

SDMTA

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President's Message - Kay Fischer



I would like to thank Dr. Susanne Skyrn for her very fine leadership of SDMTA the past two years. She worked diligently as president of this organization and did an outstanding job. The competitions held November 7 – 8 at Augustana College (for ages 10 through collegiate) went well. Everyone worked together so that the competitions were organized and successful. Dr. Rick Andrews was the site chair at Augie. Thank you, Rick, for your many hours of work!

September 19 – 21 I attended the Summit for MTNA Leadership in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was inspiring to meet state presidents and first vice-presidents from across the nation. Many ideas were shared and much was learned. I was impressed with the presentations by Dr. Gary Ingle, MTNA Executive Director and CEO, and Scott Gilligan, MTNA attorney, in regard to the settlement with the Federal Trade Commission. Part of this summit meeting was antitrust compliance training (required by the FTC). I would like to thank SDMTA and our local associations for returning the signed certifications to national headquarters.

Across the nation, MTNA has an 11% membership decline. However, at the MTNA National Conference in Chicago last spring, South Dakota was recognized as the state with the best growth and retention rate in the West Central Division. Thank you all for your efforts, and I challenge you to invite prospective members to your local meetings. Remind them that new members may attend spring state conference free of charge. Also, if joining during spring semester, new members receive a reduced rate in national dues. Let's all reach out!

I invite all of you to the MTNA National Conference in Las Vegas March 21 – 25. It will be great. Then June 11 – 13, SDMTA will again partner with Dakota Sky Piano Festival for our spring conference in Sioux Falls. Dr. Douglas Humphreys, chair of the Piano Department of Eastman School of Music, will be our headliner artist. You will not want to miss it! Please contact Dr. Symeon Waseen or myself if you have a lecture or presentation you would like to share at state conference. More conference details will follow in the spring newsletter. At each conference one can network with colleagues and learn useful teaching ideas.

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SDMTA Website

If you haven't submitted updates in your area, including local website, recently, please send me your info!
Christina Humpal
SDMTA Website Manager

Foundation Report

It is my honor to announce that Janeen Larsen is now fully funded as a new MTNA Foundation Fellow! We have contributed a total of \$1069.35 towards the Foundation Fellow Fund. Janeen will be recognized March 23rd at the 2015 MTNA National Conference Gala in Las Vegas, NV. Janeen's contributions to the music profession have inspired and will continue to inspire teachers and students throughout the region. Please join me in congratulating Janeen Larsen as our 2015 MTNA Foundation Fellow from South Dakota! We hope to see you at the Conference and Gala!
Christina Humpal
SDMTA Foundation Fund Chair

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2014 SDMTA Dakota Sky Summer Conference

The South Dakota Music Teachers Association partnered with the Dakota Sky international Piano Festival to present 3 days of continuing education workshops, master classes and recitals by Festival performers.

Dakota Sky, in its eighth year, is a two-week long summer festival, which consists of six evening Recital Performances, Community Education Programs, a Children's Concert Series, an adult Lecture Series, and a Young Artist Program. In June, three of the artists who are part of the Festival participated in a special 3-day conference specifically for music educators. Full Festival details are at: www.dakotasky.org

This year's headliner was Dr. Jon Kimura Parker, internationally renowned concert pianist & recording artist and Professor of Piano at The Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston, TX. Dr. Parker presented a workshop, masterclass, and solo recital. Additional presentations were made by Dr. Angelina Gadeliya, University of Colorado, and by Dr. Paul Sanchez, Wheaton College, IL, Artistic Director and Founder of Dakota Sky. Other presenters were members of SDMTA and specialists in music education topics. The full conference report can be found at <http://www.sdmata.org/state-conference/stateConference2014.html>

Cheryl Koch

National Conference

If you haven't made plans to attend the [2015 MTNA National Conference](#), register today! MTNA is headed to Las Vegas, March 21-25, and we would love for you to join us at the fabulous Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino. Just a reminder—[register](#) before **February 3** to receive a member's discount!

Commissioned Composer

Deanna Wehrspann was chosen by the Board of Directors as the SDMTA Commissioned Composer for 2015. Deanna has been hard at work on her composition, which will be a suite for piano. According to Deanna the suite will have approximately six movements in varying styles, inspired by phrases she's selected from poetry by Ivan Fuller, former Chair of Augustana Performing and Visual Arts. Professor Fuller has been a frequent lyric collaborator for Ms. Wehrspann's works. The working title for the suite is "Poetic Preludes and some of the movements include "An Order of Fries," "Her Empty Window," "Invisible Violets" and "This Ice-Breath." The suite is for the intermediate piano student and will be performed at the SDMTA State Conference in June. We look forward to hearing this new music from one of our own members!

