



# North DeKalb Music Teachers Association

## 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP YEARBOOK

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## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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**NDMTA  
WEBSITE**

**WWW.NDMTA.NET**

## **COMMITTEE DUTIES**

### **BACH COMPETITION**

Schedule and coordinate competitions in alternating years (even-numbered years).

### **ENSEMBLE OLYMPICS FESTIVAL**

Find venue and schedule festival participants.

### **GMTA CONVENTION LIAISON**

Collate responsibilities of NDMTA with the State Convention Committee. Enlist member support.

### **GMTA LOCAL ASSOCIATION AUDITIONS**

Make arrangements for auditions. Schedule judges and location.

### **HOSPITALITY**

Greet visitors at meetings and introduce them to members. Invite them to return and to become a member of NDMTA. In charge of nametags and guest book.

### **HOSTESS**

Coordinate refreshments at monthly meetings and arrange locations for December/May luncheons.

### **INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS FORUM**

Represent NDMTA by taking part in a discussion of mutual teaching problems and solutions with teacher representatives from other chapters.

### **MTNA/GMTA Certification:**

Keep membership informed of all requirements and pertinent dates.

### **PLACEMENT**

Keep a current list of member teachers with studio openings and relay this information to individuals calling to enlist a qualified teacher in the area.

### **PUBLICITY / HISTORIAN / PHOTOGRAPHER**

Keep a current history of NDMTA activities. Take photographs at NDMTA functions. Keep a scrapbook of published articles and pictures concerning membership activities. Send articles to the media.

### **RACHEL HOWARD SONATA / SONATINA COMPETITION**

Arrange location and date and inform members of deadlines and requirements. Supervise and enlist teacher monitors and publish auditions schedule. Arrange award scholarship, certificates and medallions (odd-numbered years).

### **WEB MASTER**

Update the North DeKalb website and post the monthly newsletter.

### **YEARBOOK**

Accumulate information concerning membership, programs, calendar, auditions, workshops, convention, etc. to publish an online yearbook.

# MEETINGS

**MEETING PLACE: Piano Works** 2805 Buford Hwy, Duluth GA 30096

\* All meetings will be held at Piano Works

**DATES:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

**COFFEE/SOCIAL:** 9:45 a.m. **BUSINESS:** 10:00 a.m. **PROGRAM:** 10:45 a.m.

## 2024 - 2025 Program

### **2024**

8/15 Kick-off meeting

9/13 Professor Robert Hamilton  
Friday ARTISTRY: Pursuing the mysteries of music performance

10/17 Dr. Ling-Ju Lai  
The Concerto Grosso Form in J. S. Bach's Keyboard Music: Performance of D minor Concerto  
conversations on practicing and teaching Bach

11/21 Dr. Yingzhou Hu  
Technical Virtuosity Meets Jazz Expression: Kapustin and  
His Application in Piano Pedagogy

12/19 December Luncheon

### **2025**

1/16 Amy Ho  
Dances in musical repertoire: Kicking up your feet and learning the dances of European  
countries

2/20 Dr. Sergio Gallo  
Master Class

3/20 Texas Galan  
Under the Lid: Tuning Into Your Piano's Needs: understanding how the piano is constructed  
and how to properly maintain it for long-term health, along with demos on what's going on  
inside while you're playing

4/17 Teachers and Friends Concert

5/15 May Luncheon

# Calendar of Events

## 2024

### September

- 1 Deadline to apply for GMTA Commissioned Composer Award
- 9 Application deadline for GMTA Teacher of the Year
- 9 Application deadline for GMTA Teacher Grants
- 11 MTNA Competitions Registration Deadline, 3: 00pm
- 30 Registration Deadline for Bach Competition

### October

- 1 Fall Registration Deadline for GMTA Theory Test/GATE
- 25-26 MTNA Competitions, Piedmont University
- 26 GMTA Theory Test, 10am-12pm, Piano Works

### November

- 2 Bach Competition at GSU
- 7-9 GMTA Conference, Georgia State University - Perimeter College (Clarkston Campus)
- 10 Bach Winners Recitals at Piano Works

## 2025

### January

- 4 Registration Deadline for Ensemble Olympics Festival
- 15 Registration Deadline for Local Auditions, GMTA Theory Test, and GATE
- 15 GMTA State Auditions Registration Deadline for Pre-College Piano Concerto, Piano Grade 12, Piano Duet
- 25 Ensemble Olympics Festival at Piano Works

