



Conroe Music Teachers Association Newsletter

January 2007

From your President Becky Landreth

Best Wishes to each of you for a happy, healthy and a prosperous 2007. CMTA has a full slate of opportunities for students in the next few months, so be sure to check your yearbook for the event requirements and make plans to enter students and work at the events. Even if you don't enter any students in an event, it is great to work at the event to familiarize yourself with it or to just get to meet other teachers and students. The chairmen are listed in the yearbook, so send an email or give them a call to volunteer.

Reminder: entries can be sent to chairmen via email any time prior to the deadline followed with a check by regular mail for the fees.

Upcoming cut-off dates for entries:

January 12th

TMTA Publication Contest

February 9th

World of Music Test Entries

March 9th

CMTA Spring Festival

Betty Clappitt Piano Contest

Play-a-Thon

Member-of-the-Year Nominations

Officer Nominations

Other dates/locations to note:

Jan 12, Feb. 9, March 9, April 13

CMTA General Meetings - 9:15 a.m.

May 11

General Meeting – evening

Saturday, January 20 – First Baptist in Conroe

Laurie Keyser Sonata/Sonata Tournament

Sunday, Jan. 21 – Montgomery Coll. Aud. – 3 p.m.

Laurie Keyser Sonata/Sonata Tourn. Winners' Recital

Saturday, Feb. 3 – First Baptist in Conroe

Spring Theory Test

**CMTA General Meeting
FRIDAY
JANUARY 12, 2007
9:15 A.M.**

CONROE PUBLIC LIBRARY

On the I-45 Feeder Road
North of the Gladstell Exit
In Conroe

Program

“WE ARE CERTIFIABLE!!”

Diane Delk, NCTM

Presentation on

MTNA Certification

For map to library, go to
www.countylibrary.org, then click
on “Location and Hours” tab at the
top, then click “Central Library
Map” (1st on the list).

There are only 5 meetings left to fulfill
the 4 meeting requirement.

**A Door Prize will be awarded by
drawing at the end of the meeting
from among members present at 9:15**

Congratulations!

**TO BETH FISBECK, NCTM
On successfully completing all
the requirements to receive
MTNA CERTIFICATION!!!!!!**

WAY TO GO, BETH!!!!

\$1,000 Grant Opportunity for Nationally Certified Teachers of Music

Do you have a desire to pursue advanced piano studies, but don't have the resources? If you have maintained MTNA Professional Certification for at least six years and are at least twenty-eight years of age by February 1, 2007, you can apply for a \$1,000 grant provided by the Piano Technicians Guild Foundation (PTGF).

Previous recipients have used the award to fund study projects, piano lessons with master teachers and piano pedagogy courses.

Applications will be screened by a Piano Technicians Guild (PTG) representative and the MTNA National Certification Commission (NCC).

Previous recipients, members of the MTNA Board of Directors or NCC, and past or present PTG members and their families are not eligible.

The recipient will be recognized at the 2007 Collaborative Conference Awards Luncheon. The recipient is asked to submit a written report to the PTGF and the NCC when the project is completed.

To apply, send a completed entry form, a one-page, typed study plan (including estimated cost, anticipated time frame and information about the proposed teacher or institution) and a brief description of your background and experience to MTNA Professional Certification, 441 Vine St., Ste. 505, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2811. One or two letters of reference are encouraged, along with any other supporting documentation.

All entries must be received at the MTNA Headquarters no later than February 1, 2007.

Entry forms are available on the MTNA Certification website at www.mtnacertification.org or by contacting the MTNA national headquarters at (888) 512-5278 or mtnacertification@mtna.org.

think about it.....

Have you ever said.... "I'm too busy to learn how, someone else will do it."

Have you ever thought.... "There are others who can do that better, let them...."

Have you ever hesitated to volunteer because you haven't done (whatever) before?

We ALL experience something new and expand our knowledge every time we stretch a little and take on a new task. Shortly, a nominating committee will begin their search for next year's CMTA leaders. PLEASE think about where you would like to serve, then speak up and let them know!! There are many, many opportunities of various types in CMTA to serve; and we always work as a team, so you can count on someone being there to work with you. Please consider and think about what you will do in CMTA next year.

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2006 Montgomery College MTNA Chapter Young Artist Contest – March 31, 2007

Contest Rules and Information:

Categories and Maximum Length of Performance:

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| Grades 1-3 | Piano | 3 minutes |
| Grades 1-3 | Strings | 3 minutes |
| Grade 4 | Piano | 4 minutes |
| Grade 4 | Strings | 4 minutes |
| Grade 5 | Piano | 5 minutes |
| Grade 5 | Strings | 5 minutes |
| Grade 6 | Piano | 6 minutes |
| Grade 6 | Strings | 6 minutes |



1. Repertoire, up to the maximum duration listed above, is left to the teacher's discretion. Students exceeding the time limits will be stopped but not disqualified.
2. Musical selections must be published solo repertoire from the standard repertoire for the instrument. Pianists will perform from memory. String players will be accompanied when pieces are scored for piano accompaniment. The student must provide his/her own accompanist.
3. Every student will receive a certificate of achievement and a critique sheet from the judge for participating. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to the students in each category selected for these additional awards by the judge. The judge's decision will be final, and students, teachers and parents will refrain from conferring with the judge before, during or after the competition. Results will be announced immediately following each category.
4. **Entries will be accepted up to the deadline of February 15.** The student's entry information must be RECEIVED by that date to be considered. Entries must be submitted by the teacher, with all students in that teacher's studio appearing on one entry submission. E-Mail entries are highly encouraged. **Fees of \$15/student are to be paid by check (one check per studio, including all students' entry fees from that studio) with postmark deadline for the fees of February 15.**
5. The following information must appear in the entry submission for each student:
 - Name
 - School Grade
 - Selection(s) to be Performed
 - Teacher's Name
 - Teacher's Contact Information

Questions should be addressed to the committee at mtna@nhmccd.edu or (936) 273 7270. Entries may be e-mailed to that address. Checks should be mailed to:

Montgomery College Chapter of MTNA
c/o Gregory Ristow, Music Department
3200 College Park Drive
Conroe, TX 77384

****MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO**
"Montgomery College Chapter of MTNA"**