



ARIZONA STATE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



There are many events happening in ASMTA and MTNA!

In January, I attended the Southwest Division meetings and competitions that were held in Santa Barbara, California at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Arizona had several winners including Chamber Music Woodwinds (quartet), Junior Piano Performance, Senior Composition, Senior String Performance, Young Artist Composition, and Young Artist Strings Performance. Good luck to all of these students as they will be competing at the MTNA national conference in Las Vegas.

Also, the next Southwest Division competitions and meetings will be held at Arizona State University on January 8-10, 2016. It will be great to have the competitions held at ASU, they have not been held there for many years! The state board will be looking for volunteers to help with the competitions. It can be a great experience to listen to these students who are so talented and hard

working at the Southwest Division competitions. I encourage you to be involved in the competitions when they take place at ASU.

I hope to see many of you at the MTNA national conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 22-25. We are so fortunate to have another national conference so close to Arizona! MTNA national conferences will not be near Arizona for a few years after this, so it is a great time to attend. Dates for future national conferences are: 2016-San Antonio Texas, April 2-6; 2017-Baltimore Maryland, March 18-22; 2018- Orlando, Florida, no dates have been given yet. Please take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Las Vegas national conference that is so close for Arizona members.

The ASMTA state conference on May 29-31 is sure to be an awesome and inspiring event! Be sure to attend at the beautiful and historic Wigwam Arizona Resort and Spa in Litchfield Park. Sharon Lamb has done a marvelous job planning this conference with the theme of "Jazz It Up!". Please visit our website at asmta.org for conference details and to register. Members and even non-members can save by registering early. The Early Bird Registration deadline is March 28th and the Pre-registration deadline is April 28th. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you at the state conference!

Arizona is one of the states in MTNA that has retained members and even surpassed membership totals from last year. Currently, ASMTA has 510 members. Please encourage any colleagues who are not members of MTNA and ASMTA to join. Whether it is at a local, state, divisional, or national level, our associations have so much to offer music teachers and their students.

Best wishes to all of you for successful Spring recitals, competitions, evaluations, and other events!

Melodie L. Acker, NCTM
ASMTA President
MTNA State Presidents Advisory Council



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Upcoming ASMTA Board Meetings

May 28, 2015

10am

Wigwam AZ Resort & Spa
Litchfield Park, AZ

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Chyleen Lauritzen, NCTM

In my position as immediate past president, I am chair of the nominating committee.

ASMTA by-laws Article V Section 1 states that “The First VP, 2nd VP, 4th VP, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected in odd years at the annual Membership Business meeting at the annual State Conference. The 3rd VP shall be elected each year at the annual Membership Business meeting at the annual State Conference.”

I am pleased to present the slate of officers for ASMTA for 2015-2017:

1st VP/ President Elect- Chase Coleman
2nd VP/ Competitions- Dr. Yali Luo
4th VP/ Communications- Sharon Lamb
Secretary- Rosemary Isbell-Hendrickson, NCTM
Treasurer- Lynnette Barney

For a one-year term (2015-2016), I present:

3rd VP/ Conference- EVMTA (chairman TBD)

Voting will take place at the annual business meeting during the 2015 ASMTA Conference.

4th VP- PUBLICATIONS

Ashley Ricks

Publications has been very busy lately! Melodie Acker requested that I investigate how other states of our membership size approach various aspects of their publications. After contacting those six similar states, I learned that we are behind the times!

I presented the information gathered at our board meeting on January 24. The board voted to move our annual directory online. To that end, you will soon be able to access our 2014-2015 directory as a PDF download from our website, asmta.org. Additionally, I am working with our website administrators to make the directory online searchable. Do not worry about your personal information! The directory will only be available to members via a secured “Member Access” area. You will need a username and password to access the information. I am not sure at this time whether a physical directory will be printed in the future. That remains a topic of discussion for the future.

Just as moving the MusiGram to an e-delivery was an adjustment, I am sure this new change will be an adjustment as well. Please be patient with us as we make these changes. We are striving to keep up with technology, as well as making our publications more easily accessible and user friendly for our membership.

ARIZONA STUDY PROGRAM
Bobbi Stoutenbourgh, NCTM

The deadline for registering students in the 2015 ASP Evaluations is February 15, 2015.

Please forward Program Forms for students Levels 5 through 12 to your appropriate program chairperson; the deadline is February 15.

