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Friday, September 20, 2019

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Presented by
MELODY BOBER
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Date & Time Friday, September 20, 2019 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.	Location The Susan S. Goode Center for the Fine & Performing Arts Virginia Wesleyan University 5817 Wesleyan Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23455	Register Today Visit alfred.com/pianorsvp or Contact Music & Arts at (757) 366-0666 to register by September 12th, 2019.
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Receive a FREE Alfred Music publication at this workshop!

Location: Susan S. Goode
 Fine and Performing Arts Center
 Virginia Wesleyan University
 5817 Wesleyan Drive
 Virginia Beach VA 23455

8:30 Coffee & Registration
 9:00 Announcements Publisher's Workshop
 12:00 Luncheon
 (Courtesy of Music & Arts)

Please call Music & Arts at 757-366-0666 to register your attendance by September 12 or to register online, alfred.com/pianorsvp. Onsite registration begins at 8:30 AM on the day of the event. **This is necessary** to make sure there are enough materials and food for everyone. If you have any colleagues that are not members who might want to attend, please register them also and bring them along! I hope to see you there!

- Mun Lee Han, TMTF President

As a composer, Melody Bober enjoys creating motivational piano pieces that foster her students' understanding and love of music.

Melody graduated summa cum laude from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. She later received a Master of Arts degree in Piano Performance from Minnesota State University, Moorhead. Melody credits much of her success to her influential teachers who include Joel Shapiro and Andrew Froelich (piano), Mary Hoffman (music education), and Tony Caramia (jazz).

An active church pianist and accompanist, Melody has also held the position of church music director. In addition to teaching piano in her private studio, Melody's music-teaching experience includes 20 years of public school and two years at the university level.

A dynamic clinician and innovative composer, Melody is in great demand at conventions and workshops for piano teachers across North America. She resides in Minnesota with her husband Jeff.

President's Notes

by Lynn Kleisler



Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

Fall is around the corner and we are all busy jumping back into teaching. I hope you have had a relaxing summer and are ready to start the new teaching year. As you are deciding how to manage your time in the fall, be sure that our monthly meeting fits into your busy schedule!

Our first meeting/publisher's workshop by Melody Bober, will take place on September 20, 9:00 am at The Susan S. Goode Center for the Fine & Performing Arts, Virginia Wesleyan University (5817 Wesleyan Drive, Virginia Beach VA 23455). Register today at <https://www.alfred.com/piano-workshop-registration/> or call Music & Arts at (757) 366-0666. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

This year, we look forward to hosting the VMTA State Conference at Old Dominion University, Norfolk from October 31 to November 2. For those who are willing to help up please fill out the google form that has been sent to your email as soon as you can.

Have you looked at our website (www.tmtf.org) lately? It is your resource for everything related to TMTF. You can find updated copies of the registration forms, 2019-2020 TMTF calendar, workshop list, list of Executive Board members, archived newsletters, photos gallery, bulletin board and much more. The next time you have a question, check the website!

Lastly, thank you to all who have stepped up to serve this year, to make TMTF strong!

Best Wishes,
Mun Lee Han, NCTM
TMTF Co-President

MESSAGE FROM JORDAN KITTS

Jordan Kitt's Music returns to Tidewater! After over 40 years in business, Piano & Organ Warehouse has been acquired by Jordan Kitt's Music.

Jordan Kitt's had a long and wonderful history in the Tidewater market, starting with the acquisition of Temple of Music in 1988 from then-owner Joe Riddle. Over the years, "Jordan Kitt's Temple of Music" had stores in Pembroke Mall, Lynnhaven Mall, Coliseum Mall, and most recently a free standing location on Virginia Beach Boulevard. Jordan Kitt's exited the market in 2010. During that time, Jordan Kitt's best competitor in Virginia Beach was Piano & Organ Warehouse, the Yamaha dealership owned by well-respected industry veterans Buddy and Peggy Parker.

Chris Syllaba, Jordan Kitt's President, states: "We are so excited to be back in Virginia Beach, serving the entire Tidewater market with major brands like Yamaha, Cristofori and Roland. We are also looking forward to again being able to support the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum and education outreach in all of Hampton Roads."

