

## **Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Spring 2010**

The 45<sup>th</sup> year of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum offered many opportunities for musical education and growth to both teachers and students during 2009-2010.

The programs for our monthly meetings this past year included:

- September: Publisher's Workshop with Catherine Rollin
- October: Dr. Victoria Wyatt – Performing without Pain: Teaching Tools for Managing Performance Stress
- November: Dr. Carolyn True – The Artist Within
- January: Professor Sam Dorsey – The Guitar as a Window into Music History from the Renaissance to Modern Times
- February: Brian Ganz – Recital and Master Class
- March: Suzanne Guy – Theme Recitals and Special Ideas for Technique
- April: Donna Halleck and Susan Atkins – MTNA National Conference Highlights
- May: Grace McFarlane – Practical Performance Tips, Freedom of Expression Whilst Remaining Faithful to the Composer's Intentions

Performance opportunities for teachers included our fourth annual TMTF Teacher Recital in September and the TMTF Monster Concert in March. A certification breakfast was held in January.

Activities for the musical enrichment of our students included:

- October: Hobart Langrall Memorial Recital (for VMTA and State Audition entrants)
- November: Hobart Langrall Memorial Recital (for VMTA and MTNA competition entrants)  
TMTF Student Recitals in two locations  
TMTF Hymn Playing Festival
- December: TMTF Play-A-Thon ( Students performed for three days at a local mall and raised over \$5000 for the three TMTF scholarship programs.)
- January: VMTA Theory Tests
- February: Recital and Master Class presented by Brian Ganz  
VMTA Keyboard Skills Tests  
VMTA Sight Reading Festival  
Student Recitals in three locations
- March: TMTF Levels of Progress (In this event 52 teachers registered 684 students to perform.)  
TMTF Monster Concert (This event is also open to students and teachers around the state.)

- April: Glover Scholarship Auditions (for students in school grades 5-8)  
TMTF Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions (offered to a high school senior who plans to major in music)  
TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions
- May: VMTA Eastern District auditions  
TMTF Honors Recitals  
May Luncheon and performance by the Glen Mayberry Scholarship winner

We offer a TMTF Achievement Award to our students to earn trophies by participation in TMTF, VMTA and MTNA events. Funding for this program was provided by the monetary award from the 2008 MTNA Local Association of the Year Award.

In April, one of our members, Suzanne Guy, was named MTNA Foundation Fellow of 2010 at the National Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

With over 100 members in our organization, TMTF seeks to have participation by a well informed membership by the publication of a detailed yearbook and a Student Activity Booklet with all event information and forms, a newsletter – *Stafflines* – published nine times a year, minutes of meetings sent to members via e-mail and our website [www.tmtf.org](http://www.tmtf.org).

The Tidewater Music Teachers Forum strives to be an effective and unique organization for teachers of all instruments in the communities it encompasses.

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President 2009-2010