### February

- 8 NDMTA GATE and Local Auditions at GSU
- 24 Deadline for local associations to submit local ratings and GATE scores to GMTA Executive Director
- 26 Deadline to pay teacher/student Regional Audition fees

### March

- 3 GMTA State Auditions Registration Deadline for College Piano, Voice, and Instrumental
- 7 Regional Auditions Video Submission Deadline
- 15-19 MTNA Conferences: Minneapolis, MN
- 16 Postmark deadline to mail GMTA Theory Tests to Trudi Norman
- 20 GMTA State Auditions Volunteer Form/Fee Due

### April

- 4-5 GMTA State Auditions, Piedmont University

### May

- 1 Graded GMTA Theory Achievement Tests (not GATE) & certificates mailed to participating teachers

### June

- 30 Membership Renewal Deadline: Membership year runs July 1-June 30

## **NDMTA EVENTS**

### **1. BACH COMPETITION**

In promoting the music of J. S. Bach in the lives of young people, NDMTA sponsors Bach Competition biennially in even years. Students perform piano works by J. S. Bach and C. P. E. Bach. Students in primary through secondary schools are eligible. Comment sheets and certificates are given to participants and a winners' recital will be held the next day.

### **2. RACHEL HOWARD SONATINA / SONATA COMPETITION**

NDMTA established a scholarship fund in 1992 to honor Rachel Howard, an outstanding member of the North DeKalb Music Teachers Association, and president from 1987 to 1989. She was also an active supporter of the Georgia Music Teachers Association and the Greater Atlanta Music Alliance, having served on many committees. Her untimely death was a great loss.

Long recognized as a leader in the Georgia W.M.U., Georgia Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Home Missions Board, as well as the local Baptist Association, Rachel also had a successful career as piano teacher for over 35 years. Our members cherish the memory of Rachel's bright spirit, willingness to work, and her dedication to give of her best as a wife, mother, teacher and church member. Donations are gratefully accepted.

The competition is held biennially in odd years. Sonatina and sonata repertoire range widely in piano literature throughout music history. The competition promotes the study of this musical tradition and culture. Students in primary through secondary schools are eligible. Comment sheets and certificates are given to participants and a winners' recital will be held the next day.

### **3. ENSEMBLE OLYMPICS FESTIVAL**

Ensemble Olympics Festival is held annually. This event fosters the study of ensemble repertoire in various levels and types of collaborations, and offers members' students the opportunity for ensemble performance

## 2024 Bach Competition

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2024

Online registration deadline: September 30, 2024

Location: School of Music, Georgia State University  
Standard Building, 91 Fairlie Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.  
[Click here](#) for Directions to GSU-the Standard Building

### Winner Recital

Date: Sunday, November 10, 2024

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-2:30pm

Location: Piano Works

### Entry fee Per Event

\$30.00 if teacher is current member of NDMTA enrolled by Sept 20.

\$40.00 if non-NDMTA member.

### APPLICATION & PAYMENT

Online only. [Click here to register](#). You do not need to print out any application forms and judges comment sheets.

### PIANO REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENT

[Click here for Piano Repertoire requirement](#)

### GENERAL RULES

1. Eligibility: Any student from age five to age eighteen may enter. All categories are open to ages five to eighteen EXCEPT the Level One Anna Magdalena Notebook Category; that is limited to ages 5-7. (Students who are ages 5-7 as of September 1)
2. Scoring: Scoring will be like Festivals: Outstanding Performer, Award of Excellence, and Honorable Mention. There will be no limit to the number of Outstanding Performer grades given, but only two students from each repertoire category will be chosen by the judge as "Recitalists" along with one alternate from each category in the event one of the designated recitalists is unable to perform at the recital. Cash awards will be awarded to the winners of all levels at the sole discretion of the judges. While only the Recitalists chosen by the judges will be awarded trophies and performing at the Winners Recital, all winners will be recognized at the Award Ceremony following the recital. Winners List will be sent through emails to the teachers between 5 PM to 11 PM on the day of competition.
3. Repertoire requirement: All repertoire must be memorized, and original music supplied for the judge. No photocopies. Judges scores and awards are final. No teacher, parent or student should talk to the judge about the scores given.

## **TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

All teachers entering students in the competition are required to work on the day of the competition. The scheduling of the teacher's work time and duties will be done shortly after the competition chairperson receives the applications. Teachers will be provided in advance the information about their assignments

\*MOST TEACHERS USUALLY TEACH ON SATURDAYS so be prepared to reschedule your regular teaching in order to work at the competition.