The entire current staff will continue on in their roles under the leadership of **Ray Barker**, District Manager. Ray has had a long and successful career in the piano business, having started selling Yamaha pianos in 1996 for Piano & Organ Warehouse. He then managed the Jordan Kitt's Temple of Music store for several years before returning to Piano & Organ Warehouse in 2010.

Current piano inventory from Piano & Organ Warehouse is now being liquidated during a store closing sale before the location is re-branded as Jordan Kitt's Music.

Jordan Kitt's Music
5164 Virginia Beach Blvd
Virginia Beach, VA 23462
757-497-8929

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 9, 2019

DEADLINE: October 18, 2019

LOCATIONS

Thalia Lynn Baptist Church
4392 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA

East End Baptist Church
1056 Portsmouth Blvd, Suffolk, VA



Are you interested in giving your students a well rounded music education? If yes, then encourage them to enter the Sacred Music Festival this fall. There are many sacred books of all levels available to get them started. Memorization is not required and it only takes a few minutes of their Saturday to participate. The details will be listed in the TMTF yearbook. This event parallels our Levels of Progress opportunity by using sacred music to help prepare them for using their talents in churches. Most of our students will not become concert pianists, however, we want them to continue to use their piano skills throughout their lives. Be thinking and starting to prepare those students entrusted to you ahead of time. I know you will be glad you did!

For more information: Donna Halleck, Chairman
donnahalleck@gmail.com
(757) 482-5429

TMTF CALENDAR

September

1	TMTF Teacher Recital – Christ & St. Luke’s Church, Norfolk
20	Publisher’s Workshop - Alfred - Melody Bober
21	DEADLINE – Stafflines News

October

11	TMTF Board Meeting – Whitfield Music, Chesapeake
18	TMTF Meeting/Workshop - Julia Sansone, NCTM
18	DEADLINE – Sacred Music Festival
21	DEADLINE – Stafflines News
25	DEADLINE - TMTF Student Recital - Portsmouth
31-Nov 2	VMTA Fall Conference & Competitions – ODU, Norfolk

TIDEWATER MUSIC TEACHER’S FORUM
5/21/19 to 8/23/19

ASSETS	
Savings Account	\$3,003.68
Checking Account	\$16,792.13
TOTAL	\$19,795.81

SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$3,003.45
Interest for May, June, July	\$0.23
CLOSING BALANCE	\$3,003.68

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	\$15,592.97
Membership Dues	\$1,040.00
Staffline Ads	\$30.00
Yearbook Ads	\$870.00
Ex. Achievement Awards	-\$180.62
Ex. Senior Recital	-\$22.53
Ex. Executive Board	-\$75.59
Ex. Rental of Facilities	-\$340.00
Ex. Stafflines	-\$119.35
Ex. Yearbook	-\$2.75
CLOSING BALANCE	\$16,792.13

MTNA CERTIFICATION Next Informational Meeting Friday, October 25, 2019

How did your summer go? If you’re like me, you wish it was longer so maybe I could tackle some of the projects on my back burner.

Is one of your projects MTNA Certification?

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 (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



September

2 Josephine Jones
 5 Mildred Harris
 6 Elizabeth Edler
 10 Mandy Collins
 16 Sharon Alston
 17 Jessica Tuttobene
 25 Daphne Waring-Sorrell
 28 Christine Ward
 30 Vernon McCart
 30 Agnes Wan

October

5 Rachel Matthews
 12 Charles-Cedric Spence
 15 Joshua Miller
 15 Mary Taylor
 16 Elisabeth Bjork
 21 Elizabeth Smith
 22 Deborah Hills
 31 Anne Clifford

Mark your calendars

VMTA 2019 STATE CONFERENCE

October 31-November 2

**Old Dominion University
 Norfolk, VA**

Guest Artist: Keith Porter-Snell

*Register at:
www.virginiamta.org*

Don't Miss It!