Susanne Skyrn

SUMMER CAMPS

RUSHMORE NATIONAL MUSIC CAMP

Concert band, choir, private instruction in all wind, brass, percussion and voice, and enrichment activities including; dance, conducting, improvisation, musical theatre, chess, music theory. Recreational activities including swimming, mini golf, go-carts, biking, water park, basketball, air hockey, hiking, volleyball, Frisbee golf, slip and slide, and 1880 train. Held in beautiful settings on the NSU campus (JH) and the Black Hills of South Dakota (SH). Final concerts presented at end of each week. JH performance on NSU campus. SH performance at Mount Rushmore.

Age of students: JH Week (Grade 6-9) SH Week (Grade 9-12)

Place: JH week: Northern State University, Aberdeen, SD; SH week: Camp Judson, Keystone, SD

Dates: JH week (August 2-7, 2015), SH week (August 9-15, 2015)

Cost: JH week (389.00; includes one private lesson on band instrument, T-shirt, camp picture, CD of final concert; \$329 day camper rate) SH week (\$445; includes one private lesson on band instrument, T-shirt, camp picture, CD of final concert)

Contact info: Dr. Alan LaFave, (605) 626-2500, alan.lafave@northern.edu OR Peggy Letcher, Camp Registrar, (605) 216-6994, rushmoremusiccamp@gmail.com

NSU Voice Camp

Private instruction, solo performances in master classes, small ensembles and choir, classes in diction, song presentation, vocal health, acting and dance. Classical, folk, musical theater, opera, and jazz music to be explored. Recreation time including swimming and games.

Age of students: open to junior and senior high students, rising seventh grade to graduated seniors.

Place: Northern State University campus

Dates: July 22nd to July 25th

Cost: \$160 tuition and meals, includes one private lesson, optional on campus housing available for additional fee. Additional voice lesson available for \$20

Contact info: Dr. Darci Bultema, darci.bultema@northern.edu, NSU School of Fine Arts (605) 626-2497

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Newsletter Deadlines –

Winter: January 15

Spring: April 15

NSU Jazz Camp

Students in grades 6-12 can learn more about jazz and improvisation. Ensemble and solo playing will be studied with private instruction for all campers. Many styles of jazz will be explored. Recreation time including swimming and games in conjunction with the NSU Voice Camp.

Age of students: open to junior and senior high students, rising seventh grade to graduated seniors.

Place: Northern State University campus

Dates: July 22nd to July 25th

Cost: \$160 tuition and meals, includes one private lesson, optional on campus housing available for additional fee.

Contact info: Dr. Terry Beckler, terry.beckler@northern.edu, NSU School of Fine Arts 605-626-2497

Augustana Summer Music Camp

Choir, band, orchestra, jazz band, small ensembles, lessons on all instruments, including piano and organ, theory and history classes

Age of students: Grades 7-12

Place: Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD

Dates: June 7-12

Cost: \$390 resident camper and \$300 for a commuter

Contact info: Paul Schilf (paul.schilf@augie.edu or 605.274.5458)

Summer Camps (cont)

47th All State Music Camp

Spend a week of musical fun and learning, making music, making friends, and enjoying all types of musical learning. Classes include piano ensemble, piano master class and private lessons and other piano related topics, contest preparation, wind ensemble, beginning band, careers in music, choir, jazz, vocal techniques, improvisation, theory and composition, and computer technology. Evening activities include a student dance, trip to the Wellness Center (rock climbing wall, swimming, basketball, etc.), student solo and ensembles recital, and final public concert.

Age of students: All students who have completed 7th grade or above

Place: South Dakota State University, Brookings

Dates: June 8-12, 2014

Cost: Inclusive Fee (registration, room and board, T-shirt) \$395; Registration fee only (no room and board) \$230

Contact info: Aaron Ragsdale, ASMC Camp Coordinator, aaron.ragsdale@sdstate.edu, (605) 688-5187

www.sdstate.edu/mus/outreach/all-state/

University of South Dakota Summer Music Camp

The USD Summer Music Camp is a six-day experience of learning and music-making open to students who have completed grades 5-12. Activities include vocal and instrumental large ensembles, piano workshops and master classes, chamber music opportunities, as well as a variety of other musical activities, including world drumming, jazz band, show choir, opera, guitar class, rock and roll appreciation, and more. Opportunities for private lessons in a specific instrument or voice are also available.

Age of students: Just completed grades 5-12

Place: The University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Dates: July 12-17, 2015

Cost: Residential Camper \$425

Commuter (with meals) \$350

Commuter (without meals) \$275

After June 30:

Residential \$450

Commuter (with meals) \$375

Commuter (without meals) \$300

Lessons are \$20 for one half hour and \$40 for one full hour of instruction.

