



Wisconsin Music Teachers Association

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Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

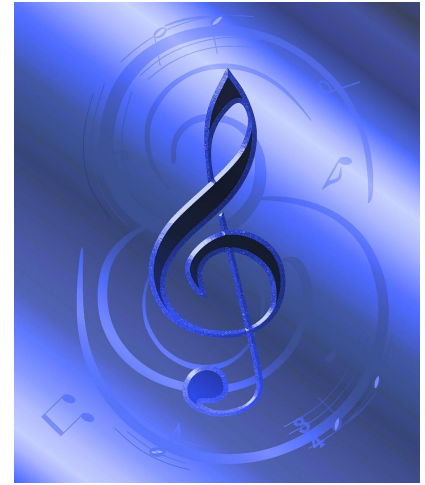
WMTA is winding down a successful year, which would not have been possible without the tireless work of our volunteers. Whether you've coordinated your district's auditions or volunteered a few hours to correct theory exams, many hands make short work, and we are all grateful for every volunteer in service to WMTA. Kudos to you!

Our profession, and thus our organization, has changed quite a bit over the past few years. WMTA would like to receive your feedback about the needs of your studio, which parts of WMTA you value most, and how our events can best serve you and your students.

I was challenged to include a haiku in this month's president's message, so here it is:

Fill out your survey
We'd be forever grateful
The link is below

Yours sincerely,
Michelle "Mickey" Lytle, NCTM



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Membership Survey

The WMTA Board is interested to know the value you place in different aspects of your membership, as well as your feedback about auditions structure and how these events can best serve our members and their students. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your feedback is very important. The survey will close on May 19, 2022.

[Membership Survey, Click here](#)

WMTA October 14-15 Conference, Superior, WI

VP-Conference chair **Hector Landa**

Why Superior?

We are pleased to announce our fall conference will be held in Superior, WI, on Friday and Saturday, October 14-15, 2022. Superior is beautiful that time of year and you will love the opportunity to reconnect with your peers in a wonderful setting at Barkers Island Inn Resort and Conference Center. Arrive on Thursday for a pre-conference happy hour or even stay after the conference ends to enjoy hiking, kayaking and more. (Executive Board: our meeting will be Thursday 10/13 at 8:00pm.)

Did you know? Superior last hosted the WMTA conference in 1980—that was 42 years ago! Our loyal Superior Local Association members know they're "way up" in that northwest corner of Wisconsin, and they want to show you their beautiful part of the state and the wonderful conference they can host for their fellow WMTA members. You won't want to miss it! Find a colleague and share the ride and enjoy the magnificent fall colors in the northern part of the state.

We will have an upcoming conference information email coming in late May/early June, but feel free to make your hotel reservations now at [Barkers Island Inn](#).

Be a Judge

If you are interested in being an adjudicator for WMTA auditions, please complete this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_8IEFsVwuXAUscGVR6htN4PtJMy1_NikjBpObq-ve8A/edit



WMTA Young Composers Competition

by **Sam Ecoff**, WMTA Young Composers Competition Chair

With just a couple of months left to go before the entry deadline for the WMTA Young Composers Competition, there's still time to get students started on an entry for this year even if they've never entered before. Integrating composition into lessons not only gives students an excellent creative outlet, but it also gives students an opportunity to apply their knowledge of music theory.

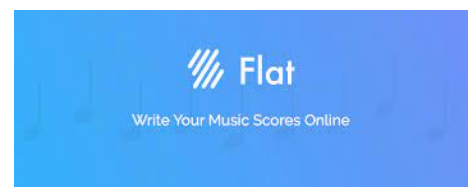
The Young Composers Competition is a super opportunity for students, because there are no limits on the size of the ensemble students can write for, and no limits on the duration of pieces students can write. Last year's submissions included everything from works for solo instruments to full symphonic scores and everything in between. While some composition contests limit the duration of the works students can submit, YCC has no such limits.

With excellent free resources such as www.noteflight.com, www.musescore.com, and flat.io, students can produce beautifully notated scores without making a significant investment in a notation software package. Both all three online platforms also allow students to hear multiple parts played back simultaneously, which eliminates one of the challenges to students when writing for ensembles.

Now it's time to get your students going creating some great new music!

The deadline for this year's Young Composers Competition is June 20th, 2022. More information can be found on the WMTA website at

<https://www.wisconsinmusicteachers.com/student-events/competition-for-young-composers>.



District Chair- May 2022

By: **Sandra Statz, NCTM** WMTA State District Chair

The 2022 IN PERSON and Hybrid DISTRICT Auditions are a wrap. Wisconsin Music Teachers are some of the MOST AMAZING people ever! They are second to our really MOST AMAZING STUDENTS. AND, be sure to thank your AMAZING DISTRICT CHAIRS!! 7 of the 14 District Chairs were NEW this year! And, let's not forget the parents! Congratulations to all who have qualified to compete at the Badger Competition – Good Luck! Be sure to see the news from our Badger Chairs in this newsletter as the Badger Competitions are just around the corner!

