



NOVEMBER 2019

Susan Atkins, Editor

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NOVEMBER MEETING

*Joy Morin: Lessons for Piano Teachers
from the Alexander Technique*

Friday, 15, 2019

Jordan Kitt's Music

(Formerly Piano & Organ Warehouse)

5164 Virginia Beach Blvd.

Virginia Beach, VA 23460

9:30 Coffee and Shopping

10:00 Business Meeting and Workshop

12:00 Lunch

Joy Morin is a teacher, pianist, speaker, and writer of a blog at ColorinMyPiano.com. Her website contains a variety of free printable music worksheets, games and business forms. There are also music kits and games that can be purchased as well as music repertoire lists and music reading lists that can be downloaded. Joy teaches students of all ages at her independent piano studio in Bowling Green, Ohio. She is a devoted teacher, lifelong learner and a frequent attendee of conferences and workshops. In recent years, she has twice been the recipient of a MTNA Teacher Enrichment Grant, enabling her to further pursue her interest in Edwin Gordon's work in Music Learning Theory (MLT) and complete certifications from the Gordon Institute for Music Learning in both Piano and Early Childhood Music.

This workshop will present a primer on Edwin Gordon's groundbreaking contributions to music education research and pedagogy, known as Music Learning Theory (MLT). Joy will be sharing a variety of teaching strategies and activities for tapping into the way our minds naturally learn music. This is all done towards the goal of provoking greater depths of musical literacy (i.e., "audiation").

Joy enjoys connecting with fellow piano teachers, through her blog and beyond. As an outgrowth of her blog, she offers online courses for piano teachers and an annual Piano Teacher Retreat, hosting fifteen piano teachers at her home. As an active member of MTNA, she has served in numerous capacities. She has given presentations on topics of piano method books, music learning theory, piano teaching literature, and studio business at local, state, and national association levels.

Joy is a native of Michigan and completed graduate studies at Central Michigan University where she received a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy. Her Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance is from Hope College in Michigan where she graduated summa cum laude.

Mark your calendar and come join us for a fantastic music workshop!

Lynn Kleisler, Program Chair

President's Notes

by Mun Lee Han



Greetings Teachers!

Happy Fall Everyone! I sincerely hope you have had a great start to the school year.

We had breathtaking VMTA Conference this year! The Speaker, Keith Snell from Kjos gave us 3 informative sessions; 25-year-old

American pianist Drew Petersen captured the whole audience with his amazing performance; our members, Jeanette Winsor, Susan Atkins and her student Karstan Bock presented wonderful workshops in the Conference. Great thanks to our VMTA President, Narciso Solero for arranging all the above and Old Dominion University for hosting our events. Also, many thanks to all the volunteer helpers! Together we can do it! WE ARE THE BEST!

I have four wonderful news items to share with you!

- John Winsor has won the 2019 MTNA/VMTA Commissioned Composer Competition and this is his 6th time! Congratulations!

- Yuko Farman has agreed to takeover *Stafflines* Editor's position with immediate effect.
- I am glad to appoint Susan Atkins to be our 2019-2021 President Elect. Susan was unanimously approved by the TMTF Board.
- Lynn Kleisler!!! She will be VMTA President Elect starting December 1, 2019!

Our November 15 workshop is by Joy Morin at Jordan Kitt's Music (Formally known as Piano and Organ Warehouse). She will be sharing the Alexander Technique with us. Check your schedule, make arrangements now! I am sure you don't want to miss it.

January begins with lots of deadlines and events. Please make sure you check your yearbook or our google calendar for the dates.

Lastly, Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours! And, I wish you blessings, happiness and joy for the holiday season and the coming New Year.

