

STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Friday, November 17, 2023



Classical Period Music & Piano Masterclass*
Presented by Keiko Sekino, DMA

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

9:30 Coffee & Breakfast Treats

10:00 Business Meeting and Workshop

12:00 Lunch

Pianist Keiko Sekino enjoys an active career as a solo recitalist and chamber musician in the United States and abroad, having performed at such venues as Carnegie Weill Recital Hall, Steinway Hall, Bennef-Gordon Hall at Ravinia Park, and Palacio de FesNvales de Cantabria in Santander, Spain. She has participated in festivals including Ravinia, Norfolk, and Yellow Barn in the United States and Kuhmo, Encuentro de Música y Academia de Santander, La Gesse, and PonNno in Europe.

Keiko Sekino completed a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University and holds additional degrees from Yale University in economics and music. Among her teachers are Peter Frankl and Robert McDonald. She has also worked closely with Elisso Virsaladze and Claude Frank. She serves as Associate Professor of Piano and Chair of Keyboard Studies at the East Carolina University School of Music.

In 2021, Keiko Sekino was inducted to the Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame which recognizes North America's "most committed and passionate piano educators."

*The sign-up sheet for the masterclass is on page 7.



President's Letter November 2023

November is always a time of year that I reflect on what I am grateful for and count my blessings. I am grateful to be a member of TMTF and VMTA for many reasons, but a huge reason is because I am able to continue my education in music and teaching. My students and I benefit from learning new ideas and tricks of the trade as well as reiterating things that work well. I learn so much from our local association's monthly workshops! We have had some great workshops so far this fall: new music from Tom Gerou and pedaling tips from Thomas Pandolfi! The pedaling workshop was very informative and enlightening. Thomas had us all engaged with his impeccable playing and with his welcoming workshop style; it was open to discussion, questions, and answers throughout.

The first week of November is our VMTA Conference and Competitions at Old Dominion University and we will have many more workshops to learn from, beautiful music to listen to, and a lot of discussion amongst colleagues about teaching, playing, and also about life. I am thrilled about the opportunity to be there!

I hope to see you at the VMTA Conference and that you will be able to join us for our next meeting on November 17th, with Dr. Keiko Sekino from ECU's School of Music! (More information on the first page of this edition of Stafflines)

Laura Cardin
Co-President



Sacred Music Festival

LAST CALL FOR STUDENTS.....



This is a **wonderful** opportunity for your students to prepare pieces for Play-A-Thon, Christmas Recitals, church offertories, preludes, and specials **without** the pressure of memorization.

This event will be held at Thalia Lynn Baptist Church on Virginia Beach Blvd and Monumental Methodist Church in Portsmouth on Saturday, November 11, 2023.

Look in the Activity Book on page 10 for instructions and page 16 for the registration form. If you've never gotten involved in any of our programs before, I would love to help you get started! The deadline has passed but there is room for more if you contact me soon! You may email your registration form to donnahalleck@gmail.com and mail in the check to the address on the form. I really hope to hear from some new participants this year!

**Don't let this event pass you by!
Get involved!**

Donna Halleck
Sacred Music Festival Chairperson

Teacher Recital Update

Despite having only a few participants registered thus far, the teacher recital will be held as planned. For those who are still undecided, we highly encourage you to sign up. Memorization is not required. This event serves as an excellent opportunity to refine your performance skills as educators. Even if you're not performing, we invite you to attend and show support for the participating teachers. Below is the current program lineup for the recital.

Saturday, November 18

3:00 pm (May arrive as early as 2:00 to test the piano)

Jewish Community Center

5000 Corporate Woods Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Contact Yuko Farman (yukofarman@gmail.com) and Sarah Lantz (slantz@jordankitts.com) if you're interested in either performing or attending the concert.

"If You Become the Moon"	Forrest Kinney
Indian folk poem translated	(1956 - 2019)
by Devendra Satyarthi	Kevin Helppie
	(b. 1957)
	Jaclyn Weber
	(b. 1958)

"Deep River" (arr. 2023 premiere).....arr. By Scarlett Antaloczy	
Traditional Spiritual	

From The Singing Book 4th Edition by Cynthia Vaughn and Meribeth Dayme,
Rowman & Littlefield, Spring 2024

Cynthia Vaughn, soprano
Rebekah Nieto, pianist

Sonata in D Major K. 576.....	W. A. Mozart
I. Allegro	(1756 - 1791)
	Julie Heard

Sonata in G minor for Cello and Piano.....	Sergei Rachmaninoff
Op. 19	(1873 - 1943)
III. Andante	
	Sarah Lantz, cello

Widmung ("Dedication").....	Robert Schumann
from Myrthen Op. 25	(1810 - 1856)
	trans. By Franz Liszt
	(1811 - 1886)
	Yuko Farman



TMTF Play-A-Thon

Students of all levels and any instrument are invited to share their love of music by performing at this fun event. All students will receive a little prize after they perform. They can play seasonal, hymn, classical, duets, popular, or ensemble music, etc. **Pieces that students prepared for the Sacred Music Festival could also be used or this event.** Memorization is not required!!!