## **BACH COMPETITION CO-CHAIR**

Viola Tan: [violach.tan@gmail.com](mailto:violach.tan@gmail.com)

Jee Un Lee: [jeeun.piano@gmail.com](mailto:jeeun.piano@gmail.com)

# ENSEMBLE OLYMPICS FESTIVAL

Festival Date	January 25, 2025
Registration	January 4, 2025
Deadline	
Registration Fee	\$15 per student for ensemble work \$20 per concerto entry (fee not required for accompanist)
Location	Piano Works 2785 Buford Highway, Duluth, Georgia
Chairpersons	Vivian Tan ( cwtanvivian@hotmail.com )
Scheduling	Requests for performance schedule changes will not be honored once the master schedule has been distributed to teachers by mail or email
Forms & Guidelines	Downloaded from NDMTA.net
Purpose	The purpose of Ensemble Olympics Festival is to foster the study of Ensemble repertoire of all levels and types and to offer members' students the opportunity for ensemble performance.

## STUDENT PREPARATION

1. Two or more students may perform 1 or 2 ensemble works within the time limit of 5 minutes. Repertoire being performed should be what has been listed on the registration form.
2. Registration fee must be collected by the teacher who will in turn submit one check from his/her studio for his/her total number of entries.
3. Students perform in small groups at a designated recital time and are awarded their medals at the end of the recital.

## REGISTRATION

1. A registration form for each ensemble group will be mailed to the chairperson by the registration deadline. **AFTER THE DEADLINE, NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
2. You may photocopy as many registration forms as you require.
3. Any special scheduling requests **MUST** be noted on the registration form. Once the master schedule has been prepared, there will be no opportunity for change.
4. Send all registration forms to the chairperson along with **ONE** entry fee check for the total amount of the registration. Make the check payable to NDMTA.

## **ENSEMBLE OLYMPICS FESTIVAL GUIDELINES**

1. Teachers entering students are responsible to be present or have a teacher representative in their place on the day of the Ensemble Olympics Festival to assist in the concert and to present awards to their students.
2. Each ensemble should submit ONE registration form with all members of that ensemble listed on the same form. Students may enter more than once, provided that they are playing different repertoire with a different ensemble group, and should pay another entry fee. In the event a student wishes to enter and requires an accompanist, the teacher, a parent, or a sibling may provide that service without paying the registration fee, but the accompanist will not receive a medal.
3. All performers are requested to arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled performance time.
4. If a student does not arrive at their designated time, the time is forfeited or re-established at the discretion of the chairperson.
5. No arbitrary schedule changes will be honored. Extenuating circumstances may be considered by the chairperson.
6. The teacher must estimate the playing time of the ensemble repertoire.
7. Ensembles need not be memorized.
8. Students are responsible for original music. NO PHOTOCOPIED MUSIC will be permitted.
9. There will be no make-ups scheduled and entry fee is non-refundable.
10. Teachers are urged to counsel both students and parents on appropriate performance attire and etiquette, including bowing before and after the performance. Students will perform in the order of the program.
11. It is the teacher's responsibility to communicate the performance time to the students

**NDMTA ENSEMBLE OLYMPICS FESTIVAL  
REGISTRATION FORM  
(except for Concerto)**

1st Performer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Student - \$15 entry fee    Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_    Years of study \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Teacher            ( ) Parent            ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Performer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Student - \$15 entry fee    Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_    Years of study \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Teacher            ( ) Parent            ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Performer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Student - \$15 entry fee    Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_    Years of study \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Teacher            ( ) Parent            ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

4th Performer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Student - \$15 entry fee    Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_    Years of study \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Teacher            ( ) Parent            ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

List performer's information at the back of this page if this ensemble consists of more than four performers.

Composition Title/Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Ensemble:    ( ) Duet    ( ) Duo    ( ) Trio    ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Time Required to Perform \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Performance time request, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of students registered for this ensemble \_\_\_\_\_

**Total registration fee for this ensemble: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this registration form and total registration fee in ONE check (**payable to NDMTA**) to:

**Vivian Tan, 3320 Bunting Run, Cumming, GA 30041**

# NDMTA ENSEMBLE OLYMPICS FESTIVAL

## CONCERTO REGISTRATION FORM

Performer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Years of study \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Student - \$20 entry fee

Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist Name \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Teacher ( ) Parent ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Composition Title/Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Time Required to Perform \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Performance time request, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of students registered for this ensemble \_\_\_\_\_