It was SO nice to see students IN PERSON for your performances. We had at least 3 districts administer IN PERSON theory exams while the remainder did online theory. There were many factors that were considered in this. We are looking forward to full IN PERSON performances and theory administration in 2023!

Please mark the WMTA Conference and make plans to attend on October 14, 15. I am working to have Audition training and Judge's training scheduled in that conference. I'm not sure both will happen but we are working on it!

Thank you to ALL who went with us back in time to pre-Ovation audition paperwork! That was an interesting twist but I wish to thank our Computer Committee who have been, and continue, to work tirelessly in meetings, etc to help get our new website up and running smoothly. I believe that when it is fully operational, everyone will be happier. I'm guessing there may be some bumps but that is to be expected anytime something new rolls out. I am pushing hard to be able to do a "test run" of the new system this summer with the 2022 audition data (since it must get into the system anyway). Please keep an eye on your emails as we will most likely be inviting you to participate in the mock run so that 2023 will be our "second" use of the system!

Please remember to **renew your MTNA/WMTA/local memberships this summer- membership runs July 1-June 30**. All renewals must be recorded by WMTA before October 15, 2022 in order to enter students in the 2023 District Auditions.

Click here to Renew today: [Easy access to Renewals](#)



UPCOMING BADGER EVENTS

by: **Mary Anne Olvera, NCTM** Badger Keyboard Chairperson

We are looking forward to 3 outstanding LIVE events!

BADGER NE - UW -STEVENS POINT

*Noel Fine Arts Center
1800 Portage Street
Stevens Point, WI
SATURDAY, MAY 21
DUETS, ADULTS*

BADGER NW - UW-RIVER FALLS

*Kleinpell Fine Arts Center
420 E. Cascade Ave.
River Falls, WI
SATURDAY MAY 21*

BADGER S- UW-PARKSIDE

*Rita Tallent Picken Regional Center for Arts & Humanities
900 Wood Rd.
Kenosha, WI
SUNDAY, MAY 22*

*Any questions on any of the events, contact Mary Anne Olvera
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WMTA Certification

by: **Gail A. Heywood, NCTM**, WMTA Certification Chair gailheywood0@gmail.com
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WMTA reimburses newly certified members the application fee for the MTNA Certification process. For more information on becoming a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, go to <https://certification.mtna.org/> Assistance is available as you start your journey to becoming a NCTM!



“Certification is a process that validates an individual’s qualifications for a specific field of professional practice. It demonstrates to employers, clients, and peers that which the individual knows and can do. It signifies commitment to continued excellence in professional practice. In addition, it increases visibility, builds credibility, provides a goal for personal professional achievement, and validates expertise for the individual and to those outside the field.” [MTNA Certification page](#)

MTNA Professional Certification promotes excellence in the field of music by encouraging life-long study to raise individual music teacher's levels of competency, effectiveness, and professionalism. The designation of NCTM, Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, identifies to the public the applied music teachers who have met the standards set by MTNA.

Certification is a gift that will give you:

- Satisfaction in having reached your goal for personal professional achievement
- A sense of accomplishment as you improve your teaching through study and planning
- The knowledge that you are raising the level of professionalism within our field
- A professional credential

Certification is also the gift that keeps on giving. Ongoing musical growth is one of the benefits of the [Renewal of MTNA Professional Certification](#). Be sure to visit the MTNA web site to view the latest Renewal Activities and Points Form.

Whether you are considering pursuing certification as an individual or in a group, now is the time to begin.

I encourage you to begin your journey today.



2022 Badger State Vocal/Instrumental Competition:

UW Stevens Point, May 21

by **Opala Bilhorn, NCTM** Badger Vocal/Instrumental Chair

The 20212 Badger State Vocal/Instrumental Competition will be held at UW-Stevens Point on May 21, 2022. We are looking forward to an in-person Badger event!

Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter regarding the new Badger Ensemble Track! This is going to be an exciting opportunity for students to compete through the Badger Level with an ensemble.

TEACHER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE REMINDER

By **Drew Donica** Teacher Award of Excellence

Members are eligible to earn Teacher Awards of Excellence as their students earn WMTA awards. This is a terrific program available for WMTA members. Please see the [WMTA website](#) for more information about this award under Member Resources.

