



KCMTA
KANSAS CITY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Message from the President

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break! It was great to see so many KCMTA members at the national conference. I know everyone who was able to make it had a wonderful experience and is buzzing with new ideas. We have some great events coming up here in Kansas City, too. Next, on April 3, is the Sean Chen workshop. Be sure to make it to hear this Cliburn Finalist talk about competition preparedness. We also have our final meeting and luncheon on May 1. See below for more details. Finally, for our students, we have the Achievement Auditions and Music Progressions yet to go. It should be a great end to a busy year!

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Achievement Auditions

Enrollment for the Achievement Auditions is now open!!

Please read the following description and visit <http://kansascitymusicteachers.org/student-programs/achievement-auditions/> for requirements and further info. *Note*--The Honors Recital is back this year!

Achievement Auditions

Chair: Linda Chen

Locations: Auditions at [UMKC](#)

Recital at [Schmitt Music](#)

Dates:

Auditions: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2018

Honors Recital: 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, 2018

Enrollment period:

Opens March 17, 2018. Must be received on or before April 7, 2018

Space is limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Enrollment will be closed once all available slots are filled.

Congratulations Bob Weirich

KCMTA Member Dr. Robert Weirich was named a Foundation Fellow at this year's MTNA national conference. Congratulations for receiving this esteemed and well-deserved honor!

Concerto Competitions Winners

2018 KCMTA-Heritage Philharmonic Young Artist Competition Winners Concert will be held on Saturday, May 5 at 7:30pm at Blue Springs High School Performing Arts Center, 2000 NW Ashton Drive, Blue Springs, MO 64015, conducted by Mr. James Murray. Junhao Wang, winner of piano division, will perform the first movement of Chopin Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, Op. 21. Haley Stevenson, winner of instrumental division, will perform Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64, first movement. Admission is free.

Emily Yeh, NCTM

Concerto Competition, chair

Junhao Wang, a high school junior, studies piano with Dr. Jack Winerock of the University of Kansas. His major achievements include, Second Place in the 2015-16 National level MTNA Piano Competition, Third Place in the 2015 Seattle International Piano Competition, and participation in several well-known international piano competitions. They are the 2017 Hilton Head International Piano Competition, the 2016 Gina Bachauer International Young Artists Piano Competition, and the 2015 Cleveland International Piano Competition for Young Artists. Junhao was also a presenter on the Young Concert Platform at the 7th World Piano Conference in Serbia in 2016.

Other accomplishments include, Second Place in the 2017-18 State level MTNA Piano Competition (Kansas), First Place in the Utah Music Teachers

Association Piano Concerto Competitions (2013 and 2015), and First Prize in the 2013 American Fine Arts Festival Concerto Competition (AFAF).

As an AFAF winner, he performed at Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall in 2013. He also performed with the Salt Lake Symphony in 2013 and the American West Symphony of Sandy in 2015.



Haley Stevenson, a homeschool senior of Independence, Missouri, has had a love for music since an early age. She began piano lessons at age five, and started violin lessons the following year. She has enjoyed participating in the Mount Zion Chamber Music Camps, and currently plays in the Mount Zion Chamber and Full Orchestras, and the Heritage Philharmonic Orchestra. In addition, she serves as both a violinist and a pianist at her church, and teaches piano lessons. In her spare time, she enjoys arranging music, reading, and baking. She is very grateful to her violin teachers Brian Holmes, Lisa Yong, and Carl Cook, and to God, for providing the opportunities for her to participate in the beautiful gift of music.



April Workshop and Meeting

Join us on April 3 for a very short meeting followed by a workshop by Sean Chen! This is a joint meeting with Federated Music Club. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

“Preparations for Auditions/Competitions” Sean Chen, 2013 Van Cliburn Competition finalist, UMKC Conservatory of Music
10:00 a.m., Schmitt Music

May Luncheon

The Spring Luncheon will be held on May 1 at La Bodega in Leawood. We'll have a meeting to induct the new board members at 10:30, and then will head over to the restaurant. We've got some space reserved already, but please

RSVP for lunch to Bridget Clonts at bridget.m.clonts@gmail.com. Hope to see you all there to celebrate this great year!

KMTA Conference 2018

The KMTA Conference has been announced-- mark your calendars!
October 19-20, 2018
Emporia State University
Our featured clinician will be Dennis Alexander.
All KCMTA members are welcome!

Concerto Competition at Pittsburg State University

Pittsburg State University is hosting a festival and concerto competition in July for students aged 7-30. Pitt State is just a couple of hours south of the KC area. Please consider entering your students in this competition. [Find out more here](#). Applications are due April 24. Contact Janis Saket at jsaket@yahoo.com for more information.

Additional News

Sue Finley-Evans is available to sub in churches. Contact her at treblesue@yahoo.com if you need a sub.

Dr. Stephanie Henry, Dean of the GKCAGO chapter, is inviting high school musicians to learn more about the pipe organ. If you have any students who are interested, please contact her at tmthomas4826@gmail.com