**Total registration fee for this ensemble: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this registration form and total registration fee in ONE check (**payable to NDMTA**) to:

**Vivian Tan, 3320 Bunting Run, Cumming, GA 30041**

## **GMTA LOCAL ASSOCIATION AUDITIONS - PIANO**

Audition /GATE Date	Saturday, February 8, 2025
Registration Deadline	January 15, 2025
Auditions Entry Fee	\$30 Student Local Entry Fee \$15 GATE (Georgia Audition Theory Exam) Fee \$30 Student Regional/State Fee (only if students advance to regional round) \$20 Teacher Fee (only if students advance to regional round) All payment should be made online <a href="http://www.georgiamta.org">http://www.georgiamta.org</a>
Auditions Location	Georgia State University School of Music, Standard Building, 91 Fairlie Street, Atlanta, GA30303
Piano Chairperson	Yi-Fan Wu- <a href="mailto:yifanwupiano@gmail.com">yifanwupiano@gmail.com</a>
Theory Chairperson	Gayle Vann- <a href="mailto:gaylebvann050@gmail.com">gaylebvann050@gmail.com</a>
Eligibility	Students: School Grades 2 to 12

### **LOCAL ASSOCIATION AUDITIONS**

Students of NDMTA members play TWO compositions. Please note MAXIMUM time limits for repertoire. Students are allotted the following MAXIMUM TOTAL TIME for the auditions.

Grades 2 – 3:	6 minutes (Local Auditions ONLY – will not advance to Regional and State Auditions)
Grades 4 – 5:	8 minutes
Grades 6 – 9:	10 minutes
Grades 10 – 12:	12 minutes

### **PIANO REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS**

Grades 2 – 12: Two pieces required, one from each of the following categories.

1. Choose one piece from BAROQUE or CLASSICAL. (ALL BEETHOVEN INCLUDED).
2. Choose one piece from ROMANTIC, IMPRESSIONISTIC, or CONTEMPORARY.

NOTE: a single movement from a sonata or suite may count as a piece, or several short movements may be grouped to count as a single piece when appropriate. Memorization of all repertory is required.

### **GEORGIA AUDITIONS THEORY EXAM (GATE) REQUIREMENT**

The Georgia Auditions Theory Exams are a required component of GMTA's Auditions competition and support GMTA's belief that excellent performers are also knowledgeable performers. Each GMTA Auditions participant in the category of piano or piano concerto must take and pass the appropriate level test at his or her local association unless granted an exemption. Please refer to the GMTA website

<http://www.georgiamta.org/student-gate.php> for more details.

### **NDMTA LOCAL AUDITIONS SOPHOMORE/JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Students who are entering the Local Auditions by a teacher belonging to NDMTA and who are also in their Sophomore / Junior year of high school may enter the Scholarship competition.
2. There are two scholarships offered: One winner from Sophomore, cash award \$200. One winner from Junior, cash award \$300.
3. Resume is not needed but students Must have played at least ONE other piano performance events sponsored by NDMTA in the current school year to be eligible to compete for the scholarship competition

# GMTA LOCAL ASSOCIATION AUDITIONS GUIDELINES

## 1. TEACHER

- \* Teachers who enter students in the Auditions will be **REQUIRED** to be on site or to have a teacher representative in their place on site to work on audition day for at least ½ of the day of the auditions. If the teacher does not work that day, his/her students will **NOT** be heard.
- \* A student number will be provided by the person(s) in charge of scheduling.
- \* It is the teachers' responsibility to communicate the audition time to their students, and advise their students to register at the registration desk 15 minutes before their audition time.

## 2. AUDITIONS

- \* Local Auditions must be held before March 1 each calendar year, or before the deadline to enter Regional Auditions, as set by GMTA.
- \* Teachers are responsible for informing their students that **NO** warm-up pianos may be available.
- \* Advise the student that they may warm up with a scale or exercise at the judge's discretion, but should not warm up with their selected pieces.
- \* Teachers are urged to advise each student that the auditions are constructive learning experiences, which **OCCASIONALLY** produce a winner.
- \* Please emphasize the positive aspects and fully inform your student as to all requirements.

## 1. AUDITION MUSIC

- \* Students are responsible to bring **ORIGINAL** music for the judge's use. **NO PHOTOCOPIED MUSIC** will be permitted.
- \* Without music or without original music, student will be heard with "**COMMENTS ONLY.**" The judge will be notified of the situation prior to the student's audition time.
- \* Measures should be numbered.