The deadline for this event is here! Registration is due by November 11th. The dates for the Play-A-Thon this year are December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. It will be held at Greenbrier Mall in Chesapeake in front of Piano Showcase. Please use the current registration form that can be found in the 2023 Activity Book. Other Play-A-Thon forms can also be found there such as the Student Pledge Form, Letter to Parents, Teacher Guidelines, etc. Now is the time to start handing the Pledge Sheets out to your students to give them time to secure pledges before the event.

More information about this event can also be found in the TMTF Yearbook. **Please note that it is a requirement for a teacher's studio to participate in this event if entering students in the Glover Scholarship Auditions, Glen Mayberry Competition or receive money from the Louise Garrow Memorial Scholarship Fund this school year.** As well as helping our three scholarship funds, students will also have an opportunity to win cash prizes themselves if they bring in one of the three highest amounts of pledge money! Remember to tell students that donations are tax deductible.

If you have not participated before, please consider entering some students in the event this year!

Chairman: Lynn Kleisler, NCTM

Co-Chairman: Elizabeth Smith

Certification Meeting

Start the process or just get more information about MTNA Certification.

Date: Friday, November 10, 2023 **Time:** 10:00 am - 11:00 am **Location:** In-person at Susan Atkins' house - 4537 Biscayne Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

RSVP to Susan Atkins. Want to Zoom? - RSVP to receive link. Want more information?

Visit [Certification.mtna.org](https://www.mtna.org)

Susan Atkins, NCTM

Chairperson, Certification

757-282-8220

pianolearningcenter@gmail.com



VMTA Theory Test

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO START PREPARING FOR THE THEORY TEST

VMTA Theory Test

Saturday, January 28, 2024

9:00 Levels 4-12

10:30 Levels P-3B

Webb Center, Old Dominion University

Deadline: December 14, 2023

Fee: \$14 per test, make payable to TMTF

See TMTF Activity Booklet for details and registration form

How to prepare your students? See the Theory Syllabus on the VMTA website -

<https://vmta-music.org/>

The VMTA theory test is required to enter Eastern District Competitions

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR STUDENTS!

Questions?

Susan Atkins - pianolarningcenter@gmail.com or 757-282-8220

Happy teaching!



Get Involved in TMTF!

We have plenty of opportunities to get involved by helping with events, such as judging, and administering various tests, auditions, and recitals. These are excellent opportunities to contribute your talent and connect with other music teachers. If you are interested, please contact our co-president, Laura Cardin or Yuko Farman.

Levels of Progress

Registration Deadline: January 19, 2024

Event Dates: March 9 and 10, 2024

(Details are in the Activity Booklet)

The TMTF Levels of Progress is not a competitive event, but rather an opportunity for all students - regardless of age, ability, or length of study - to gain the experience of perfecting two pieces to perform for an outside examiner. Levels of Progress includes Primer Level through Level 12. Students may enter in piano, voice, organ, strings, guitar, or ensembles. Teachers from within the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum serve as judges for Levels of Progress and complete evaluation sheets for each entrant. Students are judged on a standard of excellence and not against each other. Each student receives a certificate as an award for his/her effort and achievement.

If you are already a participating teacher in Levels of Progress, thank you! If you have not yet taken advantage of this opportunity, please make it a priority for 2024! This is the perfect way to allow students of all abilities to participate in a meaningful regional musical activity. Levels of Progress is also TMTF's major fundraising event for the year. Your participation will help us continue to provide quality presenters for our meetings and the best possible opportunities for our teachers and students.

Please note, LOP participation is a requirement in order to enter the Honors Recitals Auditions.

LEVELS OF PROGRESS IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR TEACHERS, STUDENTS and TMTF. PLEASE MAKE IT A PRIORITY!

Mun Lee Han (2024 Levels of Progress Chairperson)
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2024 Sight-Reading and Skills Test

The VMTA Helen Parker Sight Reading and will be administered with the VMTA Skills Tests on –

Sunday, March 25, 2024

at Diehn Performing Arts Center
Old Dominion University

The registration DEADLINE is January 19, 2024.

The POSTMARK date is the same as the DEADLINE date.

There will be no make-up dates.

Syllabus is available from the State Chairperson.

Detail 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. The preparation involved in readiness will definitely be educational and rewarding for them.

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Congratulations

Our member Joshua Miller's student has won the MTNA Composition Competition at the state level for Virginia!

Elementary:

Representative: Adrian Pezzimenti, Student of Renea Duelm

Junior:

Winner: Vikram Goudar, Student of Joshua Miller

Honorable mention: Violet Farmer, Student of Sarah O'Brien

Senior:

Winner: Kai Wang, Student of Jun Hou

Honorable mention: Matthew Hodge, Student of Samuel Wellman

TMTF Facebook Private Group

Tidewater Music Teachers Forum VMTA
members
facebook.com



Welcome! This is the new private discussion group for members of Tidewater Music Teachers Forum. It is opt-in only. When you visit the group, ask to join and you will be added by an admin. Our public-facing Facebook PAGE is for people to learn more about TMTF, programs, and events. This private Facebook GROUP is a member-to-member group for discussions, questions, opportunities, community and studio events of interest to members, requests for teachers with student openings, carpools for chapter events.....anything musically related that you'd like to share with your colleagues. [No MLM or sales posts, please.]

