



90th ASMTA State Conference “Tradition and Innovation”

June 6-8, 2019; Northern Arizona University- School of Music, Flagstaff, AZ

Northern district is excited to be hosting the 90th ASMTA state conference after a nineteen year break. June is a beautiful time to visit Flagstaff and we hope you are planning to attend the conference to be held June 6-8 at NAU-School of Music.

As teachers and performers we look to the past to build a foundation based on tradition, but meanwhile seek new, innovative approaches and repertoire to stay current and grow. The conference will present a broad range of topics related to both tradition and innovation in music education, pedagogy and performance and promises to be enlightening and inspiring.

Conference Highlights:

Dr. Jane Magrath, author, teacher, clinician and regents Professor at the University of Oklahoma will open the conference on Thursday with a presentation, *Motivation in Piano Study and Performance*. On Friday she will present a session *Fresh Classics: Motivating Students and Uncovering Meaning* as well as a Master Class. www.janemagrath.com

Dr. Robert Duke, Professor and the Director of the Center for Music Learning at the University of Texas-Austin, known for his research on human learning and behavior spanning multiple disciplines will give two sessions on Friday titled, “*Work, play, joy*” and “*Practice makes better. Practice makes worse. Practice does nothing at all*”. www.cml.music.utexas.edu

Internationally acclaimed pianist **Jeffrey Swann** will perform a recital Friday evening as well as give a masterclass on Thursday. In addition to his extensive performing career, Dr. Swann serves on the faculty at NYU Steinhardt and as the “President’s Distinguished Artist in Residence” at NAU. www.melodybunting.com/id67.html

Dr. Gary Ingle, executive director of MTNA, will be in attendance at the conference and will give a Keynote address at the banquet Thursday evening. He will also hold a Q & A session Friday morning.

ASMTA, under the leadership of Cassandra Weleck, has commissioned **Carol Matz** to compose a piano solo in honor of our 90th state conference. The composition will be premiered at the General Meeting on Friday afternoon at 4:00 pm.

The Presentation committee was very pleased to receive so many excellent proposals. Kathryn Rood and Stephen Siek will present a lecture recital featuring Rachmaninoff's Suite No. 2 for 2 Pianos. Additional presenters include: Hannah Creviston, Maria Flurry, Christopher Oill, Karin Hallberg, Craig Sale, John Hwang, Jennifer Foxx, Henry Flurry, Diana Galindo, Janice Chenju Chiang, Clara McDonald, Francilia Schofield, Kathryn Mientka Stanfill, Cheryl Langley, Sherin Moustafa and Nancy Litten.

The varied topics to be presented include: teaching tips for young students, One-handed Pianists, Group classes, composition, innovative music of Ravel, Ergonomic small piano keyboards, Guiding students to success, the Science behind student learning, Teaching online, Child-Led teaching, Feldenkrais approach and the Teachings of Frances Clark.

ASMTA Board members, Barbara Stoutenburgh, Susan Traylor, Radmila Stojanovic-Kiriluk, Kathryn Rood, Jared Immerman and others will present informative sessions on ASP, Certification, IMTF, Technology and the ASMTA Website. We are very grateful that so many members are willing to share their expertise at the conference.

The complete schedule can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [Presenter Schedule](#)

Please note, the schedule is subject to change. Check the website for updates.

Come socialize with old friends and reach out to new members, while also supporting ASMTA and future conferences by attending the **Banquet** on Thursday evening at NAU's "Old Main-Ashurt Hall" and the **Native American Buffet Luncheon** on Friday at the NAU Native American Cultural Center.

Another way to support ASMTA is to contribute and shop at the **Silent Auction** during the conference. Please contact Diana Galindo at DGalindo@DianaGalindo.com if you would like to contribute items.



Take a little bit of Flagstaff home with you. Flagstaff water color artist Marsha Owen has donated a painting to be raffled off at the conference. Proceeds from the raffle support ASMTA's contribution to the MTNA Foundation fund. Visit Marsha's website: www.owenwatercolor.com

Visit the ASMTA website to register and for information regarding conference hotels, parking, directions and maps: www.asmta.org

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 15
Online registration ends May 31