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September Newsletter

President's Message



Dear DMTA Members,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 musical year! I am excited to extend a warm welcome to both new and existing members. This year, let us focus on growth and exploration as we adapt our routines and ambitions. I encourage each of you to step out of your comfort zones, embrace professional development, and create positive change in your teaching methods.

The deadline to register for the Dallas Piano Solo Competition is October 1st. Be sure to check the updated DMTA Google Calendar and add these to your list of events.

Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 10, 2023. Dongni Xie, pianist, will perform "Music from Spain and Latin America". Please note that we are not able to offer virtual meetings this year as attendance at our events is crucial to our success.

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Collora Piano, [1451 Wycliff Avenue, Dallas, TX](#)

If there is any way I can enhance your connection with DMTA, please reach out. Here is to a memorable and inspiring year ahead!

Best regards,

Adam Salas, NCTM

DMTA President 2023-2024

[Click here for the DMTA Calendar](#)

[2023-2024 DMTA Yearbook](#)



Have Questions? Check out this Welcome Packet for FAQ's

WINNERS AT THE 2023 TMTA CONVENTION in WACO

PERFORMANCE CONTESTS:

Piano Solo Grade 10: 1st Place: EMMA OBA, student of Alex McDonald
Piano Concerto Grade 9-10: 1st Place: JACK ROUECHU, student of Alex McDonald
2nd Place: YUNBO YAN, student of Marcy McDonald
HM: ERIC QIAN, student of Yi-Fan Liu
Piano Concerto Grade 11-12: HM: DABIN LEE, student of Alex McDonald

ORIGINAL COMPOSITION CONTESTS:

Solos Grade 10-12: 2nd Place: TIE SMITH, student of Magen Miller
Ensembles Grade 5-8: 3rd Place: YAGNA and YASHI BRIHU,
students of Unkyoung Kim
Ensembles: Grade 9-12: 3rd Place: AUSTIN SPRINGS, student of Carol Crisp

PARTICIPATION AWARD: EMILY TODD, student of Carol Crisp
PUBLICATION CONTEST: EMILY TODD, student of Carol Crisp
WORLD OF MUSIC SENIOR AWARD: EMILY TODD, student of Carol Crisp
THEORY GOLD MEDAL AWARD: EMILY TODD, student of Carol Crisp
WHITLOCK SENIOR AWARDS: 3rd Place: EMILY TODD, student of Carol Crisp

TEACHER OF THE YEAR!!!!!! CAROL CRISP

Applause to all of these Winning Students and to their Teachers in DMTA!!!

CAROLYN ADAMS, DMTA Student Affiliate Chairman



Thomas Liew, an 8th grader and student of Dr. Grace Long, performed Chopin Nocturne in C# Minor, Op. 27, No.1 at a winner's recital in the Voertman Concert Hall, UNT on August 19th, 2023. He was the Grand Prix winner of his division in the Young Artist International Competition, organized by the Fryderyk Chopin Society of Texas in 2022.

Dallas Music Teachers Association Recital Series
(See Yearbook for complete details)

DMTA offers your students the unique opportunity to perform for a friendly audience just for the experience of giving enjoyment, not for a grade or rating. We offer five recitals for school-age students and one for adult students each season.

Students should be prepared to play memorized music, dressed for the occasion ("dress-up" but not party wear, and no sports clothing such as tennis shoes or jeans). Teachers should coach their students on bowing before and after playing. The recitals are scheduled to offer students the chance to perform selections they may be preparing for festivals, or any repertoire they are working on.

This is a great way to introduce younger or less experienced students to the experience of playing for an audience in a formal, but comfortable setting.

Blast emails will be sent out when registration opens. We hope you will encourage your students to enjoy sharing their music with other students and their parents.

Do you have students who love to compose? The Original Composition Contest provides an excellent opportunity for students to express their creativity through

composition. Each student will receive constructive feedback from a professional composition judge. Students who receive a Superior or Excellent rating will be invited to perform at the Hazel Cobb Memorial Recital in April 2024. You may now register your students and upload their compositions online at the DMTA website. The registration deadline is **October 28, 2023**. Please contact Amanda Lee Hing (Original Composition Contest Chair) at amandaleehing@outlook.com if you have any questions.

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Being in the network is free. There is no charge to be in our network, so once you sign up and are an active musician with us, we will start sending you gig invitations at no charge to you. There is also no penalty if you don't accept gigs - we have a decline button for you if a gig doesn't fit your schedule or interest. Interested? Please visit <https://trekorda.com/#musicians> and click Join Trekorda to start your musician profile with us. Once you've signed up, please make sure to fill out your profile completely and we will be in touch!

Let me know if you have any questions or want more information about Trekorda. We hope to hear from you soon!

Katie

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Studio Openings

Please contact Logan Herod at herod.logan@gmail.com if you would like to post any studio openings.

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receive. This is an easy way for us to help DMTA. Once your card is linked, you do not have to mention it when you purchase your items. DMTA will be the recipient of the money, which goes into our Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your consideration in helping DMTA award more money to our students when they are Seniors. Even if you only shop at Tom Thumb once or twice a year, you can still help DMTA. Please link your Tom Thumb Reward Card!

Thank you!

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