

## **Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Spring 2011**

The 46<sup>th</sup> year of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum offered many opportunities for musical education and growth to both teachers and students during 2010-2011.

The programs for our monthly meetings this past year included:

- September: Publisher's Workshop with Gayle Kowalchuk
- October: Recital and Master Class with Ann Schein
- November: Nancy Breth – Practice Tips
- January: Carol Ann Barry – Bridging the Gap between Intermediate and Advanced Repertoire
- February: Suzanne Guy – Panel Discussion on Adjudication from Two Perspectives: Teacher and Judge
- March: Chuck Woodward – The Art of Collaboration
- April: Donna Halleck and Susan Atkins – MTNA National Conference Highlights
- May: Hye-Yun Chung Bennett – Comparison of Harp and Piano

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: Recital and Master Class presented by Ann Schein  
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: TMTF Monster Concert (This event was in timing with the MTNA Day of Collaboration  
VMTA Theory Tests
- February: VMTA Keyboard Skills Tests  
VMTA Sight Reading Festival  
Student Recitals in three locations
- March: TMTF Levels of Progress (In this event 48 teachers registered 582 students to perform.)

- 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 his/her participation in TMTF, VMTA and MTNA events. Funding for this program was provided by the monetary award TMTF received from the 2008 MTNA Local Association of the Year Award.

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 2010-2011