## 2. APPLICATIONS

- \* All registrations and payments should be made online from the GMTA website <http://www.georgiamta.org/>. No fees are paid directly to NDMTA.
- \* Teachers of Local Audition winners should pay regional fee and teacher's fee online after the result is posted.

## 3. SCHEDULE

- \* The schedule will be emailed to participating teachers. Teachers should verify their email address in the yearbook to ensure that it is correct and current. Those who prefer a hard copy of the schedule by mail must request it at the time of application.
- \* On the audition day, the schedule will be maintained by the judge's monitor and is not available to uninvolved students, teachers or parents.
- \* Time limits will be **STRICTLY** adhered to.
- \* Timing will begin when the student begins to play.
- \* The monitor will advise the judge when time has expired, and allow the student one minute to exit.
- \* Judges will then be given additional time to write comments.
- \* This additional time will be included in the schedule.

#### **4. JUDGES**

- \* Prior to the auditions, judges should be counseled to make comments that are understood by the students and are appropriate to the student's age level.
- \* Judges' comments must be encouraging and constructive, and may include suggestions for improving the student's performance.

#### **5. JUDGE'S COMMENT SHEET**

- \* OUTSTANDING PERFORMER, AWARD OF EXCELLENCE, HONORABLE MENTION, OR PARTICIPANT will be the only specification shown on the comment sheet.
- \* Certificates will be provided to all students.
- \* A gold seal will be affixed to the certificate of the Outstanding Performer by the monitor once the judge has announced the decision.

#### **6. MONITORS**

- \* Monitors DO NOT announce the winners.
- \* ONLY Judges perform this task
- \* One monitor per judge will be responsible for organizing the comment sheets and filling out certificates.
- \* The monitor is asked to restrict activity around the monitor's table in order to better expedite duties.

#### **7. OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS**

- \* Students who are selected as Outstanding Performers will advance to regional round.
- \* Teachers of OP winners will pay regional fee and teacher's fee online.

- 8.** Any and all concerns of the judge regarding a student's performance or repertoire should be presented to the Chairperson. No student may be disqualified by the chairperson or the judge or any teacher or monitor present at the Local Auditions. Questions regarding eligibility will be taken up with and addressed by the GMTA Board.

*Teachers, please consult the current GMTA Auditions information for more complete auditions information in GMTA website.*

## GMTA STATE AUDITIONS

### - COLLEGE PIANO, INSTRUMENTAL, VOICE & INSTRUMENTAL CONCERTO

Audition Date	April 4 to 5, 2025
Location	Piedmont University
Registration Deadline	TBD
Registration Fee	\$30 (This fee covers both regional and state auditions)

### ORGAN, STRINGS, AND GUITAR AUDITIONS

No preliminary auditions required.

**Repertoire:** See GMTA Auditions Handbook for repertoire and requirements.

Memorization is optional. Photocopies of any music prohibited.

### VOICE AUDITIONS

No preliminary auditions required for voice.

**Repertoire:** Grades 9 – 12: At least 3 songs chosen from 3 or more categories listed below:

A. English Art Songs written before 1800, sung in English

B. German Lieder, sung in German

C. French Art Song, sung in French

D. Italian Art Songs from the 17th or 18th centuries, sung in Italian

E. 20th-century English Art Songs by U.S., Canadian, or British composers written for voice & piano

NO OPERA ARIAS. Memorization of all repertory is REQUIRED.

### GMTA AUDITIONS

#### - PRE-COLLEGE PIANO, PIANO CONCERTO & THEORY TESTS

#### REGIONAL AUDITIONS

North DeKalb MTA is in Region #1, which also includes Cherokee MTA, Gwinnett County MTA, and Northeast Georgia MTA. Only Outstanding Performers may advance to Regional Auditions, with a maximum of 10 students per grade qualifying.

#### STATE AUDITIONS

Only Outstanding Performers from the Regional Auditions will proceed to the GMTA Pre-College Piano auditions with a maximum of 6 students per grade qualifying. No preliminary auditions are required for State Pre-College Piano Concerto auditions.

#### PIANO AUDITIONS

GMTA Local Piano Auditions are held and the Outstanding Performers of Grades 4 to 12 advance to the GMTA regional Auditions. Students compete with others in their grade level only. Each student will receive a certificate and a rating sheet. No winners advance beyond the state level.

