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MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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Arts Awareness and Advocacy

MTNA works with affiliated state and local associations to increase community awareness of the importance of music study and the professionalism of music teachers. The MTNA publication *Community Outreach and Education for the Arts Handbook* is available for purchase from MTNA National Headquarters. This handbook includes valuable information for promoting music and the other arts in our schools and communities.

Awards/Grants Programs

MTNA presents the following awards at its national conference:

- The MTNA ***Achievement Award***, MTNA's highest honor, is bestowed upon an individual who has made significant and lasting contributions to the music teaching profession.
- The ***American Music Teacher Article of the Year Award*** is presented to the outstanding author of a feature article written expressly for *AMT*. Funded by the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND.
- The ***Benjamin Whitten Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award*** is given to the MTNA Collegiate Chapter that demonstrates excellence in its chapter activities. Funded by the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND's Benjamin Whitten Endowment.
- The MTNA ***Distinguished Service Award*** is given in recognition of significant and long-term contribution to the National Association.
- The ***Fifty-Year Membership Award*** recognizes those individuals who have been members of MTNA for at least fifty continuous years.
- The ***Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award*** rewards an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the keyboard pedagogy field.
- ***Local Association Grants*** are awarded to MTNA-affiliated local associations for projects that provide educational opportunities for students and teachers. Grants also are given for projects that support the promotion of music in the immediate community. Matching grants are available for established associations. Start-up grants are available for associations in the process of being formed. Funded by the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND.
- The ***Local Association of the Year Award*** recognizes the local MTA that makes the most significant contribution to the music teaching profession through participation in MTNA national programs and additional programs established within its state and local area.
- The ***MTNA Distinguished Composer of the Year Award*** is given to a selected composer of a state-commissioned work.

- ***State Affiliate Grants*** are awarded to state affiliates to enhance professional and educational development of their members, as well as creating innovative programs that will promote and enhance music, music education and music technology throughout the state. Funded by the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND.
- The ***State Affiliate of the Year Award*** recognizes the state MTA that makes the most significant contribution to the music teaching profession through participation in MTNA national programs and additional programs established within its state.
- ***Teacher Enrichment Grants*** are provided to music teachers for private study, specific college-level course work or other projects that will enhance the performing and teaching skills of the applicant. Funded by the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND.
- The ***Teacher of the Year Award*** recognizes an individual teacher who has made a difference in students' lives, has contributed to the advancement of music in the community and is an example of a professional music educator.

ASCAP Music Licensing

In May 1997, MTNA entered into a blanket licensing agreement with the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP). This agreement covers the licensing fees of all public performances of copyrighted music at all MTNA-related events—local, state, division and national. (The agreement does not cover individual members' public recitals or programs.)

Certification

The MTNA Professional Certification Program exists to improve the level of professionalism within the field of applied music teaching. It benefits the members of the profession itself, as well as the public who interacts with the profession. For the music teaching professional, certification provides prestige, recognition and the potential for student recruitment and increased earning power. For the public, certification helps readily identify competent applied music teachers in their communities. The designation of Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) is given to successful candidates who meet the professional competencies and standards required for MTNA certification. All applied music teachers actively engaged in the profession are eligible for MTNA Professional Certification.

College Faculty Forum (CFF)

The College Faculty Forum provides opportunities for communication and collaboration on professional issues affecting college music faculty. Conference sessions are designed to address issues.

Collegiate Chapters

The Collegiate Chapters Program works to develop and implement strategies for establishing collegiate chapters, collegiate chapter activities and projects. Collegiate Chapters allow tomorrow's teacher to get involved today, promoting student membership at colleges and universities throughout the country.

Composer Commissioning Program

MTNA is dedicated to encouraging the creation of new works by American composers and annually assists affiliated state associations in the generation and performance of new music through the national composer commissioning program. Each year one state commissioned composer is selected to receive the MTNA Distinguished Composer of the Year Award.

Competitions

Five national competitions are held annually for elementary through collegiate-age students. The competitions include:

- Student Composition
- Junior Performance
- Senior Performance
- Young Artist Performance
- Chamber Music Performance

First-place winners of each state's competition compete at the division level. Division winners receive monetary awards. Instrument prizes or cash awards and plaques are presented to national winners. National winners also perform in concert at the MTNA National Conference.

Competitions are funded by MTNA; the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND; Steinway & Sons; Dallas Weekley and Nancy Arganbright; Morty and Iris Manus; Hal Leonard Corp.; Yamaha Corporation of America, Band and Orchestral Division; Yamaha Corporation of America, Piano Division; Kawai America; the Allen I. McHose Scholarship Fund; Jane E. Snow; and the Evelyn Lindblad Folland Endowment Fund.

Details regarding competitions are on the website at www.mtna.org.

