



STAFFLINES



Monthly Newsletter of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum

Meeting & Workshop: Friday May 19, 2023

MTNA 2023 National Conference Highlights

Location: Jordan Kitt's Music: 5164 Virginia Beach Blvd.,
Virginia Beach, VA23462

9:30 Coffee

10:00 Meeting & Workshop

12:00 Lunch (Provided by Jordan Kitt's Music)

Mark your calendar to join us as Laura Cardin, Lynn Kleisler & Susan Atkins share workshop highlights and materials from the 2023 National Conference that was held this past March in Reno, Nevada. Attendees will be given handouts, bags, and catalogs as well as have the opportunity to win some of the many music books that were brought back from the conference. The meeting will also include the installation of our new officers.

Lunch will be provided by Jordan Kitt's Music after the workshop. The store carries the unique Cristofori line of pianos and is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the brand. Some of them will be available to try out after the meeting. Ray Barker, the store manager, would appreciate our input on these instruments. A head count will be needed for lunch, so please send your R.S.V.P. to Mun Lee Han by May 15th at munleehan@gmail.com.

♪ We hope to see you at our last meeting of this school year!!



President's Letter - May 2023

Dear Fellow Music Teachers,

I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you at our May meeting where Lynn Kleisler, Laura Cardin, and I will tell you all about the fabulous MTNA Conference. What's in it for you? Only about a million door prizes and some great ideas to help you become a better music teacher. All of us who attended the conference agreed there were too many great sessions happening at the same time and we found it difficult to choose which one to attend. It was the same for the publisher's workshops, where we always got free or greatly discounted music.

Did I mention the exhibit hall? Or how about the recitals? Not only did we have winners recitals every day where we could hear the winning competitors from junior high through graduate school, but we were able to see professional artists at two concerts.

I always find these conferences to be inspirational and motivational, not to mention fun! That's why I encourage you to start planning to attend the MTNA Conference in Atlanta next year. It's March 16-20, 2024.

While I'm on the subject of what inspires my teaching, I must mention the many classical music concerts going on right now in our area. Check them out at vafest.org and virginiasymphony.org. I just saw the symphony concert featuring Gabriella Martinez playing the Rachmaninoff piano concerto 2 and the Tchaikovsky first symphony. I have tickets to see Olga Kern - very much worth the effort, my opinion!

See you at the May 19 meeting!

Musically yours,

Susan Atkins, NCTM
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A Note from Debi Newton at Newton Piano

Our retail store location, 3750 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452 (Next to BJ's) will be closing at the end of June.

Our tuning and rebuilding and teaching will continue. Tom and Joe are ready to go fishing. We would love to have you visit any time in the next 60 days to take home music that we do not want to put in the dumpster- new method books 50% off for you and many other older scores you are welcome to have. We do have about 6 pianos that need a good home so please let your students know. (These are consigned unless marked new.)

- Kawai ebony polish studio
- Kawai walnut console
- Story & Clark burgundy console - think Magnolia chalk paint
- Baldwin studio - mahogany
- Ivory polish Howard/Baldwin grand
- Hardman ebony polish console - NEW
- Kolhler & Campbell walnut grand
- Petrof walnut polish grand

Mr. Newton started the business in 1939. My parents bought my first piano from him in 1961. Maybe some of you remember him. We are thankful!!! God bless you all! Hope to see you soon!

Debi

TMTF Play-A-Thon

The TMTF 2022 Play-A-Thon was a great success! The final amount of pledges that were collected are \$5,999.90. One hundred and twenty seven students representing thirteen teachers participated in this event. All of your efforts to work with your students so that they could perform and contribute deserves an enormous "Thank You" and is greatly appreciated.

The students who won a monetary award for raising the most amount of money for this event are as follows:

First Place \$100 Award	Caleb Vann for raising \$401	(teacher - Lynn Kleisler)
Second Place \$75 Award	Vanessa Knight for raising \$280	(teacher - Mary Lee Taylor)
Third Place \$50 Award	Zoe Prokos for raising \$210	(teacher - Joan Edwards)

Congratulations and a special thank you goes to Joan Edwards' studio that raised \$1,160! Studios who raised over \$600 are Lynn Kleisler (\$1,036), Mary Ann Medlin (\$717) Susan Atkins (\$680), and Laura Cardin (\$609). A special expression of gratitude goes to Elizabeth Smith, Co-Chairman, for all of her help as well as to Cathy Bryan for helping with the set up on Friday. Many thanks again to all of you who were a great support and helped this three day event be such a success!!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Chairman



Certification Meeting

Due to a busy schedule in May, we will have to skip that month for our certification meeting. Our next Zoom Certification Meeting will be **Friday, June 16, 2023 at 11:00 am.**

Please let me know if you would like to join us so I can send you the Zoom invitation. Do you have a different schedule in the summer? Let me know and I'll try to get everyone on the same page. In the meantime, check out the website: Certification.mtna.org. That should get you interested and maybe you'd like to explore the possibilities with us.

