

APRIL 2011 GENERAL MEETING

Please join us this Friday, April 1st, at 9:30 a.m. for our monthly meeting at Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church. Deadlines due on that date include Senior Award Applications and Senior Scholarship for Continuing Studies. We will also vote for Member of the Year and have the 2011-2012 Officer Elections.



Our program for the month will be a Round-Table Discussion of Teaching Tips & Techniques. Each teacher is encouraged to take 2 to 3 minutes to share a teaching idea, tip, technique, chart, or game that has really helped in your teaching. Please call Nadine with any questions you may have at 936-264-2290.

VOTE: CMTA OFFICERS

Voting for our 2011-2012 officers will take place at the meeting this Friday, April 1st. The Nomination Committee presents the following slate of officers for nomination:

- President: Stephanie Teed
- 1st Vice President/SA Chairman: Nadine Wilkinson
- 2nd Vice President/Membership: Holley King
- 3rd Vice President/Programs: Caleb Ackerman
- Recording Secretary: Mary Loy
- Corresponding Secretary: Donna Ryan
- Treasurer: Rebecca Landreth, NCTM

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TEXAS TEACHING FELLOW

CMTA and CCMTA are still collecting the funds necessary to nominate Diane Delk as a Texas Teaching Fellow. If you haven't contributed yet, there is still time. Please make your check payable to CMTA and mail it to Rebecca Landreth at 10811 Anchor Way, Magnolia, TX 77354. Also, please send in your check by April 15 so she has time to prepare the necessary paperwork for TMTA.



VOTE: CMTA MEMBER-OF-THE-YEAR

Three teachers were nominated for the 2011 CMTA Member of the Year Award at our March meeting. Upon notification, one of the nominees declined her nomination, leaving two well-deserving nominees. They are Sharon Callahan and Stephanie Teed. A brief bio of each nominee is listed below. Voting will take place at the April 1st general meeting.

Stephanie Teed has been a member of CMTA since 1998. She has diligently served our association as the Member at Large, Ensemble Chairman, Ensemble Conductor (4 times), Senior Awards Chairman, Summer Camp Scholarships Chairman, Facilities Chairman, Christmas lunch coordinator and is currently our CMTA President (graciously accepting the position when Sharon Callahan had to resign in January). Over the years, Stephanie has assisted with state theory grading and has helped order and sort medals for our association.

In addition to her home studio, Stephanie works as the woodwind specialist at Bailey and Dueitt Middle Schools in the Spring ISD. She has taught for various schools in Spring ISD since 1986 doing private lessons and master classes for the band programs. Stephanie does freelance performances mainly for church/community orchestra programs and played with the Woodlands Symphony when it was in business. Stephanie is a member of the International Clarinet Association, Texas Music Educators association as well as

MTNA/TMTA. She has a bachelor's degree in Instrumental Music Education from the University of Oklahoma.

When asked what she likes most about CMTA, Stephanie said, "How our group is respectful and supportive of each other as teachers and respects and serves all the students no matter their ability or experience. CMTA is energetic, enthusiastic about teaching, and does all its business in a professional and ethical manner. I think we all work well together and enjoy each other's fellowship in music."

A resident of The Woodlands since 1985, Stephanie is married to Mark Teed and has one son, Brian Teed, (a former Student Affiliate of CMTA) who is studying music in college.

Sharon Callahan is a charter member of CMTA. She has faithfully served our association in numerous ways: President (1994-1996) then again July 2010 – January 2011, 1st Vice-President - SA Chairman (one year), 2nd Vice-President - Membership Chairman (four years), Treasurer for ten years (2000-2010), Yearbook Editor (13 years), Newsletter Editor (ten years), IMTF Chairman (four years), World of Music Chairman (18 years), Sr. Awards Chairman (seven years), Hymn Festival Chairman (three years), and Program Chairman (three years).

Sharon served as CMTA President last fall while fulfilling her final year as TMTA VPBA. Due to Diane Delk's unfortunate death in December, Sharon had to give

up the presidency of CMTA to assume the role of TMTA President (January 2011). During her most recent term as CMTA President, Sharon initiated the food pantry drive at the theory test, facilitated a facebook page for CMTA (assigned member to handle details), set up a new procedure for once a week (Monday) email blast to all CMTA members, and set up a new procedure for event envelopes to be placed on the back table at meetings to avoid disturbance during CMTA meetings. Sharon also coordinated and organized the list for "fee reimbursement" to CMTA & other teachers for Delk students.