A few reminders regarding repertoire:

A student may use only one piece from a level below his enrolled level. If two pieces are chosen from a lower level, the student must be enrolled in the lower level for repertoire and technique. For example, a level 7-8 student may use one level 5-6 piece.

A student may play repertoire from higher levels but should expect to be stopped by the adjudicator if necessary to remain within the time allotment for evaluation.

Compositions must be in the original key. Arrangements by the composer ONLY may be used.

No transcriptions or simplified arrangements are allowed at any level, except those done by the original composer.

No duets/duos are allowed.

All music must be from a published source. No copies or reproductions of any kind are allowed unless permission has been given. Verification of permission may be requested. Music on the internet cannot be assumed to be in the public domain or granted permission to anyone to download the work and make copies of it.

The deadline for submitting applications for the Janice McCurnin Teacher Enrichment Grant Program and the Janice McCurnin Certification Grant Program is March 1.

Please check the ASMTA website (asmta.org) for more information, dates and places.

This is a grueling time for the teachers preparing students for their ASP evaluations. Our best wishes to both you and your students. This is an especially busy time for the chairman and all the volunteers involved and so needed to administer this very important function of ASMTA. They are to be commended for their time and dedication. If you would like to be a part of this volunteer effort, please contact me.

ASMTA ARCHIVIST
Gail Chang

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Winter Edition: Feb. 1, 2015

Conference Booklet: May 1, 2015

Summer Edition: June 1, 2015

Fall Edition: Oct. 1, 2015

In the past 2 years, I have completely renovated and updated the ASMTA Archives from 1928 - 2015. Come to the Conference at the Wigwam. This is your chance to see our huge display of original Archives, and learn about the amazing history of ASMTA from a meeting of AZ teachers and professors in 1928.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

Chase Coleman, President

Here in the Northland NAMTA is having a very good year. In October NAU Professor Rita Borden gave a lecture demonstration on early keyboard instruments, using the harpsichord, fortepiano and portative organ in Ashurst Auditorium at NAU. The students enjoyed trying the different instruments; most of them had never played them before.

In April Pee Yaw Wilkes will give an ensemble master class and I will present a lecture on the relationship of Jazz and Classical piano. We will have Arizona Study Program adjudications for May 14th and 15th and the Flagstaff Piano Festival for May 16th and 17th. Our current membership is nineteen teachers, with the likely addition of two more.



PHOENIX

www.phoenixmusicteachers.org

Sharon Lamb, President

PMTA members toured the Phoenix, Arizona Salvation Army Kroc Center at this year's first general meeting in September. When Mrs. Joan Kroc, widow of McDonald's founder Ray Kroc passed away in October 2003, she left \$1.5 billion to the Salvation Army to build comprehensive community centers, supported in part by the community, in cities throughout the U.S. The centers include a state-of-the-art performing arts theater. There will be a total of 28 Kroc Centers once the project is complete (<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/kroc-centers>).

The 63rd annual PMTA Piano Ensemble will be held at Arcadia High School on February 28, 2015. Included on the program is a duet arrangement of "Inspector Gadget" by Jeremy Siskind from "Double Agent! Piano Duets (Hal Leonard). Siskind, a Yamaha jazz piano artist, is featured concert artist for the 2015 ASMTA Conference.

Without many dedicated and talented volunteer board and committee members, PMTA members and students would not enjoy a variety of high quality educational events!

The complete 2014-2015 PMTA Calendar of Events is available online: <http://phoenixmusicteachers.org/pdf/2014-15MasterCalendar.pdf>

TUCSON

www.tucsonmusicteachers.org

Ji-Young Kim, President

TMTA had three general meetings and our annual Holiday Luncheon our last report. In September, we had a technology workshop with Lori Frazer, Yamaha representative, at Hachenberg Piano. We learned about the latest technology of Yamaha instruments.

On 9/26, Gloria Singleton opened her home for a 'welcome brunch' for all new members and committee chairs. We had a wonderful time getting to know each other and sharing our experiences in teaching. In October, we had a workshop on "Injury Management and Prevention" with a physical therapist, Dr. Christina Kiefer at Hachenberg Piano. She showed us how to prevent playing related injuries and how to manage the symptoms.

On 12/5, TMTA had our annual Holiday Luncheon at Rendez-Vous restaurant. We invited two of the TMTA collegiate music scholarship winners to perform at the luncheon.