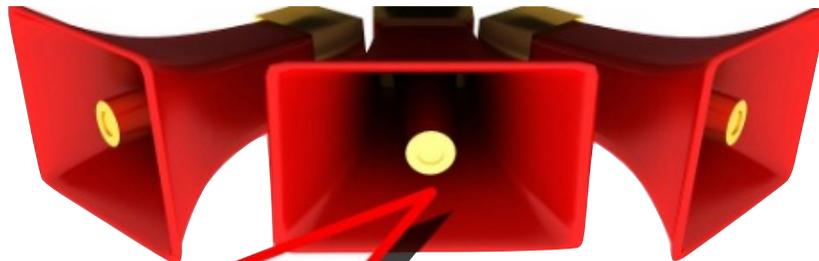
MTNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE March 21-25, 2020 Chicago, IL

**Conference Artist:
 Anton Nel**

**Winner of the National Chopin
 Piano Competition**

For more information:
MTNA.org

Registration begins in October



**STORE CLOSING
SALE!!!**



PIANO & ORGAN WAREHOUSE
5164 VA BEACH BLVD., VA BEACH, VA
(757)497-8929

Invitation to the Richmond MTA meetings

Friday, October 4, 2019

10:00 AM, Fee: \$10

How to be a great judge

Panel of three RMTA teachers - Fay Barss, Anne

James and Sharon Stewart

Home of Fay Barss

2022 Millbank Rd

Richmond, VA 23229

Deadline: September 21, 2019

Saturday, January 11, 2020

1:00 PM, Fee: \$10

St. Luke Lutheran Church

7757 Chippenham Pkwy

Richmond, VA 23225

Deadline: December 28, 2019

Checks should be made payable to: RMTA

Checks should be mailed to:

1650 Overbrook Ave,

Apt # G16

Richmond, VA 23220

Questions: Contact Chloe Fortin

FORTINCM19@GMAIL.COM

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**

Check out our new and improved website!

www.tmtf.org

List your teacher profile
with our new webmaster
Mun Lee Han, NCTM
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:

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!

VMTA THEORY NOTICE

The 2019 VMTA THEORY TESTS were conducted on January 26, 2019 at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Fifteen teachers participated.

Results of this year's 2019 VMTA THEORY TESTS:	*Superior: <u>63</u>
	*Excellent: <u>34</u>
	*Very Good: <u>23</u>
◆ 156 students registered for this Event.	*Good: <u>14</u>
◆ 26 students achieved a score of 100%! Bravo!	*Pass: <u>5</u>
	*Not Pass: <u>9</u>
	*Absent: <u>8</u>

<u>Student</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Selina Zhang	1-A	Mun Lee Han
Cailyn Kim	1-B	Elena Heifetz
Katie Tserediani	1-B	Donna Halleck
Andrew Chow	1-B	Susan Atkins
Stella Willert	2-A	Mun Lee Han
Changxing Yang	2-A	Mun Lee Han
Spoorthi Chekuri	2-A	Romayne A. Hardy
Jack Gao	2-A	Josephine A. Jones
Katelynn DePeralta	2-A	Josephine A. Jones
Olivia Lumba	2-A	Mun Lee Han
Austin Jones	2-A	Josephine A. Jones
Piper McSpadden	2-A	Josephine A. Jones
Samantha DePeralta	2-A	Josephine A. Jones
Zuchen Wu	2-B	Marilyn Forman
Isabella Rodriguez	2-B	Mun Lee Han
Keagan Clark	2-B	Elena Heifetz
Ella Rick	3-A	Mun Lee Han
Claire Chang	3-B	Elena Heifetz
Josie Williams	3-B	Susan Atkins
Nathan He	4	Josephine A. Jones
Christina Wong	4	Josephine A. Jones
Olivia Chang	4	Elena Heifetz
Robert Blair	4	Josephine A. Jones
Sherine Kim	5	Elena Heifetz
WeiQi Wang	5	Mun Lee Han
Jennifer Lee	10	Elizabeth Sjolund

The teachers listed below participated in the 2019 VMTA Theory Test Event.

Susan Atkins	Betty J. Atkinson	Mun Lee Han
Elena Heifetz	Myrenna Kickasola	Elizabeth Smith
Josephine Jones	Susie Keele	Susan Ha
Romayne Hardy	Marilyn Forman	Amanda Marsrow
Donna Halleck	Galina Epelman	Elizabeth Sjolund

😊 Kristi Harriman and I want to thank Mark Atkins, Anna Atkins, Peter Forman, Allen Halleck, Avelina Ibarra, Sally Copeland, Brandon Lewis, Elizabeth Baker, and Mikayla Jefferson for helping.

✧ A special thanks to **Dr. Nancy Klein**, Music Department Chairman, at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, for sponsoring this event in the Student Webb Center at Old Dominion University.