Cynthia Vaughn, TMTF Private Group Admin



TMTF CALENDAR

November 2023

- 1** **DEADLINE - Achievement Award Registration**
- 2-4** **VMTA State Conference at Old Dominion University**
- 5** **DEADLINE - TMTF Student Recital - VA Beach**
- 11** **DEADLINE - TMTF Play-A-Thon Registration**
- 11** TMTF Sacred Music Festival
 - *Thalia Lynn Baptist Church, 4321 VA Beach Blvd, VA Beach, VA 23452*
 - *Monumental UMC, 450 Dinwiddie St, Portsmouth, VA 23704*
- 12** **DEADLINE - TMTF Student Recital - Portsmouth**
- 17** 10:00 a.m. TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Clinician: Keiko Sekino, DMA
Jordan Kitt's Music - 5164 VA Beach Blvd., VA Beach, VA 23462
- 19** Student Recital - VA Beach - Coastal Virginia Unitarian Universalist Church
- 19** Student Recital - Portsmouth - West Side Christian Church

December 2023

- 1-3** TMTF Play-A-Thon - Greenbrier Mall, Chesapeake
- 15** **DEADLINE - Theory Test**
- 21** **DEADLINE - Stafflines News**



November

- 1 Carol Cook
- 1 Geraldine Pearson
- 6 Lonell Riddick
- 10 Avelina Ibarra
- 30 Susie Keele

Happy
Birthday

Piano Master Class Registration

Dr. Keiko Sekino

“Classical Period Music and Piano Masterclass”

Masterclass **Friday, November 17, 2023, 10:00 am**

Location **Jordan Kitts Music, 5164 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach**

Deadline **November 10, 2023**

Registration form must be received by this date via email or mail

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 3 students and 1 alternate. There will be a limit of 1 student per teacher. Dr. Sekino will be working with each student for 20-25 minutes. Maximum playing time is 5 minutes. Please choose the piece accordingly. The repertoire list will be provided to Dr. Sekino and she will choose the performers.

The Master Class fee is \$12.00 per student. Please make your check payable to TMTF.

If the student is not selected to perform, the fee will be returned.

Mail registration form and check to:

Sally Copeland

Old Dominion University

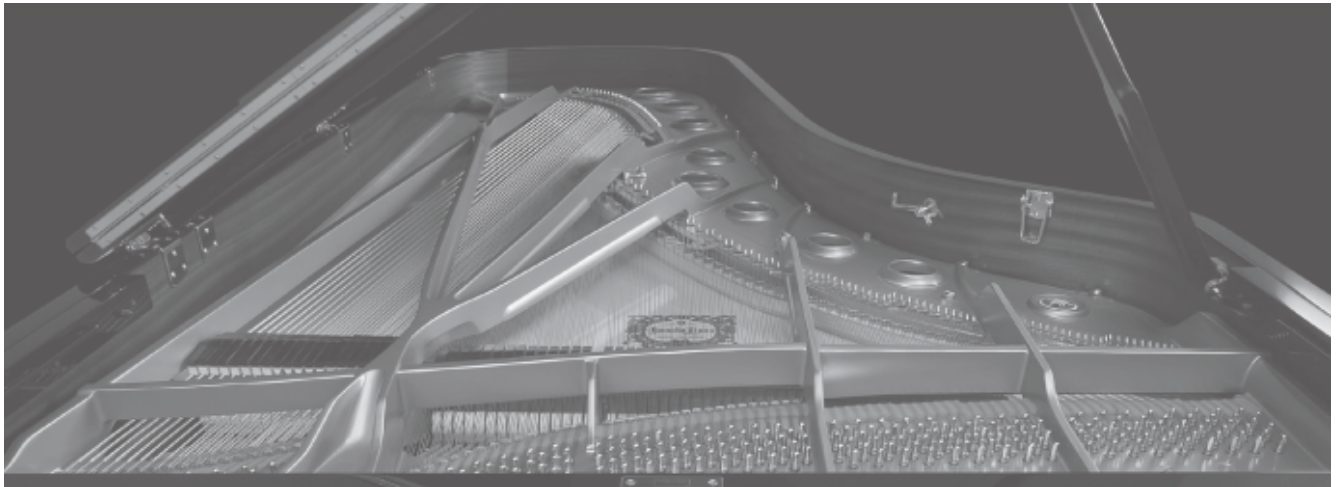
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Full page (8.5" x 11"): \$20.00

Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to Yuko Farman, NCTM, 9052 River Crescent, Suffolk, VA 23433

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