We are looking forward to the new semester. TMTA Ensemble concert will be held on 2/21 at Centennial Hall under the baton of Maestro Tim Kolosick. We have several interesting workshops scheduled during this semester – "Sight Reading" by Kassandra Weleck, "Listening Skills and Technology" by Dr. Gail Fischler and "Debussy in Paris" and "Masterclass for Advanced High School Students" by Dr. Catherine Kautsky.

We are thrilled to have a new addition to our board, Marlo Nottingham-Smith (Member-at-large).

When I play piano, I just jab at random keys and tell people it's Schoenberg.



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Around the State



**CONFERENCE CONCERT
to Benefit MTNA Foundation Fund**

Conference attendees take note: on Friday, May 29th there will be a special benefit concert with artist Jeremy Siskind at the piano. The proceeds will help the MTNA Foundation. Please attend, enjoy the concert and know that you are benefiting a great cause.

86th ARIZONA STATE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
Jazz It Up: Featuring Jeremy Siskind, Jazz Pianist
May 28-30, 2015 | Wigwam Resort & Spa, Litchfield Park, AZ

ASMTA is making history with the first-ever state conference appearance in a Phoenix West Valley location -- the historic Wigwam Resort & Spa.

You (and your students, friends and family) will be inspired by the versatile exuberant sound of Jeremy Siskind's jazz piano artistry at a benefit concert for MTNA Foundation. A "cool" mix of workshops will include classical and jazz themes, master class, music industry showcases, technology, improvisation, composition, business, wellness and more!

The conference committee invites you to come and join with Arizona colleagues and with leading music industry associates as we "jazz it up" and gain the knowledge, inspiration, resources, affiliations and tools that we must each continually seek to be among the top music education professionals in Arizona!

Information and Registration: <http://asmta.org/conferences.php>



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May 28-30, 2015 | Wigwam Arizona Resort & Spa, Litchfield Park, AZ

Registration

Name: _____ Local Association: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Check if you would like to volunteer: _____ May 28 _____ May 29 _____ May 30 _____ All three days

<u>Full Conference Registration</u>	Early Bird Registration Postmark by March 31, 2015	Pre-Registration Postmark by April 28, 2015	Post-Pre/On-Site Registration
Active ASMTA Member	_____ \$35	_____ \$50	_____ \$85
ASMTA Student Member	_____ \$15	_____ \$30	_____ \$65
Non-Member	_____ \$75	_____ \$90	_____ \$125
Student Non-Member	_____ \$25	_____ \$40	_____ \$75

<u>Single Day Registration</u>	_____ May 28	_____ May 29	_____ May 30
Active ASMTA Member	_____ \$20	_____ \$35	_____ \$70
ASMTA Student Member	_____ \$10	_____ \$25	_____ \$60
Non-Member	_____ \$30	_____ \$45	_____ \$80
Student Non-Member	_____ \$15	_____ \$30	_____ \$65

<u>Gala Banquet:</u> (Thursday evening, May 28) Featuring West Valley Youth Orchestra Directed by Claire Gordon	Early Bird Registration Postmark by March 31, 2015	Pre-Registration Postmark by April 28, 2015
	_____ Beef \$48	_____ Beef \$48
	_____ Chicken \$48	_____ Chicken \$48
	_____ Vegetarian \$48	_____ Vegetarian \$48

<u>Southwest Buffet:</u> (Friday lunch, May 29) Featuring performances by MTNA Competition finalists and winners from ASMTA	Early Bird Registration Postmark by March 31, 2015	Pre-Registration Postmark by April 28, 2015
	_____ \$25	_____ \$25

Jeremy Siskind MTNA Foundation Benefit Concert ticket: (Friday evening, May 29)
Beverage bar available _____ \$10 X _____ = _____

PAYMENT

Check No. _____ (payable to ASMTA) _____ PayPal **TOTAL** _____

Register online at asmta.org or mail your payment to: **Lynnette Barney, ASMTA Treasurer**
2820 W. Giaconda Place, Tucson, AZ 85741

Make hotel reservations: Wigwam Arizona 1-800-327-0396, ext. 4, use group code COE28A
Hotel reservations must be booked by April 28, 2015 for the conference room rate of \$99.00 per night
For questions please email: sharon@coldwatermusicschool.com

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