to the public, 1pm-5pm)

- **Special event financing available**
 - **Credit cards accepted**
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For Info or Private Appointment
(757)497-8920

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Department of Music;
Diehn Fine and
Performing Arts Building



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LOCAL EVENTS

Saturday, March 9, 2019, 8 pm

Sunday, March 10, 2019, 2:30 pm

Virginia Symphony: Grieg Piano Concerto

Jeffrey Biegel returns to the VSO for one of the most-loved concertos of all time, Grieg's Piano Concerto. This concerto is among Grieg's earliest important works and the only concerto the composer completed. Written in just a month in the summer of 1944, Prokofiev's Symphony No. 5 was intended to be "a hymn to free and happy Man, to his mighty powers, his pure and noble spirit." This triumphant and electrifying composition has remained one of his most popular works. Joann Falletta, conductor; Jeffrey Biegel, piano. Bantock: Kishmul's Galley; Greig: Piano Concerto; Prokofiev: Symphony No. 5. Starting price at \$25. Visit www.virginiasymphony.org or call (757) 892-6366 for more information or stop by the Virginia Symphony Box Office at 150 Boush Street, Suite 201, Norfolk, VA 23510 from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Mar 9: Chrysler Hall, 215 St Pauls Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23510. Mar 10: Sandler Center, 201 Market Street, Towne Center, Virginia Beach.

Sunday, March 17, 2019, 4 pm

Naho Bessho, Pianist

Mildred McDaniel Concert Series. Naho Bessho is an accomplished pianist of lyrical and delicate tonality. Naho Bessho was born in Japan. She began playing piano when she was five, and she won the second prize in a competition in Nagoya when she was 13 years old in junior high school. This enabled her to play in a piano quintet with select members of the Nagoya Philharmonic Orchestra. She came to the United States in 2002 and commenced her advanced study at Boston University. During 2004 and 2005 she was an invited summer resident of Brandywine Piano Institute of Westchester University, Pennsylvania. In 2006 she graduated from Boston University with a Performance Diploma. Since then she has given piano recitals in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Maryland. The concert is free and open to the public. Contributions will be accepted to help support the Concert Series. A reception follows the concert. Reformation Lutheran Church, 13100 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23602

Sunday, March 17, 2019, 4 pm

SAF: Madeline Bevins, piano

Madeline, a Windsor resident, is a high school senior whose love for music began at age four when she began piano lessons with Olga Kravitz of Newport News. She continued her study with Charlene Campbell and is currently studying with Susan Grice in Smithfield. Madeline has spent recent winter weeks auditioning for several music schools, and this fall, she will pursue a degree in piano performance. Her recital will feature music by Beethoven, Ravel and Chopin. There is no charge for admission, but a freewill offering will benefit our teen artist. For more information, contact 757 675-5777. Christ Episcopal Church, 111 S. Church Street (corner of Church and Main Streets), Smithfield's Historic District

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