



KCMTA

KANSAS CITY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear KCMTA Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer! Mine was filled with travel and teaching. I'm sad to see it end, but am excited for the year ahead!

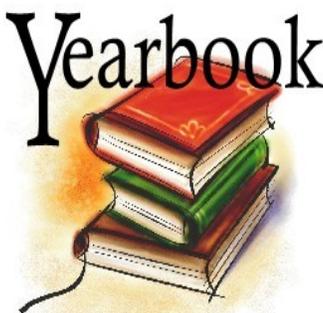
KCMTA has a great year planned for you. First, we'll have our Fall Kickoff on September 22, featuring Dr. David Thurmaier and the music of the Beatles. Shortly after that, we'll have our Master Lessons weekend 9/29-30 with Sean Chen, and a master class on 10/2 featuring his choice of students. We've also got KMTA and MMTA district and state, Fall Festival in October, and a Wynn-Anne Rossi workshop weekend in November. As usual, we'll cap the calendar year of with the Holiday Program at Union Station. Fall 2018 will surely be a great semester of music making!

Please read on for information about our upcoming programs and mark your calendars to attend the events. I look forward to seeing you there!

Dr. Kari Johnson

Yearbook/Membership!!

The yearbook will be published in September this year. **If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so by Sept. 1** so that you can be included in our yearbook! Please encourage teacher friends who may not be members to join as well.



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Dr. Kari Johnson
President

Kellie Harvey,
President-Elect

Dr. Christina Liu, NCTM
Newsletter Editor

Upcoming Dates of Note:

Sept. 22 @ 12 PM:
KCMTA Fall Kickoff
Leawood Pioneer Library

Sept 22:
Last day of online registration for Fall Festival

Sept. 29/30:
Master Lessons w/
Sean Chen

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Reminder: All checks for KCMTA events should be made out to KCMTA, not to the treasurer

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

KCMTA FALL KICKOFF

David Thurmaier



September 22, 12-2 PM
Leawood Pioneer Library
4700 Town Center Dr
Leawood, KS 66211

with Dr. David Thurmaier, UMKC Theory Faculty
and host/creator of “I’ve Got A Beatles Podcast”

Join us for lunch, an introductory meeting about our 2018-2019
events calendar, and a presentation about one of the best bands
of the 20th century. More details soon.

Hope to see you there!

Fall Festival: Celebrating the Classical Era

Your Fall Festival Co-chairs are Lisa Wilson and David Tauscher.

For questions regarding student scheduling and online registration, contact

David@tauschermusic.com.

Other questions, contact Lisa at hardy.party@hotmail.com

- Later Deadline: Online Registration will remain open through Friday, September 22nd. We will also accept registrations at the Fall Kick-Off Meeting, Saturday, September 22nd. We are hoping to increase enrollment by extending a later deadline, since some of our teachers take breaks in August.
- Paypal option for online payment! (Checks still accepted.)
- The information packets will come later via email, giving teachers a paperless option for studio communication.
- Volunteer Sign-Up: We will have Signupgenious available at the September 22nd Kick-off Meeting, as well as a link email to follow. Please plan to sign up for a position and timeslot that works best for you.
- NEW Option for Last Minute Changes: Every effort should be made to play at assigned time. The smallest of changes can cause the greatest confusion, resulting in comments and ratings on the wrong sheets, etc. There will be an extra recital at the end of each half-day session (late morning, late afternoon) for students who are registered but unable to make assigned times.
- For more Fall Festival details, see KCMTA Website under Student Programs

Mark Your Calendars for Wynn-Anne Rossi!!!

Announcement from Dr. Janet Fetterman, VP Workshops:

The Kansas City Music Teachers Association and The Federated Music Teachers of Kansas City are bringing in clinician and composer Wynn-Anne Rossi. She will be here working with us and our students in early November.

November 2 (Friday) - We will have workshops for teachers—one session in the morning, lunch, and then another session in the afternoon.

