

STAFFLINES

Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum



Friday, September 15, 2023

Location **Music & Arts**

1412 Greenbrier Pkwy #126
Chesapeake, VA 23320

9:30 Coffee & Breakfast Treats
10:00 Business Meeting and Workshop
12:00 Lunch and Door Prizes (Compliments of
Tidewater Music Teachers Forum*)

***Please RSVP to Susan Atkins. Email pianolearningcenter@gmail.com or call (757) 282-8220**

Tom Gerou is a globally recognized author, composer, pianist, and clinician known for his innovative approach. With a keen passion for music and meticulous attention to detail, he creates exceptional, original content catered to discerning musicians. As a Workshop Clinician and Session Presenter, he conducts Multi-Week Workshop Tours across various countries including Australia, Canada, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the United States, and Thailand.

Career

Publisher, Composer, Tom Gerou Music; Editor-in-Chief, Piano Strategy, Alfred Music;
Vice President Production, Alfred Publishing

Education

Master of Music from Yale University, New Haven, CT; Bachelor of Music from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Author

- 170 Active Publications
- Great Music & Musicians Books 1 & 2, Essential Dictionary of Music Notation, Essential Dictionary of Orchestration
- Selections featured on current Trinity College London 2021–2023 syllabus, National Federation of Music Clubs Bulletin 2020–2024, and Royal Conservatory of Music 2020-2023 Syllabus / 2022 Piano Edition.

Awards

- American Society of Composers Authors and Publishers with (ASCAP) Foundation Morton Gould Young Composers Award
- Charles H. Ditson Scholar
- Jimmy McHugh Composition Prize
- Los Angeles Drama Critics Award, Best Musical Score (2)
- Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Commissioned Composer (2)
- Music Publishers Association (MPA) Paul Revere Award (7)

**PRESIDENT'S LETTER
SEPTEMBER 2023**

Are you going to the VMTA Conference this fall!?!?

I hope the answer is "Yes!" If you are undecided or if you are leaning toward not going, I urge you to reconsider and decide on definitely attending this year. The conference is local, right here in Norfolk at ODU!

I have attended many conferences and I LOVE going!! I find them so beneficial for myself as an individual, as a music teacher, as a musician, and my studio benefits as well.

My top three reasons for attending conferences are:

- Hearing musical performances
- Professional development
- Making connections

For a very low registration fee, we are able to attend workshops and meet internationally known publishers, hear presenters from our own state and national organization, hear fantastic music from our own VMTA teachers, as well as internationally known musicians and our own students from Virginia who are competing in the state competitions.

Most of us in our profession do not get to talk with other adults on a regular basis, especially not with other music teachers because we are all working and teaching in our individual studios. Conferences are a great place to connect and share ideas with other music teachers and make great long-lasting friendships. Even at our local TMTF workshops and events, we are sometimes not able to stay and chat, but conferences are usually two and a half to three days long, providing plenty of time and opportunities to chat with other music teaching colleagues.

A couple of things you might be asking yourself:

Should I get a hotel room? I recommend yes. The conference schedule is a few full days; about 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. For most of us, we normally are not used to having 10-12 hour days of networking, learning, teaching, etc. It will be fulfilling and exhausting. You will want to walk a few blocks away and rest at night, or if needed, during the day, rather than drive home. Also, on Saturday there will be a football game, so parking will be tricky, to say the least.

Is the cost worth it? Yes. For the reasons I mentioned above and much more. And remember, the expense is business-related.

Please consider attending our local, state conference from November 2-4, 2023. For more information, go to - <https://vmta-music.org> and click on any of the items in the "State Conference" drop-down menu. I hope to see you there!!

Laura Cardin
Co-President



SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL

Prepare for our first TMTF event in the Fall!



This is the best 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.

If you're looking for good music to use, I highly recommend Wendy Steven's Hymns I, II, and III (composecreate.com)

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

Donna Halleck
Sacred Music Festival Chairperson

VMTA 2023 State Conference



The 2023 Virginia Music Teachers State Conference will be held November 2nd - 4th at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. Please be sure to mark your calendar and save the date for our upcoming state conference. We are excited that our Guest Clinician will be Dr. Randall Faber, who will be doing two presentations for us besides a publisher's workshop. Our Guest Artist and Master Class Clinician is Dr. Artina McCain, who is a Yamaha Artist. Other conference highlights include dynamic sessions by VMTA members, student competitions, vendor exhibits and a banquet.