Susan Atkins, NCTM
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Yearbook Ads

Do you know of a business or perhaps have a business that could benefit from being promoted in the public realm? Our organization is in need of expanding the advertisement pages in our Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Yearbook. We still have not regained the amount of advertisements and revenue that we had before the pandemic. Our ads are what help us defray the cost of the printing of our yearbooks and activity books. The income from the ads also helps with the cost of our monthly meetings/workshops.

In the past, our yearbook has included ads from local businesses, members or member affiliated businesses. This would be a great vehicle to let others know in our community about a business or service so that we can help support it and spread the word! Examples of advertisements in the past include real estate agents, jewelry making, landscaping, substitute organist or pianist, tutor, consignment shops, personal services, legal services, hair dresser, veterinarian services, website designer, home goods, insurance agent, health products, etc., etc.!!! This is only a small list of what is out there and what we personally encounter and use in our own life. A business card ad is only \$30 and is an inexpensive way to advertise.

Our complete yearbook ad prices are as follows:

1/8page	\$30.00 (business card size)
1/4 page	\$60.00
1/2 page	\$90.00
Full page	\$150.00
Inside cover page	\$175.00
Back Cover	\$200.00

If you know of any school, college, music organization, business or group that might be interested in advertising in our yearbook, please contact me as soon as you can with their information. I will be glad to reach out to them. I can be reached at (757) 925-0248 or lynnkleisler@yahoo.com.

Any assistance with helping to increase the number of ads in our yearbook would be greatly appreciated!

Lynn Kleisler, NCTM
Yearbook Ads Chairman



TMTF CALENDAR

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

1 - Deadlines:

- TMTF Achievement Award Documentation
- High School Seniors' Recital
- Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions
- VMTA Eastern District Auditions

12 - TMTF Executive Board Meeting

19 - TMTF Meeting - Conference Highlights

20 - TMTF Honors Recitals Rehearsals at ODU

20 - MTF Glen Mayberry Auditions at CNU

20 - VMTA Eastern District Auditions - CNU

21 - TMTF Honors Recitals & HS Seniors' Recital at ODU

21 - Deadline: Stafflines News

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

16 - Certification meeting via Zoom at 11:00AM

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
- 7 Meghan Hutton
- 12 Helen Heifetz
- 18 Cynthia Vaughn

CLASSICAL PIANO MASTERCLASS

Wednesday, May 24th 17:00 PM
Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
Van Cliburn Award Recipient, John Nakamatsu

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Applications are now being accepted for this class by email.
Four pianists will be selected to perform.

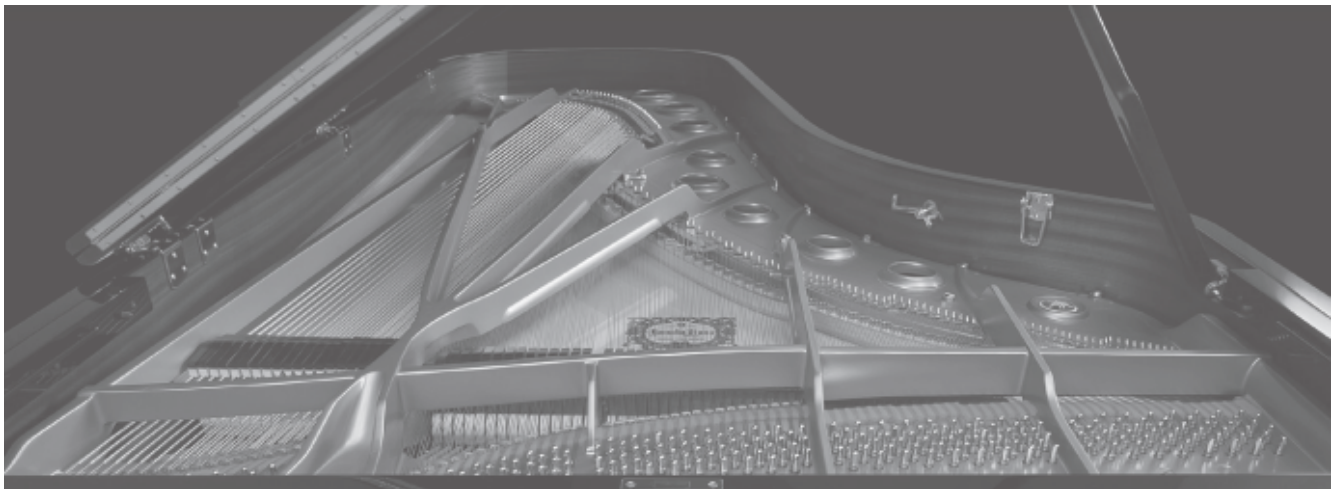
Include this information in your email:

- Applicant name, address, phone number, and email
- Teacher's name and contact information (if applicable)
- Age
- Musical selection to perform
- Brief description of musical experience
- A performance video clip (if available)

Send your email with audition details to Jack Wagner at jwagnerip@gmail.com

Deadline to apply: May 5, 2023





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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 Yuko Farman, NCTM, 9052 River Crescent, Suffolk, VA 23433

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