Conference

The MTNA National Conference, held annually, brings together the most representative cross-section of the MTNA membership. The MTNA conference planning committee selects daily sessions, which include master classes, recitals, technology sessions and informational sessions on learning theories and new methods. During the week, national competitions finals feature outstanding performances by students from junior through young artist level in all instrument areas, as well as composition. More than ninety exhibitors showcase their wares in the 160-booth exhibit hall. In addition to exhibiting, corporations also present showcases of their latest methods and products. Each evening, a featured performer presents a recital. Pre-conference seminars in pedagogy, technology and business also are offered. Clinicians have an opportunity to participate by submitting proposals and papers for presentation. Visit the MTNA website at www.mtna.org for details about upcoming conferences.

Everyday Student Program

Achievement Awards Program

The purpose of MTNA's Music Achievement Award Program is to help encourage ALL students in the teacher's studio, especially the "everyday" students, to continue their music study and to strive to achieve goals that will not only help them become better musicians, but also will enhance their love and appreciation of music. Students completing the program are rewarded for this achievement with a special MTNA pin. While the true reward is your

students' musical achievements and enhanced love of music, a beautiful pin especially designed for this program will be a fitting symbol of their accomplishment.

Music Study Award

The MTNA Music Study Award is an excellent way to motivate students by acknowledging their commitment to music lessons. As students progress through music lessons, the MTNA Music Study Award program enables the teacher to celebrate their accomplishments with award certification. The certificates are convenient and effective motivational tools for the entire studio. These awards recognize completed years of music study in two-year increments up to twelve years of study. These distinctive certificates also will serve for years to come as mementos of cherished musical experiences.

Studio Festival Program

The Studio Festival Program will allow students to soar musically in a nationally sponsored event, held in the teachers' own studio. It provides an opportunity to showcase students' musical talents through an exciting and meaningful performance venue. In addition to a stimulating performance experience, students will receive a supportive critique from an experienced musician and an official certificate recognizing their participation. Open to students of all ages and levels, the Studio Festival offers a noncompetitive atmosphere to inspire students' musical abilities.

General Liability Insurance for MTNA-Affiliated State and Local Associations

MTNA provides general liability insurance coverage for all events sponsored by MTNA-affiliated state and local associations. Every state and local association is covered under this policy for an unlimited number of events at no cost to any individual association.

Independent Music Teachers Forum (IMTF)

The Independent Music Teachers Forum provides opportunities for communication and collaboration on professional issues affecting independent music teachers.

Insurance/Financial Services for Members

The Forest T. Jones & Company offers various types of insurance coverage for members and their businesses. For more information call (800) 821-7303.

The MTNA MasterCard offers competitive credit lines and unmatched free services and features. For more information, please call MBNA America (800) 421-2110.

Legal Consultation Services

MTNA members have access to free legal consultation in the following areas: zoning issues; bill collection; business formation (additional fees may be required for filing in your state); non-compete agreements, buying and selling existing studios; music purchases and resale to students; copyright and ASCAP issues; ethics issues; liability issues; and tax issues.

Call the office to discuss legal questions and issues. After calling the office you may be directed to an attorney for further consultation.

Local Associations

The Local Associations Forum works to encourage affiliation of music teacher organizations; foster strong relationships between the local, state and national organizations; and provide opportunities for communication and collaboration on local association organizational issues.

Pedagogy Saturday

The Pedagogy Saturday Committee provides opportunities for communication and collaboration among those responsible for the education and training of studio music teachers involved in individual or small group instruction. *Pedagogy Saturday* is a popular MTNA conference attraction, which presents a full day of seminars on the training of studio music teachers. The committee also oversees the compilation of the *Annotated Bibliography on Musician Wellness*, a resource tool for teachers and students that addresses performance anxiety music-related medical problems. It can be found on the MTNA website at www.mtna.org.

Professional Support Line

Assistance provided by the educational services staff is available for pedagogical and business issues, such as: grant information, music, acoustical standards of building a new music facility, ASCAP issues, copyright issues, developing a plan to become a music teacher, creating relationships between other music organizations and local MTNA affiliates, music merchandise questions, prospective member information, lesson fee structures in the United States, helping a member supplement his dues through local and state support, health insurance, finding music teachers around the world and more. For more information, contact the MTNA National Headquarters.

Publications

American Music Teacher is published bimonthly: August/September, October/November, December/January, February/March, April/May and June/July.

The *MTNA e-Journal* is published four times during the school year: September, November, February and April.

Website

The MTNA website provides information about MTNA's programs and services, staff contact, news and events and interactive elements that enrich the membership experience.

Wellness Forum

The Wellness Forum provides opportunities for communication and collaboration on wellness issues affecting all musicians.