Next year's VMTA Theory Test is **Saturday, January 25, 2020** at the Webb Center at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.

The Registration Deadline is Saturday, December 14, 2019

- The Registration Fee is \$14.00/Student
- The Registration Form is included in the TMTF Activity Book.

The 2013 VMTA Sample Theory Syllabus which includes 12 levels of Practice tests, corresponding Answer Keys, New Terms Glossary, and Aural CD's for each level is available. See the TMTF Activity Book, or visit the VMTA Website: www.music-usa.org/vmta for more information.

Best to all,

Marilyn Forman
TMTF Theory Chairman
37 Patton Drive
Newport News, VA 23606-1744
(757) 930-8560

Kristi Harriman
TMTF Theory Co-Chairman
4337 Meadow Wood Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23321
(757) 484-6827

Participating teachers for this Theory Event are expected to help on the day of the Theory Test.

TMTF SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS: 4th QUARTER 2018-19

<u>TMTF SCHOLARSHIP CHECKING ACCT. 4/01/19 thru 6/30/19</u>		
Opening Balance:		\$ 526.01
Income:		
Transfer from Glover acc't for judges/expenses	\$ 546.54	
Transfer from Glover acc't for Glover scholarships	7,800.00	
Playathon funds	8,691.00	
<u>Virginia Baptist Foundation</u>		<u>\$ 2,039.82</u>
Total:		\$19,077.36
 Expenses:		
Glover judges/expenses	\$ 546.54	
Playathon funds to Garrow acc't	300.00	
Playathon funds to Mayberry acc't	2,517.00	
Playathon funds to Glover acc't	5,874.00	
Virginia Baptist Foundation to Glover acc't	2,039.82	
Glover scholarship awards	5,500.00	
Eastern District award	<u>100.00</u>	
Total:	\$16,877.36	
Closing Balance:		\$ 2,726.01
 <u>GARROW SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 4/01/19 thru 6/30/19</u>		
Opening Balance:		\$ 511.91
Income:		
Account interest	\$ 0.05	
Playathon funds	300.00	
Total:	\$ 300.05	
Expenses:	-0-	
Closing Balance:		\$ 811.96
 <u>GLOVER SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 4/01/19 thru 6/30/19</u>		
Opening Balance:		\$10,842.87
Income:		
Account Interest	\$ 0.78	
Playathon funds	5,874.00	
<u>Virginia Baptist Foundation</u>		<u>2,039.82</u>
Total:	\$7,914.60	
Expenses:		
Transfer to chk, for Glover judges/expenses	\$ 546.54	
<u>Glover awards</u>		<u>7,800.00</u>
Total:	\$ 8,346.54	
Closing Balance:		\$10,410.93
 <u>MAYBERRY SCHOLARSHIP SAVINGS ACCT. 4/01/19 thru 6/30/19</u>		
Opening Balance:		\$12,303.85
Income:		
Account interest:	\$ 1.01	
<u>Playathon funds</u>		<u>2,517.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,518.01	
Expenses:	-0-	
Closing Balance:		\$ 14,821.86

VMTA 2019 FALL CONFERENCE - Volunteer Sign Up Form

Theme: "Passing the Torch: looking to the past and to the future"

Host Chapter: Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Dates: October 31 (Thursday) to November 2 (Saturday)

Venue: Diehn Center for the Performing Arts and Webb Center, Old Dominion University

* Required

Name * _____

Contact Number * _____

Email Address * _____

I am happy to help out at the Registration Desk on:

Please select all that apply

	Morning	Midday	Afternoon
October 31 (Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
November 1 (Friday)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
November 2 (Saturday)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I am happy to help out as a room monitor:

Please select all that apply

	Morning	Midday	Afternoon
October 31 (Thursday)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
November 1 (Friday)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
November 2 (Saturday)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please select all that apply:

I can help putting Folder and Swag Bags Together on:

Oct 27 (Sunday) 2:30pm at ODU.

No Preference. Just tell me what to do.

Any other comments and/or questions?

Submit form to:

tidewatermtf@gmail.com

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.

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
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One half page (8.5" x 5.5")	\$10.00
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Full page (8.5" x 11")	\$20.00
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Make check payable to TMTF and send along with your ad to:

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TMTF is the 2008 MTNA Local Association of the Year