



# STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum



## MARCH MEETING

Friday, March 13, 2020

### Piano Master Class with Dr. Maria Yefimova, VCA Touring Artist

Location: Newton Piano

3750 Virginia Beach Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA 23452

9:30 Coffee & Shopping

10:00 Business Meeting and Workshop

12:00 Lunch

Internationally acclaimed pianist Dr. Maria Yefimova has performed in Italy, Spain, England, Slovakia, Croatia, Russia, and the United States. She appeared in such major venues as Carnegie Hall, Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory Malii and Rachmaninoff Halls, Steinway Hall (NYC), Teatro Puccini di Merano (Italy), Lisinsky Hall (Zagreb), and Slovak Philharmonic Hall. Her performances have been described by critics as “brilliant” (Novosti, Russia), filled with “passion and energy” (America Oggi), “vitality and rhythmic swagger” (New York Concert Review), “highly artistic” (Virginia Gazette), and “truly outstanding” (Berkshire Review for the Arts). Maria is on a touring artists roster of the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Ms. Yefimova has been featured on Bravo TV network, Tele Monte Orlando (Italy), Paradise Radio (USVI), Slovak National Television, WCVE public radio, as well as on major TV art networks in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, and Chile. She is a featured artist in a film documentary Women of Music- a classical music series that presents performances and interviews with today's top artists from around the world.

Ms. Yefimova's festival appearances include Virginia Arts Festival, Meranofest and Vello Music Festivals in Italy, Rachmaninoff Festival in Russia, Water Island Music Festival in USVI, Chamber Music Institute in VA, and Lake George Music Festival in NY. As an orchestral soloist she performed with Slovak Philharmonic, Tambov Philharmonic, and William and Mary Symphony Orchestras, in concertos by Mozart, Liszt, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, and Prokofiev.

As an avid chamber musician, Maria has collaborated with such prominent artists as trumpet virtuoso Joe Burgstaller (Canadian Brass), violinist Dmitri Berlinsky (Paganini Gold medalist), cellist Eric Jacobsen (Brooklyn Rider Quartet, the Knights Orchestra), and world-renowned pianist and pedagogue Boris Slutsky. She is a founding member of the Atlantic Chamber Ensemble (ACE). Described in Chamber Music Magazine as “truly remarkable and innovative”, the group is rapidly gaining recognition for its creative approach in presenting concerts and finding new ways to engage audiences and the local community. ACE is a winner of the 2014 Chamber Music America and ASCAP's adventurous programming award.

A native of Russia, Ms. Yefimova graduated with honors from Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory. After receiving a full scholarship from the Manhattan School of Music, she moved to the US to pursue her Master's and Doctor of Musical Arts Degrees. Maria's principal teachers include Arkady Aronov, Yury Slesarev, Nina Dunaeva, and Yelena Tatulian.

Ms. Yefimova is on the piano faculty of the College of William and Mary and maintains a private studio at her home in Glen Allen, VA. She is the recipient of the “Best Teacher” Award from The X International Tchaikovsky Competition for Young Musicians (2017).



## President's Notes

Happy Spring! We are enjoying more sunny days with warmer temperatures and will be moving our clocks ahead soon.

Thank you to Susan Atkins and her student, Karstan Bock, for the great workshop! I know we all enjoyed their ideas which will help our students to understand music theory better. A "thank you" goes to Lynn Kleisler for organizing it.

We are now looking forward to Levels of Progress in March. I would like to extend my thanks to the Chairs, Elizabeth Baker and Kelsey Jamerson, the teachers, adjudicators, volunteers, etc., for participating in and supporting our biggest event.

March is also the month for our National Conference in Chicago!! New or well-seasoned music teachers can discover new inspiration or creative teaching ideas at the Conference. You can also make music friends from around the country.

Our next general meeting will be March 13th at Newton Piano in Virginia Beach. Dr. Maria Yefimova, VCA Touring Artist, will be our master class clinician. Dr. Yefimova graduated with honors from Moscow State Conservatory. She came to the United States on a full scholarship to the Manhattan School of Music, where she earned both her Master's and Doctor of Musical Arts Degrees. Dr. Yefimov's principal teachers include Arkady Aronov, Yury Slesarev, Nina Dunaeva, and Elena Tatulian.

I hope to see you at the Master Class or at the MTNA Conference!

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

### 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

Check out our new and improved website!  
[www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org)

Need Students?  
Want to refer students?