Contact info: Dr. David Holdhusen
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Vermillion, SD 57069

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2015 Conference & Dakota Sky

June 11 – 13

SDMTA will again partner with Dakota Sky Piano Festival for our spring conference in Sioux Falls

Certification Report

I am excited to be your new SDMTA Certification Chair. I have been a member of MTNA and SDMTA for about 25 years.

Thanks to the help of Lucetta Johnson, I became certified in the 1990's and have found it to be very rewarding. As a result I am able to network with other professionals and continue to grow in my knowledge of teaching. My students are very impressed when I tell them that I am nationally certified. If you are interested in getting certified and would like more information, I would be happy to help. The certification process is easy and very fulfilling.

Thank you,

Sue Winters, Certification Chair



Competition Invitation

BHSU faculty, students, and Black Hills Area Music Teachers members are excited to be hosting the MTNA/SDMTA competitions this year, November 6-7. We know you will enjoy our beautiful facilities, and all competitions will be conveniently held in one building. We are particularly excited to share our brand new Steinway grand piano, housed in Meier Recital Hall. Spearfish has many motels and excellent eateries available for teachers and students. Discover more information on BHSU and Spearfish at <http://www.bhsu.edu/> and <http://www.cityofspearfish.com/http://www.cityofspearfish.com/>

Congratulations

All of the winners in South Dakota MTNA competitions went on to Division Competitions in Fargo this January. The following students placed in their individual categories: **Amanda Wentz**, HM, Young Artist Brass; **Jacob Fenner**, Alternate, Senior Brass; and **Derek VanDenTop**, Alternate, Young Artist Woodwind. **Seth Glidewell**, Junior Woodwind: will represent the state at Nationals in clarinet.

MTNA Winners:

MTNA Senior Voice: Winner: Emily Schrag, Sioux Falls, Teacher: Cheryl Koch; Alternate: Hanley Ekeren Moening, Sioux Falls, Teacher: Judith Schreck; Honorable Mention: Abigail Beach, Sioux Falls, Teacher: Cheryl Koch; Meghan Todd, Sioux Falls, Teacher: Lisa Grevlos

MTNA Young Artist Voice: Winner: Kirk Hauck, Teacher: Nancy Roberts, BHSU; Alternate: Katy Milton, Teacher: Laura Diddle, SDSU; Honorable Mention: Jordyn Bangasser, Teacher: Tracelyn Gesteland; Cody Pepitone, Teacher: Nancy Roberts, BHSU.

MTNA Young Artist String: Winner: Anthony Pederson, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov; Alternate: Abigail Sandberg, Teacher: Marie-Elaine Gagnon

MTNA Senior String: Winner: Naomi Powers, Teacher: Doosook Kim; Alternate: Sam Happeny, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov

MTNA Junior String: Winner: Maya Buchanan, Rapid City Teacher: Almita Vamos; Alternate: Robert Hwang, Dakota Dunes, Teacher: Eunho Kim; Honorable Mention: Derek Hwang, Teacher: Marie-Elaine Gagnon; Sarah Tindall, Teacher: Marie-Elaine Gagnon; Jueun Nam, Teacher: Doosook Kim

MTNA Senior Piano: Winner: Chaska McGowan, Sioux Falls, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov;

MTNA Young Artist Piano: Winner: Blake Proehl, Teacher: Susan Gray, USD; Alternate: Sarka Stehnova, Teacher: Marcela Faflak, NSU

MTNA Young Artist Brass: Winner: Amanda Wentz, Teacher: Grant Manhart, NSU; Alternate: Robert Conrad, Teacher: Boyd Perkins, NSU; Honorable Mention: Delayna LaBella, Teacher: Jessica Perkins

MTNA Senior Brass: State Representative: Jacob Fenner, Teacher: Boyd Perkins, NSU

MTNA Young Artist Woodwind: Winner: Derek VanDenTop, Teacher: Fred Hemke, NSU; Alternate: Molly Royals, Teacher: Alan LaFave, NSU

MTNA Senior Woodwind: State Representative: Ruquia Mulamba, Teacher: Emily Anderson

MTNA Junior Woodwind: State Representative: Seth Glidewell, Teacher: Beverly Gibson

SDMTA Winners:

SDMTA Senior Voice: 1st: Dylan Larsen, Teacher: Judith Schreck; 2nd: Taylor Billion, Teacher: Lisa Grevlos; HM: Rebekah Espland, Teacher: Judith Schreck; Sarah Ripp, Teacher: Judith Schreck; Nicole Schneider, Teacher: Judith Schreck