TMTF President,
Mun Lee Han, NCTM

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www.tmtf.org

List your teacher profile with our new webmaster
Mun Lee Han, NCTM
munleehan@gmail.com

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Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Post photos, announce your events, make connections

TMTF CALENDAR

November

1	DEADLINE – Achievement Award Registration
1	DEADLINE - TMTF Student Recital - Chesapeake
1	DEADLINE - TMTF Student Recital - VA Beach
3	Student Recital – Portsmouth – Zion Baptist Church
9	Sacred Music Festival – Thalia Lynn Baptist Church, VA Beach
	Sacred Music Festival - East End Baptist Church, Suffolk
10	Student Recital – VA Beach – Thalia United Methodist Church
10	Student Recital – Chesapeake – Great Bridge Presbyterian Church
15	DEADLINE – TMTF Play-A-Thon
15	TMTF Meeting/ Workshop – Joy Morin

December

6-8	TMTF Play-A-Thon, Greenbrier Mall, Chesapeake & Pembroke Mall, VA Beach
14	DEADLINE – VMTA Theory Test Registration
21	DEADLINE – Stafflines News

TIDEWATER MUSIC TEACHER'S FORUM
9/22/19 to 10/21/19

ASSETS

Savings Account	\$3,003.83
Checking Account	\$15,665.92
TOTAL	\$18,669.75

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$3,003.76
Interest for August	\$0.07
CLOSING BALANCE	\$3,003.83

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$16,020.56
Ex. Executive Board	-\$50.00
Ex. Programs	-\$200.00
Ex. Yearbook/Activity Book	-\$104.64
CLOSING BALANCE	\$15,665.92

MTNA CERTIFICATION Next Informational Meeting Friday, January 24, 2020

There's no time like the present to start working on your MTNA Certification. Perhaps this could be a winter break project?

First things first. You will need a mentor.

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.

If you would like to be on my contact list, email
Susan Atkins at pianolearningcenter@gmail.com.

To learn more about certification: MTNACertification.org

In the meantime, let me know if you have questions about the process or are ready for me to meet with you one-on-one as your mentor.

Susan Atkins, NCTM (757-282-8220 - cell)

TMTF PLAY-A-THON

Our fourteenth annual TMTF Play-A-thon will be held on **December 6, 7 and 8th** at Greenbrier Mall and Pembroke Mall. It is not too early to plan! Keep in mind that there are no requirements as to what students must play.

There are no age or musical level limits either. Students may play another instrument besides the piano and can even do collaborative pieces with their friends or teacher. Music performed in the Sacred Music Festival in November is also ideal to use at this event.

The deadline for registration is November 15th.

If you haven't had any students participate in the past, I hope you will consider putting some of them in it this year.

Lynn Kleisler, Chairman
lynnkleisler@yahoo.com



November

6	Lonell Riddick
8	LaToya Albritton
10	Avelina Ibarra
22	Suzanne Guy
25	Amanda Lea Marsrow
26	Kennin Simmons
27	Charity Stephens
30	Susie Keele

December

11	Myrenna Kickasola
16	Russell Andrews

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 website address: www.tmtf.org -
it's that easy!

Don't Miss It!

MTNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

March 21-25, 2020

Chicago, IL

Conference Artist:

Anton Nel

**Winner of the National Chopin
Piano Competition**

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and to register:

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VMTA THEORY NOTICE

Hello Music Teachers,

This is a reminder that on Saturday, January 25, 2020, the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum (TMTF) will administer the VMTA Theory Test. This Event will be held at the Student Webb Center at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. The Registration Deadline is Saturday, December 14, 2019.

Levels 4 - 12 begin at 9:00 a.m.

Levels Pri - 3B begin at 10:30 a.m.

I encourage everyone to participate. Teachers who are not members of TMTF can also participate. Contact Marilyn Forman, TMTF Theory Chair, if you are a non-member and interested to participate.

The phone number and email address for Marilyn Forman is at the bottom of this page.

The *Registration Form* and the *Student Release Form* are in the TMTF Activity Book.

Please make copies of the *Student Release Form*, which is found in the TMTF Activity Book, for your students. Please note that each student should have their own form. Do not combine siblings on one form. Have your students bring this form with them on the day of the Theory Test. Also, please help them fill-out the form. Do not mail your *Student Release Forms* to the Theory Chairman. Along with the *Student Release Form*, please also have your students bring two pencils for their use.



