



Thanks to all who participated in the 2016 Multi-Piano Concerts!



From left: Emcee Paul Borchardt, Concert Chair Linda Featherston, NCTM and Conductor Chad Reed

We had two great shows that flowed seamlessly thanks to the help of many. Mr. Reed commented many times about how well prepared your students were.

Thanks to Schmitt Music for providing rehearsal space and some of the performance pianos. A giant thank you to the Bell Center's staff. Thanks again to Becky McLeod for processing the enrollments.

If you are interested in shadowing next year's Multi Piano Chair with an eye towards chairing in 2018, please contact Janet Fetterman.

Linda Featherston, NCTM, VP, Multi-Piano Concerts

A Message from the President



Greetings fellow eskimos! Wow, has it been cold, I think it was -2 degrees this morning. I like to tell my students that this is the perfect time to get in some extra practice, especially since it is too cold to do anything outside.

I want to give a big "Thank You" to Linda Featherston for her fine work in organizing the MultiPiano Concerts! Well done!

Are you interested in furthering your career, building your network of professionals, strengthening your leadership skills, and implementing new ideas within our learning and development community? Contact me if you are considering a position on the KCMTA board.

Stay warm!

Dr. Janet Fetterman, NCTM

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February Dates of Note:

February 2
*Meeting & Workshop,
Schmitt Music*

February 9
*Executive Board Meeting,
Schmitt Music*

February 20
*Concerto Competition &
Recitals, Schmitt Music*

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KCMTA February Workshop

Performance Anxiety: A Stratagem for Overcoming Obstacles

Presented by Dr. Mia Hynes
University of Central Missouri

Tuesday, February 2, 2016
Schmitt Music

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting
10:00 a.m. Workshop
Schmitt Music



Our February workshop will be one that you won't want to miss! If you don't struggle with performance anxiety personally, the odds are good that you have at least one student who does. We as teachers need to know how to help our students with this issue.

The bad news: we were expecting Dr. Jon Hynes to deliver this topic. He is dealing with some health issues and an upcoming surgery, so his amazing wife, Dr. Mia Hynes, will fill in. That's the good news!

Her family legend has it that at the age of three Mia Hynes corrected her mother's piano playing, leading her mother to bring Mia up onto the bench to show mom how it was done. She made her professional debut at age twelve with the Indianapolis Symphony.

Fifth-grade Career Day was the last time she considered another profession. When she said she might want to be a doctor, her classmates told her "You're already a pianist. You don't get to pick two." And while she realized in that moment that they were right, being a pianist eventually led her to receive a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Piano Performance and Literature (she studied at the Eastman School of Music and was assistant to Nelita True). Mia Hynes joined the faculty of the University of Central Missouri in 1996.

Dr. Hynes is one of the most delightful presenters that I know. She knows how to deliver the information in a concise, personable, and entertaining fashion. I'm looking forward to it! See you there!



Melody Stroth, NCTM
VP, Workshops

Music Progressions

April 23-24, 2016 (Kansas City Site)
Village Music Academy, Prairie Village KS

April 9-10, 2016 (Lawrence Site)
South Middle School, Lawrence, KS

The registration deadline for Music Progressions is just over a month away. Postmark deadline for registration is Monday, March 7. Please note that registrations will not be accepted after this date or with any enrollment form other than the current one (www.kansascitymusicteachers.org or attached to the newsletter). All fees (\$25 per student) and the Teacher Work Form must be included. Teacher packets will be distributed via email.

Music Progressions will be held April 23-24, 2016 at the Village Music Academy in Prairie Village, KS and April 9-10, 2016 at South Middle School in Lawrence, KS.

Students will receive a certificate of participation, adjudicator's critique, test results and a colorful ribbon designating their level of achievement.

Preparing your students for Music Progressions is easier than ever. The curriculum guide and handbook are available for free download at www.ksmta.org. Wendy Stevens has several teaching resources at www.composecreate.com.

New teachers are most welcome to jump in with one or several students. Or consider volunteering to help out with the event. Whether you are new to the program and need a helping hand or are a veteran teacher with a question, please call or email Veronica Nalley, chair.