A maximum of 10 students per grade may advance to the Regional Auditions. Judges are not required to send the maximum number of students.  
At the Regional Auditions, a maximum of 6 students may be chosen to advance to the In-State Auditions.

### **PIANO CONCERTO AUDITIONS**

No preliminary auditions required for Piano Concerto Auditions. Memorization is REQUIRED.

Grade 9 – 11 may compete. The winner of this contest may not compete in subsequent years.

**Repertoire:** One movement only of any piano concerto written by any composer whose death year was 1925 or earlier.

### **GMTA THEORY ACHIEVEMENT TESTS**

Registration Deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Test Date/Time: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10am-12pm

Test Place: Piano Works

Theory Achievement tests are a separate category. Any student may enter the Theory Achievement Test. Performance Auditions students are NOT required to enter the Theory Achievement Test category.

NDMTA will administer the GMTA THEORY ACHIEVEMENT TEST to students who wish to participate. The fee is \$10\*. (\*Please refer to the current GMTA Audition Handbook or the GMTA website for the current fee.) The check for the Theory Achievement Test should be made out to “North DeKalb MTA.”

Theory Achievement Tests are at five levels. Level I, Level II, Level III, Level IV, and Level V. They will contain Ear Training, Written Exam and Terms. Any student in Grades 4 - 12 may enter at any level. For example a younger, advanced student might enter Level IV or V, whereas an older beginner might choose to enter Level I. Students who receive a passing grade may repeat the same level the following year or progress to higher level, at the teacher’s discretion. Students who receive a passing grade in the same level for two years must then progress to a higher level. The individual teacher is responsible for monitoring each student’s progress.

There will be an hour time limit for the written portion of each test, with 20 minutes additional time to take the ear-training portion of the test.

Sample questions for each level may be found on the GMTA website, as well as previous years tests. You may download the tests from previous years, and also download the ear-training portions onto a CD, for practice. We recommend that students be given practice tests using tests as these are in the format currently used, and most similar to tests that will be given.

The Theory Test is no longer administered at the State Auditions site. It is administered only by each local chapter of GMTA. It will be administered by the North DeKalb chapter at a date to be announced by the Local Auditions Chairperson. When the date and location is determined, the deadline date to apply will also be announced. All information will be announced both at our NDMTA monthly meetings and will be posted on the NDMTA website.

Certificates will be presented to students as follows:

Outstanding Theorist	Students scoring 90-100
Excellence in Theory	Students scoring 80-89
Achievement in Theory	Students scoring 70-79

All other entrants will receive “Participant” certificates

Student scoring 100% will be designated “Outstanding Theorist with Honors” in the GMTA *Newsletter* and their certificates will be so marked.

The application form for the Theory Test may be downloaded from the GMTA website.

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS JUNIOR FESTIVAL

This auditions festival is open to all members of the Georgia Federation of Junior Music Clubs, and will be held between January 1 and March 31 each spring.

Entrants play 2 compositions from memory, one selected from a repertoire bulletin published by the organization, and a choice piece. Published repertoire is graded according to the student's ability and not age. Entrants receive rating, certificate, and gold cup points towards a trophy. Categories are solo piano, duet piano, piano concerto, trio piano, voice, organ, strings, harp, guitar, woodwinds, brass, handbells, dance, and piano accompaniment.

For more information, visit [nfmc-music.org](http://nfmc-music.org). National Federation of Music Clubs, 1646 W Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. IN 46142, (317) 882-4003

For more information about Georgia's music clubs and festivals, visit <http://georgiafmc.org>

## GEORGIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

**MEMBERSHIP:** GMEA sponsored events include the student concerto auditions, district piano festival, workshop for teachers and students, meeting, and conventions.

**GMEA DISTRICT PIANO FESTIVAL:** Solo/Ensemble entrants perform 2 selections of contrasting style and periods of music. Technique and literature requirements are published in the GMEA Handbook. Memory is NOT required for duets. Students are rated individually and non-competitively, and receive certificates and medals (for Superior and Excellent). Sight-reading of 2 contrasting solos is required at one level lower than the student's performance level. Level 1 students are not required to sight-read.

**GMEA PIANO SOLO AUDITIONS:** for Junior High (Grade 7, 8 and 9) and Senior High (Grades 10, 11 and 12), and College Students. Winners perform at the GMEA In-Service Conference in January.

**GMEA ALL-STATE CONCERTO AUDITIONS:** Performance is in odd years. For more information, contact: GMEA office, 678-289-9299; website: [www.gmea.org](http://www.gmea.org).