Sharon is church pianist for Crossroads Baptist Church, UIL accompanist for Jr. High band students, The Woodlands Guild Chairman, President of TMTA, former TMTA VPBA (2 ½ years) and judges for festivals and contests in the area.

When asked what she likes most about CMTA, Sharon said, "The opportunity to involve our students in several different activities. The friendships and networking with teachers is priceless! I LOVE this organization!"

Sharon was born in Shreveport, Louisiana and studied piano with Billie Leach. She is married to John Callahan and they live in The Woodlands with their five cats. Besides teaching piano, she enjoys going for exercise walks, playing competitively on four tennis teams and lounging in her pool with a good book.

PIANO CAMP @ SHSU

Sam Houston State University offers a summer Piano Camp for piano students to study with professional pianists in a concentrated musical atmosphere. Resident campers receive room and board with all the day classes for the camp. Day campers receive day classes--no room and board.

Each day will be filled with music instruction and social activities. A typical day will include

- ♪ Individual piano instruction
- ♪ Piano masterclasses
- ♪ Chamber music
- ♪ Music Elective
- ♪ Recreation time

Afternoon and night activities will vary daily, and will include

- ♪ ice cream sundae/movie night
- ♪ a dance
- ♪ time in the University game room
- ♪ other activities as announced



The campers are taught by outstanding professional pianists. The last night of the camp will feature a Grand Concert, with all of the students performing for parents and friends. At the end of the concert, the camp will be officially concluded.

Sam Houston State University Piano Camp
June 12-16, 2011 (Sunday - Thursday)
Resident Camper: \$500 - Day Campers: \$375 Register Online or Register by Mail

Piano Camp: Entry Deadline May 29, 2011
See note on the main Camps page about Entry Deadlines.
Website: <http://music.shsu.edu/camps/piano.php>

NEW ORLEANS PIANO INSTITUTE

Information on the New Orleans Piano Institute (July 24-31) - Huge prize money will be awarded!
<http://www.masno.org>

TAMU - COMMERCE PIANO FESTIVAL

The 2011 Piano Festival at Texas A&M University-Commerce will take place on Saturday, April 30th. Students of all ages are encouraged to participate in this non-competitive event in either the solo or duet/chamber music categories.

Please see more information and application on the following page.



**Department of Music
Keyboard Division**

2011 SPRING PIANO FESTIVAL

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

MUSIC BUILDING – CONCERT HALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH 2011

HONORS RECITAL: SATURDAY, MAY 7TH 2011 – 4:00 PM

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Piano Festival at Texas A&M University-Commerce is a noncompetitive event open to piano students of all ages. Participants receive a comment sheet from the judge and a rating of 1+ through 4.

At the discretion of the judges, the 25 most outstanding participants of the festival will be invited to perform at the Honors Recital on Saturday, May 7th at 4:00 pm.

For Further information contact:

Dr. Luis Sanchez
903-886-5287

Luis_sanchez@tamu-commerce.edu

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

SOLO: Participants will perform two contrasting pieces from memory.

PIANO DUETS AND CHAMBER MUSIC: Participants will perform one selection. Memorization is not required. Participants should provide a copy of the music for the judge with measures numbered. Photocopies will not be accepted.

Please return this application form and send with a \$15.00 non-refundable entry fee by April 22, 2011 to:

Dr. Luis Sanchez
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Department of Music
P. O. Box 3011
Commerce, TX 75429-3011



2011 SPRING PIANO FESTIVAL TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's E-mail: _____

REPERTOIRE - Circle one: SOLO DUET/CHAMBER MUSIC

COMPOSER	NAME OF THE PIECE	LENGTH



We've gone electronic! In order to make the initial certification process and annual renewals easier and more efficient, and to keep pace with available technology, MTNA Certification now offers online renewal and electronic submission of the Teacher Profile Projects.

- For new certification candidates, once a certification application has been received at National Headquarters, an e-mail will be sent containing a link to the online system.

- This new system will allow candidates to download the music scores that must be analyzed for Project 2, as well as the scenarios for Project 5 of the Teacher Profile Projects.

Candidates also will be able to upload their written portion of the Projects and any supporting documents, as well as the required videos.

- Whether renewing certification as a permanent professional or with either documentation of points or administrative verification, NCTMs can complete their renewals online. Renewals may also be completed by printing off and mailing the PDF forms available on the website.

Renewals are due by July 1. After July 1, a late fee will be assessed.

Questions? Contact mtnacertification@mtna.org.