Veronica Nalley

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Congratulations to West Central Division Honorees

Congratulations to the following Kansas City area students and their teachers for exemplary performances at the 2016 MTNA West Central Division Competitions.

Malcolm Liu, student of Scott McBride Smith
Honorable Mention, Senior Performance Piano

David & Emma Thacker, students of Michael Kirkendoll
Winner, Senior Performance Piano Duet

Scott Cohen, student of Steven Spooner
Alternate, Young Artist Performance Piano

Trio Affettuoso members Richard Adger, Sunnat Ibragimov and Teng Fu, students of Scott McBride Smith
Alternate, Chamber Music String

Arvind Shankar, student of Joseph Myers
Honorable Mention, Junior Composition

Karen Kushner to Present Chopin Recital

March 1, 2016
White Recital Hall, UMKC
7:30 p.m.



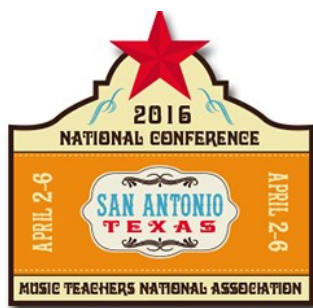
Program

Mazurkas op 50 (G, A-flat, C# minor)
Barcarolle op 60 (F-sharp)
Waltz 64, 2 (C-sharp minor)
Waltz op 42 (A-flat)
Polonaise Fantaisie op 61 (A-flat minor/major)

***** INTERMISSION *****

Nocturne op 55, 2 (E-flat)
Mazurkas op 59 (A minor, A-flat, F-sharp minor)
Polonaise op 44 (F-sharp minor)

2016 MTNA Conference



If you haven't made plans to attend the [2016 MTNA National Conference](#) in San Antonio, Texas, April 2–6, make sure to **register before February 3** to receive a member's discount!

Also, keep in mind that the **Grand Hyatt San Antonio** is the official hotel of the conference. MTNA's room block is expected to sell out, so be sure [reserve your room online](#) soon.

We hope to see you in San Antonio, because MTNA has put together a lineup fit for Texas. Highlights include:

- Entertaining trio [Time for Three](#) will perform in recital on Saturday, April 2, following the conference's Opening Session.
- Grammy-winning and world renown pianist [Emanuel Ax](#) will perform in recital on Tuesday, April 5.
- [Pedagogy Saturday](#) will take place on April 2 and feature five tracks: Advanced Piano/Teaching Artist-

ry, Music Learning Theory, Musicians Wellness (co-sponsored by the American Psychoanalytic Association), Recreational Music Making and Young Professionals.

- [Seymour Bernstein](#), NCTM, honored last year with the MTNA-Frances Clark Keyboard Pedagogy Award for his book *With Your Own Two Hands: Self Discovery Through Music*, will present an advanced piano master class on Tuesday, April 5.
- [Seymour: An Introduction](#), a documentary based on Bernstein and directed by actor Ethan Hawke, will be screened at the conference on Sunday, April 3.
- [Bruce Berr](#), a professor of music at the Chicago College of Performing Arts, will present an intermediate piano master class on Sunday, April 3.
- [Barbara Fast](#), NCTM, Frieda Derdeyn professor of piano and piano area chair at the University of Oklahoma as well as president of the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association, will present an intermediate piano master class on Tuesday, April 5.
- Don't forget that the [MTNA Student Competitions national finals](#) and winners concerts will also be taking place.
- When you have down time, step away from the conference and check out beautiful [San Antonio!](#)

February Birthdays

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| 2 Anne Becker | 18 Becky McCleod |
| 2 Barbara Githens | 19 Brian Stuck |
| 3 Steven Spooner | 21 Tatiana loudenitch |
| 6 Robert Weirich | 23 Tasha Stimson |
| 6 Jack Winerock | 26 Charles Dickinson |
| 9 Michael Kirkendoll | 28 Matthew Baumler |
| 11 Donna LaBach | 29 Hemdah Salonimer- Horner, NCTM |
| 14 Lisa Studtmann, NCTM | |
| 17 Pat Thompson, NCTM | |