The conference will also feature outstanding concerts including the VMTA Teacher Recital, the VMTA and MTNA Competition Winners' Recital, the Guest Artist Concert, the Commissioned Composer Concert and the VMTA Concerto Competition Winners Concert in partnership with the ODU Symphony Orchestra.

The conference hotel is Springhill Suites which is across from ODU. The deadline date for the VMTA special conference rate is **October 2nd**. Full conference information and registration can be found on our website, vmta-music.org. Please note that there will be a football game at ODU on Saturday, so you may want to consider staying at the hotel. I hope you will make plans to attend and invite others to join you!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
VMTA State President

TMTF CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Labor Day	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

**15 - TMTF Meeting/Workshop at Music & Arts
1412 Greenbrier Pkwy #126, Chesapeake, VA23320**

Clinician: Tom Gerou

21 - Deadline - Stafflines News

Keep an eye out for potential rescheduling of the teacher recital in October.

OCTOBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween	1	2	3	4

13 - TMTF Executive Board Meeting Via Zoom

**20 - TMTF Meeting/Workshop At Jordan Kitt's Music
5164 Va Beach Blvd., Va Beach 23462**

Clinician Thomas Pandolfi

20 - Deadline: Sacred Music Festival

21 - Deadline: Stafflines News

Happy Birthday

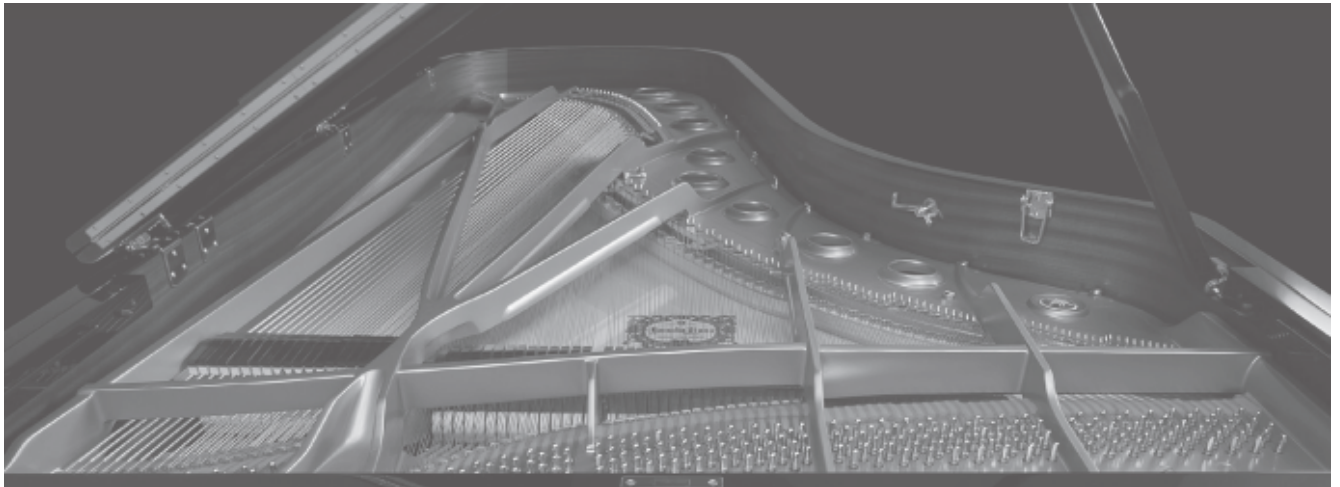
September

- 2 Josephine Jones
- 16 Sharon Alston
- 17 Jessica Tuttobene
- 20 Tonya Holland
- 25 Debra Newton
- 28 Christine Ward
- 30 Vernon McCart

October

- 8 Julie Heard
- 15 Mary Taylor
- 15 Joshua Miller
- 21 Elizabeth Smith
- 27 Elizabeth Baker





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