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2019 Conference and Competitions

Passing the Torch: looking to the past and to the future

I am very pleased to cordially invite you to attend our 2019 Fall Conference at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, to be held Thursday, October 31 through Saturday, November 2, 2019 on the Old Dominion University campus.

Our conference theme, "Passing the torch: looking to the past and to the future," is an all-encompassing theme as we recognize the rich musical and artistic heritage we have received from centuries of great music and we also look ahead to passing this great heritage on to future generations in our rapidly-changing digital age.

A mainstay of our VMTA conferences is the orchestra concert featuring our VMTA concerto competition winners; our winners will be performing on our closing "gala" concert Saturday evening with the Old Dominion University Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Dr. Paul S. Kim, Director of Orchestral Activities at Old Dominion University.

Most of our events will take place in the Diehn Center for the Performing Arts and the Webb University Center—where the campus food court is also located. The two buildings are next to each other on campus, which will be quite convenient. Our hotel is an 8-minute walk from the Diehn Center. See below for parking information at the hotel.

Please stay tuned to your inboxes. I am planning on sending you lots of information so you can make your plans to join us in Norfolk for what I anticipate will be a fantastic conference. Visit VMTA's website, www.music-usa.org/vmta for conference details, maps and registration information.

OUR FEATURED CONFERENCE SPEAKER

I am delighted to announce that our featured conference speaker will be **Keith Porter-Snell**, world-renowned for his more than 150 publications of piano repertoire and theory materials for Neil A Kjos Music. Keith needs no introduction, I am sure—he has given over 400 workshops to piano teachers in the United States and all over the world. I was thrilled when I reached out to him that he said "yes" immediately! Keith told me his family roots in Virginia—I already knew his mother is a piano teacher and is from Virginia, but he also had family for many years right in Norfolk. See keithsnellpianist.com more information, about Keith.

OUR CONFERENCE HOTEL

VMTA members are invited to stay at our conference hotel:

SpringHill Suites by Marriott

4500 Hampton Blvd.

Norfolk, VA 23508

Phone: 757.423.4100

Hotel information:

- SpringHill Suites is located on campus, about an 8-minute walk from the Diehn Center for the Performing Arts.
- \$128.00 per night plus 14% + \$3.00
- Parking is \$8.00 per night
- Hot and Continental breakfast each morning
- All suites have a sink, microwave, cooler, and living room style seating
- Indoor pool, whirlpool, Fitness Center and Business Center
- Springhill Suites has its own restaurant and bar at the hotel—Monarch Sports Grill
- Cut-off date: September 30, 2019. After this date, reservations will be made on space available.

You can call the hotel directly to book your room or visit the VMTA website for a direct link to the Marriott's website. If you call directly to reserve your room, make sure you mention that you are booking with the VMTA conference so you can secure the \$128.00 room rate. Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or advance deposit received 30 days prior to arrival.

Full registration includes:

- All workshops
- One ticket to the Concerto Winners' Concert Saturday evening
- The Commissioned Composer concert
- Hospitality table throughout the day...and as always, our great conference swag bags filled with goodies!

I hope to see all of you in Norfolk!

Narciso Solero

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2019–2020 AUDITION DAYS

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VMTA FALL FESTIVALS

Debbie Sacra, Fall Festival Coordinator



It's time again for the Fall Festival! Encouraging your students to participate is a great way to get them off to a fast start this fall. Northern Virginia's date is set as Saturday, November 9, 2019. In Richmond and Roanoke the Festival will take place Saturday, November 23, 2019. Shenandoah's date will be announced. See below for the registration deadline, how registrations should be submitted, and chairman for each location in addition to exact Festival location. No late applications will be accepted.

You may enter students in piano, piano duet, organ, strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, classical guitar, accordion, or voice. Students must play one piece from the Contemporary Period containing at least one contemporary idiom. The second piece must be chosen from any historical period other than the Contemporary Period. In certain localities, pieces which are traditionally composed (perhaps from a method book) are accepted for the non-Contemporary piece, but only for beginning students. Please check with your local Fall Festival Chairman concerning this. Both pieces must be memorized. There are only two exceptions to this rule: 1) students in Levels III or IV who play an avant garde piece may use their music if this has been cleared by the local chairman prior to the registration deadline or 2) entries in piano duet or organ. No photocopied music is allowed. Only originally composed music is accepted, no simplifications or popular music.

Check the VMTA Yearbook under "General Regulations for All VMTA Events" and "VMTA Fall Festivals," for further information and regulations. Also check page 3 of the VMTA Yearbook for the contact information of each chairman.

Festivals will be held in the following localities with these registration deadlines; how registrations should be submitted; local chairmen; and exact location.

Northern Virginia: October 10; online only at mtfest.com; Jan Bode, Chairman; held at Cherrydale United Methodist Church, 3701 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, VA 22207.

Richmond: October 21; paper only; Ellis Dunton & Chloe Fortin, Chairmen; held at St. Catherine's School, 6001 Grove Ave., Richmond, VA 23226.

Roanoke: October 11; email to Chairman/mail paper; Bittsy Hall, Chairman; held at Hollins University, Roanoke.

Winchester (Shenandoah): TBA.

Thanks for your participation! ■

2019 NORTHERN DISTRICT AUDITION COMPETITION RESULTS

Saturday, June 1, 2019

George Mason University, Music Theater Building
4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

Level IA 11 students registered
Level IB 23 students registered
Level II 28 students registered
Level III 19 students registered
81 students total

Level IA	Student	Teacher
1st Place	Andrew Nguyen	Margarita Gramaticova
1st Alternate	Kevin Shen	Silva Blazquez
2nd Place	Aiden Wang	Rosita Mang
3rd Place	Angelina Song-Ye	Marjorie Lee
HM	Zachary Qin	Marjorie Lee
HM	Emily Gu	Rosita Mang

Judges: Hyun-Sook Park and Natnaree Suwanpotipra

Level IB	Student	Teacher
1st Place	Jessica Chen	Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt
1st Alternate	Felix Xu	Margarita Gramaticova
2nd Place	Caroline Su	Margarita Gramaticova
3rd Place	Davane Li	Marjorie Lee
HM	Albert Xu	David Kosutic
HM	Hiroki Matsui	Marjorie Lee
HM	Cameron Hoang	Silva Blazquez

Judges: Shirley Yoo and Eric Zuber

Level II	Student	Teacher
1st Place	Sophia Go	Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt
1st Alternate	Raelyn Hoang	Silva Blazquez
2nd Place	Angela Zhang	Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt
3rd Place	Sophia Lin	Marjorie Lee
HM	Kathleen Wang	Margarita Gramaticova
HM	Elaine Pan	Oxana Titova
HM	Lucy Chen	Rosita Mang
HM	Amber Li	Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt
HM	Qi Wei Chen	Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt
HM	Lauren Joelle Kim	Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt

Judges: Melody Quah and Teodora Adzharova

Level III	Student	Teacher
1st Place	Adrian Cheung	Oxana Titova
1st Alternate	Tan Nguyen	Marjorie Lee
2nd Place	Trung Nguyen	Marjorie Lee
3rd Place	Ashley Lee	Lisa Emenheiser Sarratt
HM	James Bennett	Marjorie Lee
HM	Allison Oh	Silva Blazquez
HM	Andrew Zhang	Marjorie Lee

Judges: David Berry and Susan Zhang

Lori Santos, Chairman

Amy Rothstein, Jane Bode, Olga Roberts, and Aphrodite Mitsopoulou,
Co-Chairmen ■

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