SDMTA Collegiate Voice I: 1st: Rachel Nevin, Teacher: Cheryl Koch; 2nd: Abby Murrane, Teacher: Laura Diddle, SDSU; Honorable Mention: Rachel Biggerstaff, Teacher Tracelyn Gesteland, USD; Sarah Hammond, Teacher: Emily Toronto, SDSU; Liam Delaney, Teacher: Emily Toronto, SDSU; Evy Johnson, Teacher: Laura Diddle, SDSU

SDMTA Collegiate Voice II: 1st: Julia Auch, Teacher: Emily Toronto, SDSU; 2nd: Alison Day, Teacher: Cheryl Koch, Augustana; Honorable Mention: Michael Bader, Teacher: Laura Diddle, SDSU; Hanna Lambertz, Teacher: Tracelyn Gesteland, USD; Sarah Stevens, Teacher: Lisa Grevlos, Augustana

SDMTA Senior Woodwind: Performer's Certificate: Sean Catangui, Sioux Falls, Teacher: Terry Walter

SDMTA Elementary String: 1st: William Alexander, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov; 2nd: Elizabeth Jerstad, Teacher: Doosook Kim

SDMTA Junior String: 1st: Jason Kyuntae Min, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov; 2nd: John Alexander, Teacher: Jay Reeve; Honorable Mention: Ethan Jensen, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov

SDMTA Senior Strings: 1st: Kevin Nam, Sioux Falls, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov

SDMTA Piano, Age 10: 1st: Jeffrey Kyungmin Min, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov; 2nd: Simone Schneekloth, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov; HM: Brenna Clare Napier-Dwyer, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov

SDMTA Piano, Age 11: 1st(tie): Ingrid Otterson, Brookings, Teacher: Deb Kalsbeck; 1st(tie): Nikita Rohila, Teacher: Deb Kalsbeck; 2nd: Alice Zhu, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov; HM: Cosette Ulrich, Teacher: Arlene Krueger; Rima Jamous, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov

SDMTA Piano, Age 12: 1st: Jason Kyungtae Min, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov; 2nd: Emily Sze, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov; HM: Mason Avery, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov; Anna Kruse, Teacher: Beverly Bigge

SDMTA Piano, Age 13: 1st(tie): Marina Du, Teacher: John Walker; 1st(tie): David Alexander, Teacher: Marilyn Schempp; 2nd: Carter Ulrich, Teacher: Arlene Krueger; HM: Lillie Haa, Teacher: Lisa Roers; Cash Lapour, Teacher: Lisa Roers

SDMTA Piano, Age 14: 1st(tie): Nicole Gerdes, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov; 1st(tie): Noah Johnson, Teacher Diane Ketel; 2nd(tie): Weilin Hu, Teacher: John Walker; 2nd(tie): Kevin Shan, Teacher: Colleen Tucker; HM: Arushi Rohila, Teacher: Deb Kalsbeck; Eleah Williams, Teacher: Susan Winters

SDMTA Piano, Age 15: 1st: Yelin Hu, Teacher: John Walker; 2nd: David Wang, Teacher: Susanne Skyrn; HM: Carlson Ulrich, Teacher: Arlene Krueger; Gabriel Spahn, Teacher: Joan Iverson

SDMTA Piano, Age 16: 1st: Rachel Larsen, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov; 2nd: Tierra Decker, Teacher: Beverly Bigge; HM: Kevin Wu, Teacher: John Walker

SDMTA Piano, Age 17-18: 1st: Hannah Gerdes, Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov; 2nd: Mikayla Rogers, Teacher: Jim MacInnes; HM: Nathan Droege, Teacher: Helen Anderson

SDMTA Elementary Piano Duets: 1st: Ingrid Otterson and Natosha Vanderbush, Teacher: Deb Kalsbeck

SDMTA Junior Piano Duets: Genet Czarnecki and Austyn Smithback, Teacher: Christina Humpal; 2nd: Lindsey Leyendecker and Emily Wedel, Teachers: Beverly Bigge and Brenda Ruedebusch

SDMTA Senior Piano Duets: 1st: Tierra Decker and Julie Loewen, Teacher: Beverly Bigge

SDMTA Collegiate Piano: 1st: Ami Umezawa, Teacher: Marcela Fafalak, NSU; 2nd: Spencer Smith, Teacher: Susanne Skyrn, USD

SDMTA Elementary Composition: 1st: Saber DiMemmo, Teacher, Christina Humpal

SDMTA Senior Composition: 1st: Kaylee Dupont, Teacher: Symeon Waseen

SDMTA Collegiate Composition: 1st: Jesse Dunaway, Teacher: Symeon Waseen, BHSU