WRITERS!

MTNA is looking for submissions to American Music Teacher and the MTNA e-Journal.

AMT is a refereed journal that welcomes submissions from all areas of the music teaching profession. We seek well-written, engaging articles that offer original perspectives.

The purpose of the MTNA e-Journal is to provide our members, especially those in academia, an online, peer-reviewed journal, which features in-depth, scholarly, research-oriented articles enhanced through the use of sound, image and video links. It is published four times during the academic year: September, November, February and April.

AMT and the MTNA e-Journal will not consider manuscripts that have been submitted to any other publication. If you have an idea for an article, but have not written a manuscript, you may

e-mail a query to gauge interest (amt@mtna.org or ejournal@mtna.org). A query should include a brief outline, the angle and tone that will be used and a list of suggested illustrations or other supporting materials. In a separate document, include your name, address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. MTNA retains and controls the copyrights to all published manuscripts. Feature articles in AMT are any length up to 3,000 words; e-Journal articles are more than 3,000 words in length.

For information about AMT readership, photos and illustrations, preparation and submission, peer review of the submissions and compensation, click [here](#).

For information on guidelines and submission information for the e-Journal, click [here](#).



Conroe Music Teachers Association General Meeting
Friday, April 1, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
7575 Alden Bridge Drive, The Woodlands

Call to Order

Minutes from March 4, 2011 General Meeting Reports

Reports

Officer Reports

Event Reports

Performance Contest Winners Recital - Doris Lum Meyer, NCTM and Minnie Mosley
Spring Festival - Luanne Johns, NCTM; Mary Loy
World of Music Test - Sharon Callahan
CMTA Cash Award Contest - Don Harris
Betty Clampitt Piano Contest - Shirley Cheung; Kristy Cox
Playathon - Holley King
CMTA Senior Awards & Scholarships - Nancy Hall, NCTM
End of Year Dinner - Polly Beaver
Ensembles - Gena Hughey

New Business

2011-2012 Officer Elections
Member-of-the-Year Election

Adjournment of Business Meeting and Door Prize Drawing

(Eligibility for door prize – CMTA members present at 9:30 and adjournment)

Program -- Round-Table Discussion of Teaching Tipte and Techniques, Nadine Wilkinson

April Dates to Remember

- 1 CMTA Senior Award Applications Due to Nancy Hall
CMTA Senior Scholarship for Continuing Studies in Music Applications Due to Nancy Hall
CMTA Officer Elections for 2011- 2012
Vote for CMTA 2010-2011 Member of the Year
- 3 Cash Award Contest
- 9 Betty Clampitt Piano Contest and Recital
- 10 Legacy Concerto Concert, Conroe Symphony Hall
- 15 TMTA All-Star Festival, Keyboard Orchestra Reading Session & June Leondar Chamber Music/Ensemble Music entries to state chairmen. (tmta.org)
- 30 Playathon, Music and Arts, Shenandoah
CMTA Judy Collins and Phyllis Kypke Summer Camp Scholarship Applications Due to Stephanie Teed
TMTA Senior Awards Applications Due to TMTA State Coordinator (forms online at tmta.org)

May Dates to Remember

- 6 CMTA End of Year Dinner, Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, 6:30PM
Installation of Officers for 2011, 2012
CMTA 2010 -2011 Member of the Year Presented
Cash Award Contest Winners Recital and awards presented

June Dates to Remember

- 13 Diane Delk Memorial Ensemble Concert and Awards Program – Nancy Bock Auditorium, McCullough Junior High, The Woodlands.
CMTA Senior Awards and Scholarships Presented
Recipient of CMTA Senior Scholarship for Continuing Studies in Music Performs
CMTA Judy Collins and Phyllis Kypke Summer Camp Scholarships Presented
- 16-19 TMTA Convention in Arlington

CONROE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

CMTA is grateful to the Conroe Symphony Orchestra for providing a venue and players to accompany the winners of CMTA's first Legacy Concerto Competition in a Salon Series Recital on April 10th, 2:00-3:30 at the Symphony Centre in Conroe. Teachers, please plan to attend the concert and support our concerto winners.

You may also want to show your support of the symphony by attending one of their other events. Several activities involving the Symphony are scheduled for April and May, 2011. These include:

*** Sunday, April 10, 2011 - Symphony Salon Series**

The Symphony Salon Series will feature the five (5) finalists of the Legacy Concerto Competition held by the Conroe Music Teachers Association (CMTA) in October, 2010. The Conroe Symphony has partnered with the CMTA for the future Legacy competitions

and one of the three judges will be from the Conroe Symphony Orchestra. The 2010 finalists are ages 11 & 12 and all are pianists.