Look no further than the TMTF website [www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org)

You can submit your contact information and teacher profile to our webmaster  
Mun Lee Han  
[munleehan@gmail.com](mailto:munleehan@gmail.com)

If you need to refer a student simply give them the webmaster address:  
[www.tmtf.org](http://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

## 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

## April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 <small>Good Friday</small>	11
12 <small>Easter Sunday</small>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		


- 4 TMTF Glover Scholarship Auditions  
Monumental United Methodist Church, Portsmouth, VA
- 21 **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**
- 23 **DEADLINE - Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions**
- 23 **DEADLINE - VMTA Eastern District Auditions**
- 24 TMTF Meeting/Workshop – Diane H. Blanchard, NCTM  
Jordan Kitt's Music, 5164 VA Beach Blvd., VA Beach, VA
- 25-26 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions  
Marsh School of Music, Virginia Beach, VA

1/22/2020 to 2/26/2020


ASSETS	
Savings Account	\$3,004.13
Checking Account	\$19,004.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,008.67</b>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$3,004.06
Interest for Dec	\$0.07
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$3,004.13</b>


CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$15,752.34
Play-a-thon	\$2,200.00
Sight Reading/Skills Tests	\$2,527.00
Theory Test	\$21.00
Yearbook Ads	\$240.00
Ex. Sacred Music Festival	-\$40.46
Ex. Student Recital	-\$100.00
Ex. Sight Reading/Skills Tests	-\$1,246.00
Ex. Programs	-\$325.34
Ex. Yearbook/Activity Book	-\$15.70
Ex. Theory Test	-\$8.30
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$19,004.54</b>



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
1 Laura Cardin	4 Carol Noona
4 John Presto	10 Joan Edwards
8 Stephen Kolb	18 Brenda Watkins
11 Elena Schwartz	29 NicholasJohnSteltzer
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	



## 2020 Sight Reading and Skills Test Report

### Skills Test

10 Teachers Participated

121 Students Registered

114 Tests Taken

**83 Superior, 23 Excellent, 7 Very Good, 1 Good**

### Sight Reading Test

11 Teachers Participated

88 Students Registered

84 Tests Taken

**38 Superior, 31 Excellent, 10 Very Good, 2 Good, 3 Fail**

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 Yuko Farman, Jessica Tuttobene, Nancy Whitfield and Susan Grice who volunteered their time to help up in judging.

Thank you again!

Mun Lee Han NCTM  
(Sight Reading and Skills Local Chairperson)



### **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/>

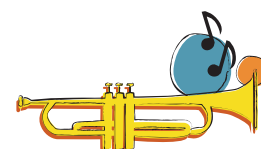
**Deadline Reminder!!  
Honors Recitals Auditions Registrations  
are due on or before  
Friday, March 20, 2020!!**

Please remember that participation in 2020 Levels of Progress is a Prerequisite! The dates are Saturday or Sunday, April 25 or 26, (depending on the playing level) and the place is Marsh School of Music.

Honors Recitals Auditions are for Levels 4 through 12 (all instruments and voice) and are a wonderful opportunity for students who enjoy performing and participating in competitive activities. Details are in the Activity Book and I am always ready and happy to answer questions about this exciting event.

I hope to hear from you!

Myrenna A. Kickasola,  
Honors Recitals Auditions  
Chairman



### Glover Scholarship Auditions

The deadline for the Glover Scholarship Auditions is almost here. The application is due by March 6, 2020. This event will take place at Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth on Saturday, 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 copies of each student's typed judging sheet 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 now due and must be turned in 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.

Thanks again for you and your students' hard work!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM  
Play-A-Thon Chairman



# Piano Master Class Registration

**Dr. Maria Yefimova**

**Friday, March 13, 2020, 10:00 am**

**Newton Piano – Birchwood Shopping Center**

**3750 Virginia Beach Blvd., #35**

**Virginia Beach, VA 23452**

**Deadline: March 8, 2020**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Composition \_\_\_\_\_

Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Level (Intermediate or Advanced) \_\_\_\_\_ Performance time \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that space is limited. We have room for only 5 students and 1 alternate. Applications will be accepted first come, first served and there will be a limit of 1 student per teacher. Dr. Yefimova will be working with each student for 15-20 minutes; maximum playing time is 5 minutes. Please choose the piece accordingly.

**The Master Class fee is \$12.00 per student. Make check payable to TMTF.**

**Mail registration form and check to:**

**Susan Atkins**

**4537 Biscayne Drive**

**Virginia Beach, VA 23455**

Or email Susan Atkins at [PianoLearningCenter@gmail.com](mailto:PianoLearningCenter@gmail.com) and bring the money with you that day.

## 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

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

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

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

Yuko Farman  
9052 River Crescent  
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### Membership Drive

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



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