## NATIONAL GUILD OF PIANO TEACHERS

Students of members audition privately before a Guild judge and receive a report card, rating, certificate, and Fraternity pin. Fees are based on the number of pieces rated. A detailed syllabus is mailed each year to members, which give classification of students and repertoire and technical skills for each classification. Atlanta auditions are held in May. To become a member, send \$80 to Guild Headquarters, P. O. Box 1807, Austin, TX 78767; phone: (512) 478-5775. For local information, contact local chairperson: Chamblee – Kathy Ackermann, (770) 361-6284, Atlanta North - Leslie Kennedy, (770) 379-0619, Roswell - Nancy Arnold, (770) 992-8850, Peachtree Corners - Gayle Vann, (678) 333-4510 or Johns Creek - Margaret Liu (678) 523-6703.

## **ABRSM**

### **(THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC)**

**ABRSM** is open to candidates of all ages. Candidates receive a report, and certificate. The exam is available for 35 instruments. No teacher membership fee is required to send students to exams.

**PRACTICAL GRADE EXAM** is assessed by ABRSM examiner from UK. It includes 3 selected pieces (memorization NOT required), scales, aural test and sight-reading. Exams are offered for Grade 1 to Grade 8. Beyond Grade 8 are the diploma levels, including ARSM, DipABRSM, LRSM and FRSM in teaching, performing, and conducting categories.

**PERFORMANCE GRADE EXAM** is equivalent in demand and value to Practical Grade Exam, but the emphasis is focus on performance. Exam includes 4 pieces: 3 selected pieces and 1 own-choice piece (memorization NOT required). There are no scales, aural test, and sight-reading requirements. This digital exam is assessed from a video recording and is all about performance – you and your audience, you and your music, and you and your instrument.

**THEORY EXAM** is offered online for Grade 1 to Grade 5. Candidates can choose when to book and when to take the exam online. Once the exam is booked, candidates have 28 days to take their exam. They can choose any date and time during this period. Paper-based theory exams are offered only for Grade 6 to Grade 8 and will be conducted at the ABRSM exam center.

For further information, contact ABRSM Representative for Georgia, Florida and South Carolina: Margaret Liu, 678-523-6703 or [abrsmga@gmail.com](mailto:abrsmga@gmail.com).

## **INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS' FORUM**

MTNA member is also a member of the Independent Music Teachers' Forum, except college teachers. Members are encouraged to report ideas, problems, and solutions to IMTF. The goal of IMTF is to investigate the role of the full-time independent professional music teacher in American society today.

## PAST PRESIDENTS OF NDMTA

Jean Journey	1964	Portia Hawkins	2001-2003
Clarice Hurd Hunter	1965	Julie Soh-Harbin	2003-2005
Nell McCuen	1965-1967	Leslie Kennedy	2005-2007
Zelda Johnson	1967-1969	Rwei Hao	2007-2009
Ann Cunningham	1969-1971	Kathleen Ackermann	2009-2010
Barbara Caine	1971-1973	Eriko Ishikawa	2011-2013
Anne Shepherd	1973-1975	Gayle Vann	2013-2015
LeNelle Boyd	1975-1977	Laurel Harrell	2015-2017
Dorothy Budd	1977-1979	Shu-Ling Chen	2017-2019
Barbara Sandifer	1979	Julie Vu	2019-2021
Mardy Therrel	1979-1981	Serene Lee	2021-2023
Gerry Murphy	1981-1983	Miao-Fen Lin	2023-2025
Betty Klaudt	1983-1985		
LaNelle Nash	1985-1987		
Rachel Howard	1987-1989		
Kathleen Ackermann	1989-1990		
Jean Champness	1990-1993		
Mamie Yielding	1993-1995		
Vicki Key	1995-1997		
Margaret Liu	1997-1999		
Ann Steele	1999-2001		



# **CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be North DeKalb Music Teachers Association affiliated with Music Teachers National Association, Inc. ("MTNA), Cincinnati, Ohio, a Code Section 501C(3) organization.

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES**

Section 1. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purpose, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170C(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3. In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any funds remaining in the treasury after the payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to MTNA.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership classification and privileges shall be prescribed in the By-Laws of North DeKalb Music Teachers Association, hereinafter designated as NDMTA or as the Association, and must be consistent with the membership classifications provided in the By-Laws of MTNA.

Section 2. Membership dues shall be approved by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership of NDMTA.