The five concertos that are being performed are:

- Mozart Piano Concerto #17, K453, G Major, 1st mvt.
- Alec Rowley Miniature Piano Concerto, 1st. mvt.
- Haydn Concerto in C major, 1st. mvt.
- Howard Kasschau Country Concerto for Young Pianists, 3rd mvt.
- Martha Mier Piano Concerto in Classic Style, ALL THREE mvts (entire concerto)

*** Tuesday, April 12, 2011 - Montgomery County Fair Senior Citizens Day**

The CSO has been invited to have an ensemble perform for the Senior Citizens Day, at the Lone Star Convention Center, on Tuesday, April 12, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. Several hundred seniors will be in

attendance, and this is a great opportunity for the CSO to showcase its talent and demonstrate its community involvement.

*** Monday, April 18, 2010 - Favorites from the Past**

In addition to the guest artists, Gideon Schlichter-pianist, and Freddy de la Vega Olivera-guitarist, the annual Why I Want to Be A Conductor

contest finalists will be introduced, and the grand prize winner will be announced. The contest is for 5th & 6th grade orchestra, band and choral students.

*** Thursday, April 21, 2010 - 5:30 pm - Flag Park Dedication & Unveiling**

The Lone Star Monument and Historical Flag Park has been 5 years in the making. The dedication and unveiling ceremonies will be on the 175th anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 2011. It is also the 175th anniversary of The Republic of Texas. Annette Spikes, Past President of the Conroe Symphony League,

is one of the original Board members and serves on the dedication committee.

Conroe Symphony ensemble, under the direction of Sal Jimenez, will be performing at the dedication. Thanks to Sal and to all who can participate in this important event.

*** Saturday, May 7, 2011 - Derby Day Annual Fundraiser**

The Symphony League is busy working on plans for the annual fundraiser for May 7. This year's theme will be Big Band Broadway and will feature two Broadway stars, Sal Viviano and Liz Larsen, plus dancing to the sounds of the Symphony Big Band. Tex Arnold, also from New York, will be music director for Sal & Liz. Tex's expenses are being donated to the Symphony by the Arnold's.

Ticket price is \$100 each, including Derby, Dinner, Broadway show and Dancing to the Big Band. All income beyond expenses go to the Conroe Symphony Orchestra for operating funds for 2011-12. Your support is needed and we ask you to help promote this major fundraiser. In addition, silent auction items are welcomed.

The event will be held at the La Torretta Lake Resort & Spa, beginning at 4:30 pm. Sal Jimenez, Big Band Director, is in charge of staffing the Band.

For more information, please contact Dr. Arnold at the Symphony office.

SALESPERSON NEEDED AT SHERMAN CLAY

Hello Teacher Friends!

Sherman Clay Willowbrook is looking for another salesperson. If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them call, email, or send me a resumé.

Playing piano and some sales experience would be helpful, but not absolutely necessary. This is a full time position. Sherman Clay is an excellent company to work for, with great benefits and opportunity for advancement. Hope you are all doing well. Let me know if I can be of service to you in any way.

Sincerely, Minnie

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FOUND: MUSIC BAG AT SPRING FESTIVAL

A beautiful sky blue music bag with Treble Clef signs covering it was found in Room 128 at the festival.

Please ask your students if they left it there. Contact Luanne Johns to claim the bag at luanne@johns.cc.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS

Here is a link for all summer music camps at Baylor University.

<http://www.baylor.edu/busmc/>

The advertisement features a red border and a white central text area. At the top left, there is a logo for Metro Mini Storage with the tagline 'The right SIZE...The right PRICE'. Below this is a photograph of a Metro Mini Storage building. To the right of the photo, the text reads 'It's all about *your* stuff!' and 'That's why choosing Metro Mini Storage is *right* for you!'. The main text in the center says 'We gratefully acknowledge Metro Mini Storage on FM1488 for their support of Musical Study and the work of Conroe Music Teachers Association.' Below this, the address '3750 FM 1488' and phone number '936-321-8200' are listed. At the bottom left is an image of a yellow Metro Mini Storage truck. At the bottom center is the Metro Mini Storage logo with the tagline 'The right SIZE...The right PRICE'. At the bottom right, there is a 'We Accept' logo with icons for Visa, Mastercard, and Discover.

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