November 3 (Saturday) - We will have a day of recitals including composition recitals. Your students will have a chance to work with Wynn-Anne on their own compositions! Note: the composition needs to be for piano, or if for another instrument, have that instrument there to perform.

We will also have “Meet the Composer” recitals throughout the day where your students can perform a piece by Ms. Rossi and then she can comment briefly about the piece. Then we can have pictures and she can sign their music.



I do hope that you will plan to participate with your students at these events. Please mark those dates off on your calendar and plan to come!

CONCERTO OPPORTUNITIES

Junior Concerto Competition/Recital:

This competition is an opportunity for young students of piano, strings, and instrumentalists to compete for awards and to perform one movement of a concerto by memory in a recital setting. Adjudicator may select winners from each group. Each winner will receive a trophy. Pedagogical concertos may be used.

Location: Schmitt Music Center

Postmark Deadline: January 7, 2019

Competition Date: February 9, 2019

Eligibility: Young Musicians, School Grade 4th and younger
Junior Musicians, School Grade 5th - 8th
(NEW) Senior Musicians, School Grade 9th - 12th

Fee: \$35.00 per student with no teacher fee for KCMTA members
\$35.00 per student plus \$25.00 teacher fee for members of MTNA
\$35.00 per student plus \$75.00 teacher fee with no MTNA membership

KCMTA-Heritage Philharmonic Concerto Competition:

This competition is an opportunity for High School students of piano, strings, winds, and percussion to compete for awards and to perform a concerto movement with the Heritage Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Jim Murray. Contestant will perform one movement of a concerto from the standard repertoire by memory. Performance selections need to be approved by the conductor.

Location: Schmitt Music Center

Postmark Deadline: January 7, 2019

Competition Date: February 9, 2019

Concert Date: May 4, 2019

Concert Location; Blue Springs High School

Eligibility: High school pianists and instrumentalists age 14 - 18 as of February 9, 2019 and have not previously won the Heritage Philharmonic's Young Artist Competition are eligible to enter.

Fee: \$35.00 per student with no teacher fee for KCMTA members
or a student that resides in Jackson County, MO
\$35.00 per student plus \$25.00 teacher fee for members in MTNA
\$35.00 per student plus \$75.00 teacher fee for no MTNA membership

For more information, visit:

<http://kansascitymusicteachers.org/student-programs/concerto-recital/> and
<http://kansascitymusicteachers.org/student-programs/concerto-competition/>

Emily Yeh, NCTM, Chair



Phishing and Scam Warnings



We've had an increase in phishing and scam attempts this summer. Here's what to watch out for:

- Emails from Kari (the president) or another board member asking for cash, gift cards, or other information
- Student requests from people out of the country moving to your area for a limited time, or requests to pay for a set number of lessons up front. One of our members reported a scam attempt from George Moxon, with an associate named Bill Parks.

WHAT CAN YOU DO??

If an email claims to be from a board member and looks suspect, check the actual email address first before replying. If it is actually that person's email address, you're good to go. If it isn't, call, start a new email chain, or message the person using the contact information listed on our website or in the yearbook. Remember, the board will not request money from you outside of your dues or payment for events. They will not ask for money for gift cards or travel.

If someone emails you requesting lessons for a set amount of time (3 months while their daughter is in the country; two years while they live in your neighborhood, etc.), insist on a face-to-face interview lesson first, and never accept full payment in advance. If they send you a check, do not cash it!!

You can read more about this at these resources:

<https://www.phishing.org>

<https://www.violinist.com/blog/laurie/20146/15908/>

<http://www.pluckyviolinteacher.com/email-scams-targeting-music-teachers-recognize-avoid/>

Don't panic! It's unlikely in these situations that you've been hacked. Because our email addresses are listed on the website, "phishers" and scammers will try to get your information. Please use caution, trust your gut, and contact the board if you have any issues.

Happy
August!

I don't want to go
back to school!