For more information about the Teacher Award of Excellence or to submit your student achievements for your next award, please contact

Drew Donica

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Information for awards should be submitted no later than September 12, 2022



The Gathering Piano Festival

By: Planning Committee

Michael Rector, UW-Green Bay, Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers' Forum

Heidi Lueck, Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers' Forum

Justin Krueger, St. Norbert College, Fox Valley Music Teachers' Association

Tricia Marton, UW-Green Bay, Sheboygan Campus, Michigago Music Teachers' Association

The planning committee for "The Gathering" of Northeast Wisconsin piano teaching organizations invites session proposals for their collaborative event to take place at:

**UW-Green Bay's Weidner Center for the Performing Arts on
November 5, 2022.**

The event will be a full day celebration of 19th-century piano music with programming for students and teachers.

Call for Proposals:

Please send proposals to rectorm@uwgb.edu by June 1. The final program will be announced by July 1.

Proposals can be for any format:

- Presentations (20 minutes)


- Lecture-recital (20 minutes)

- Performances (7 min maximum)

- Lightning Talks (7 minutes maximum)

- Workshops (50 minutes).

Workshops will invite attendees to actively participate. For example, a workshop on *tempo rubato* in Chopin's music would involve student or teacher-participant performances; the organizers will issue a separate call for performances for workshops and recitals in late summer 2022.



The Gathering Piano Festival, continued

Proposals should include a 250-word abstract that clearly specifies the content of the session and a 100-word bio for each presenter. Please detail any technical requirements and describe the intended audience: beginner or advanced students, teachers. Proposals that will appeal to a wider audience, as well as those that include audience participation, are particularly welcomed.

We hope to offer a wide array of sessions presented by a diverse group of presenters; proposals from teachers, collegiate student groups and professionals in adjacent fields are all encouraged.

Venues available include:

Fort Howard Hall: 200-seat recital hall with concert piano

Jean Weidner Theater: 90-seat black box theater with studio grand piano

Large-ensemble rehearsal rooms with studio grand pianos

Piano lab: 11 networked digital pianos plus room for observers

If you have an idea for a proposal and would like feedback from the committee before making a formal submission, or have any other questions, please contact Michael Rector (rectorm@uwgb.edu).

Your membership renewal is Due!

Remember, membership years run July 1-July 1. It's time for you to renew!

Look! We even made it easy for you- just click here [Renew Today!](#)



Aids for you to use

Access the Leadership of WMTA

For a list of WMTA Leadership, please click here: [Leadership](#)

For a list of your Local Association Presidents, click here: [Local Associations](#)

Professional Assistance Line

MTNA provides free assistance for members. Contact the MTNA National Headquarters with any business or pedagogical questions. (888) 512-5278 -or- professionalsupport@mtna.org

They will gladly assist you in areas such as business plans, contracts, copyright concerns, legal standards, property acquisition, zoning laws, partnerships, grants, acoustic building standards, ASCAP matters, certification, teacher development, group affiliations, music supplies, equipment purchasing, lesson plans, customer fees, health insurance and teacher networking.


Have You Moved?

All membership changes, including renewals and address changes, should be made on the MTNA website by updating your member profile. www.MTNA.org

Member Submissions

All WMTA members may submit relevant announcements or articles to be published in the newsletter. All submissions should be submitted 2 to 4 weeks in advance and must be received by the **15th day of the month** prior to issue date or they will not be included and are subject to space availability.

To propose information, please email the wisconsinmta@gmail.com with potential text and pictures. All text should be concise and edited for content, spelling and grammar. Photos should be clear, high resolution and ready for publication. Please do not send pdf documents. All content is subject to edit and approval before it can be included.



Advertise With us

WMTA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit as state affiliate of Music Teachers National Association (MTNA). Advertising with Wisconsin Music Teachers Association Exhibitors will help you reach the 450+ members who are largely private music teachers, college and university instructors, and college student members across Wisconsin.

Advertising must be paid for by check or prior to the 15th of the newsletter publication date. WMTA does not accept credit card payments. If you have questions or if you need an invoice, please email wisconsinmta@gmail.com.

Conference Advertising (Exhibitor) Many options exist to advertise at our conference. Please see the website for details.

Newsletter Advertising Only Options

WMTA produces a newsletter in February, May, August, and December. If you would like to submit an advertisement, an electronic submission and payment are due by the 15th of the month prior. (January 15, April 15, July 15, and November 15)

- Multi-newsletter advertising: 4 ads in the consecutive February, May, August, and December Newsletters, paid in full
 - Full Page: \$300
 - Half Page: \$150
- One-time Quarterly Newsletter full page color ad- \$100
- One-time Quarterly Newsletter half page color ad- \$50
- One-time use of our postal mailing list -\$75
- One-time ad, sent via email by WMTA on your behalf to entire membership- \$50



POINT Music Camp

June 12-17, 2022

Grades 9-12 and graduating seniors

Join us on the beautiful University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point campus for a week of learning, music-making, and fun.

HAVE FUN

Perform on a talent show. Try out yoga for the first time or go on a trip to the Schmeekle Reserve to enjoy nature and read poems. Are you a night owl? Play Zombie night tag in the Noel Fine Arts Center.



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