Section 3. Membership in the Association may be terminated by the member or revoked by the Association as prescribed in the North DeKalb Music Teachers Association By-Laws.

Section 4. All members of this Association, eligible for Active or Student membership in MTNA, must hold membership in MTNA.

Section 5. NDMTA members shall abide by the current MTNA Code of Ethics

#### **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

Officers of the Association shall be President, President-Elect, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Membership, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. The manner of election and the duties of each officer shall be defined in the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, President-Elect, Vice President of Programs, Vice President of Membership, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President and shall determine policies of the Association by actively pursuing the purposes of the Association within the limits of the Constitution and By-Laws. It shall have discretion in the disbursement of all funds of the Association.

Section 2. In order to transact business, a quorum consisting of five voting members of the Board of Directors, at least one of them being the President or President-Elect, must be present.

#### **ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS**

Section 1. Meetings of the Association shall be held at such time and place as are decided upon by the Board of Directors of the Association, but they shall be guided by the wishes of the membership.

Section 2. Two-thirds of the Active members present constitute a quorum of the Association for the transaction of business.

#### **ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT**

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the Active members present and voting, the proposed amendment having been submitted to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the voting.

Section 2. All amendments must be consistent with Article II of this Constitution and a copy of the same must be reported to the Executive Director of MTNA before approval.

# **BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE 1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The President shall preside at meeting of NDMTA and will enforce impartially the rules, laws, and regulations of our association. This officer also will be ex- officio member of all committees. It will be the President's duty to see that all officers perform the duties assigned to their respective offices. The President will be thoroughly familiar with rules of parliamentary procedure and our Constitution and By-Laws. The President will be the representative of our chapter to the state organization, serving on the Executive Board.
- Section 2. The President-Elect shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the office; The President-Elect shall serve the President in an assisting capacity and will become thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office. This officer will serve as chairman of the nominating committee in even-numbered years. The President-Elect, upon completion of that term in office, shall become President.
- Section 3. The Vice-President of Programs, in conjunction with the other officers, will plan the year's programs during the summer months and present them at each meeting. In the absence of the President and President-Elect, the Vice-President of Programs shall preside.
- Section 4. The Vice-President of Membership shall maintain a current membership file for the Association, keep record of attendance, actively promote membership activities, and chair the telephone committee.
- Section 5. The Recording Secretary will keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of each meeting. A duplicate copy of the minutes will be given to the President as a permanent record for the file. The records of this office should always be up-to-date and in order, and will be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee at reasonable times. The Recording Secretary will keep a record of attendance and will record and any vote counting. In the event of absence, this officer must appoint someone to take his place.

Section 6. The Corresponding Secretary will be responsible for all correspondence for our association. All correspondence should be properly filed and with each letter, a copy of that reply. It will be this officer's duty to send out any special notices, and to write letters of congratulation, thank you, or condolence. The Corresponding Secretary is also in charge of sending flowers or other expressions of concern when the need arises.

Section 7. The Treasurer must keep an accurate record of the association's monies. It will be this officer's duty to collect and record all payment of dues and other income as well as to make payment of the organization's financial obligations. The Treasurer will keep an up-to-date balance to be reported at monthly meetings.

Section 8. The Parliamentarian is always the immediate past President. This officer must be thoroughly familiar with the rules of parliamentary procedure, our Constitution, and our By-Laws. It is the duty of the Parliamentarian to keep us on the course of good business etiquette. The installation of officers at the May meeting is the responsibility of the Parliamentarian who may perform the ceremony or appoint someone else.

## ARTICLE II. EXPENDITURES

- Section 1. Expenses: (Amount subject to change)
- Speakers (\$200 per speaker)
  - Donations (by vote)
  - Workshops
  - Supplies
  - Convention Expenses for President  
(100% of Convention Fee; 50% Travel and Lodging)
  - Judges fees (\$50 per hour)
  - Piano tuning for auditions or performance
  - Refreshments
  - Special Gifts
  - Memorials for immediate family members (spouse or children)

Officers and committee chairpersons must check with the President before any expenditure is made, including meals.

Section 2. Benevolent Fund

Category A - \$25.00

- \* Death of a member, member's spouse, child or immediate family
- \* Move to another town or state by a NDMTA member

Category B - \$15.00

- \* Birth of a baby
- \* Retirement

Category C – Greeting Card

- \* Illness
- \* Congratulations on any other special achievement, or joyous event

Section 3. Vanguard/Discretionary Fund

The Account Balance of the Vanguard fund cannot fall below \$5,000.00

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