



STAFFLINES



Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

May meeting: Friday, May 20, 2022

**CHANGE OF
LOCATION**

Jordan Kitt's Music
5164 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23462

MTNA Conference Highlights

Presented by Susan Atkins & Susan Ha

9:30 Coffee

10:00 Business Meeting/Workshop

12:00 Lunch at a local restaurant (TBD)
(members pay for their own)

Please RSVP to Susan Atkins (pianolearningcenter@gmail.com)
so we can have a head count

Join us as Susan Atkins & Susan Ha present workshop highlights and give out handouts, music and other materials from the 2022 National Conference.





President's Letter - April 2022

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

How well do your students take criticism? We can all agree it's necessary for growth as a musician. Our students receive comments from their judges when they play adjudicated events and some even get one-on-one feedback in a master class. But week after week, we're telling our students how to play better. I'm trying to be an effective teacher, so I always start by saying something good about the way my student played the piece. Then I talk about what could be improved and have the student practice the new technique, tempo, dynamic, etc. Then at the end of the lesson I try to be super encouraging so we can end on a high note.

Could it be that this isn't the best approach? I came across an article in the paper (originally from inc.com) quoting a Stanford study that demonstrated a 37% improvement in effectiveness by prefacing the criticism with these 19 words:

"I'm giving you these comments because I have very high expectations and I know that you can reach them." The study explored how teachers can encourage their students to improve their writing skills on an assigned essay. What do those 19 words say to the student? They tell the student they have potential and the teacher believes in them. This mindset alone can motivate the student to take the criticism seriously and propel them to success.

For the article in its entirety:

<https://www.inc.com/jessica-stillman/leadership-feedback-criticism-stanford-study.html>

We're in the final stretch, fellow teachers, and I encourage you to attend the last TMTF meeting of the year on May 20. Also, don't miss the TMTF Honors Recitals (and High School Seniors Recital) on May 15.

Musically yours,

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MTNA Certification

Would you like to work towards a MTNA certification, which will benefit your professional teaching career?

Contact Susan Atkins, NCTM
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Levels of Progress Report

Thank you for participating in Levels of Progress for the 2022 calendar year. Total participation includes the following:

14 Teachers
5 Area Coordinators
10 Judges
176 Students

Total Amount: \$2,169
This completes LOP 2022.

Best,
Elizabeth Duncan, M.M.E.



High School Senior Recital - REGISTER NOW

If you have a high school senior, here's their chance to shine. It's not necessary to plan to be a music major in college. We'd like to honor our graduating seniors with a recital performance.

Sunday, May 15, 2022
Chandler Hall, ODU
Time: TBD but probably 7:00 pm
Deadline for registration: May 1, 2022
No Fee
Contact Liz Sjolund
Landk627@cox.net
(757) 420-7059

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TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions Report

The 2022 TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions were held on April 23 and April 24, 2022 at the Marsh School of Music.

Fifty-six students from ten TMTF teachers registered for this event. Fifty-four students auditioned. Thirty-eight students were selected to perform in the 2022 TMTF Honors Recitals which will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Chandler Recital Hall at Old Dominion University. All are welcome to attend and enjoy the performances of these talented students.

We extend much appreciation and thanks to those who served as judges, tabulators and monitors: Susan Atkins, Cathy Bryan, Susan Grice, Yuko Farman, Donna Halleck, Mun Lee Han, Mary Ann Medlin, Elizabeth Sjolund, Elizabeth Smith, Jeanette Winsor and Katherine Wright.

Josephine A. Jones
Honors Recitals Auditions Chairman



MTNA Membership Renewal

Just a reminder that April is the first month to sign up for 2022-2023 MTNA membership. It covers the costs of the national, state, and local fees. It also includes the benefits of:

- **Peer Connections**—a network of outlets, forums and channels for like-minded individuals in the music profession to collaborate and communicate, both locally and nationally.
- **Ongoing Education**—conferences, events and advice on teaching tips and pedagogy, technology and web trends, master classes and informational sessions.
- **Invaluable Resources**—access to countless benefits, from Certification, publications and consultation services to competitions, teacher enrichment grants and insurance.”(cpd from MTNA.com)

Please join before July 15 so that we can include your information in our yearbook!

To renew online, please go to mtna.org

Donna Halleck, Membership Chair

TMTF Calendar

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				

*Eastern District and Glen Mayberry are now being held at College of William and Mary

5/1 **DEADLINE TMTF Achievement Award Documentation** **DEADLINE High School Seniors' Recital**

- 5/13 - TMTF Executive Board Meeting (Jordan Kitt's Music, 5164 VA Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach VA 23462)
- 5/14 - *VMTA Eastern District Auditions at Ewell Hall, William & Mary
- 5/14 - *Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions at William & Mary
- 5/14 - TMTF Honors Recitals Rehearsals at Chandler Recital Hall, Old Dominion University
- 5/15 - TMTF Honors Recitals at Chandler Recital Hall, Old Dominion University
 - HS Seniors' Recital at Chandler Recital Hall ODU
Time: TBD (Probably 7:00PM)
- 5/20 - TMTF Meeting/Workshop/Luncheon at Holiday Inn Virginia Beach/Norfolk, 5655 Greenwich Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

5/21 - **DEADLINE Stafflines News**



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



May

- 4 Carol Noona
- 4 Megan Stuart
- 4 Megan Zimmerman
- 11 Teresa Compos-Falk
- 16 Betty J. Atkinson
- 26 Susan Burke Cusher
- 28 Mun Lee Han

June

- 7 Susan Ha



OLD DOMINION
UNIVERSITY

Piano Sale

Pianos, Digital Pianos & Violins Available for Public Purchase Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 12-14, 2022

Old Dominion University has had the use of new first-class pianos on a no-cost basis for the 2021-2022 academic year. This arrangement is provided through a partnership with the Rockley Family Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting music education.

The instruments provided to institutions or otherwise made available will be sold at a significant discount from new retail pricing to perpetuate this valuable program and provide resources to the School of Music.

Grands, baby grands, digital player grands, vertical (upright) pianos, digital pianos, violins, violas and cellos will be available from such famous makers as Yamaha, Cristofori, Roland, Stravari Fine Violins, and other instrument manufacturers, with a discrete selection of pre-owned Steinway & Sons pianos. Most instruments are less than one-year old, include a new factory warranty, are tuned, and ready to go. Delivery and special no-interest financing is available on site. Moreover, in most cases, a substantial portion of your purchase is considered as a charitable contribution to the Rockley Family Foundation and may be TAX DEDUCTIBLE.*

LOCATION:

Diehn Center for the Performing Arts, 1339 West 49th Street, Norfolk, VA 23529

BY APPOINTMENT:

You are invited to attend a special “pre-sale” on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 12-14, 2022** along with ODU faculty and staff.

This will give you an opportunity to purchase with priority in selection and price reductions. To secure a time call:

(757) 536-3533

www.RockleyFamilyFoundation.org/ODU

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

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