Students can take only one test per year. The fee is \$14.00 for one test. Mail the Registration Form, and also include one check reflecting the sum of the students entered and payable to TMTF. **Do not have students mail their registration to the Theory Chairman.** Only the teachers should mail the Registration form and the one check totaling the registration sum amount of the students entered to the TMTF Theory Chairman, Marilyn Forman. This also applies to a teacher entering one student. The teacher should mail the Registration form and check.

Reminders:

◆Students may enter the program at any level or skip levels at the discretion of their teacher. ◆Students who previously failed a test can go to the next level provided the private teacher tests and approves the student to proceed. ◆An oral test can be given if requested on the Registration Form.

◆The knowledge required for the Theory Test is cumulative, and may include questions based on materials required from previous levels. There are no retakes for failures in the same year, and there are no make-up dates for the Theory Test should students be absent on the Theory Test day. Students who are absent the day of the Theory Test will receive their test but not receive VMTA credit for the test.

Teachers can purchase a hard copy of the 2013 VMTA Sample Theory Syllabus

The VMTA Sample Theory Syllabus includes:

- Twelve levels of practice tests
- Corresponding Answer Keys
- Aural CDs for each level
- New Terms Glossary

Marilyn Forman, NCTM
Theory Chairman
37 Patton Drive
Newport News, VA 23606-1744

The cost of the Sample Theory Syllabus including the aural CDs is \$21.00. Mail to Marilyn Forman your check for \$21.00 and made payable to TMTF with "Theory Tests" written in the memo field.

Note: This Sample Theory Syllabus can also be viewed online on the VMTA website.

Teachers are expected to come help administer and grade the Theory Tests on the Theory Test Day, Saturday, January 25th. Teacher assignments will be given to all teachers entering students in this Event.

All the Best,

Marilyn Forman, TMTF Theory Chairman

Tel: (757) 930-8560

Email: mforman@odu.edu

2020 SIGHT-READING AND SKILLS TEST

The VMTA Helen Parker Sight Reading Test will be administered with the VMTA Skills Test on -
Sunday, February 9, 2020
 at Old Dominion University

The registration DEADLINE is January 9, 2020

The POSTMARK date is the same as the DEADLINE date.

The syllabus is available from the State Chairperson.

Detailed 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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VIRGINIA BEACH CHORALE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Join the Virginia Beach Chorale at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts on December 14, 2019, at 7:30 pm. This season's holiday concert is titled "Beautiful Music, Ugly Sweaters" and features some great holiday favorites, including "O Magnum Mysterium", Pentatonix's arrangements of "Where Are You, Christmas?" and "Up on the House Top", Kay Thompson's "Jingle Bells", and some incredible arrangements by newer composers: "The Beautiful Sing" and "His Light in Us". You won't want to miss it!

Through Nov. 30th we are offering \$15 discount tickets to all of our supporters! This is a savings of over \$7 + ticketing fees at the box office!

Tickets can be ordered online at www.vbchorale.org/tickets.

KING'S CHOIR OF HAMPTON ROADS - A CELTIC CHRISTMAS

A Celtic Christmas is a harmonious blending of King's Choir of Hampton Roads, featured Scottish fiddler Paul Anderson, Scottish singer, Shona Anderson, and an orchestra of Hampton Roads' finest musicians.

This is a Christmas musical experience rich with familiar Christmas carols, authentic Highland music, and powerful ballads from traditional to the present. Simply Glorious!

All proceeds and donations help support King's Choir of Hampton Roads.

TICKETS - \$5.00

TCC Roper Performing Arts Center one hour before the show or in advance by calling 757-627-5437 or buy online at www.tccropercenter.org

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:

Susan Atkins

pianolearningcenter@gmail.com

Alternatively, you may submit a printed article via U.S. Postal Service.

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