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Fall 2018 SDMTA Newsletter

President's Message



Hello members of SDMTA,

Another year is upon us, and it's time to start preparing for the upcoming conference and competitions held at SDSU in Brookings, SD November 1-3! Registration is open online at <http://www.sdmta.org/student-competitions/entry-form/entry-form.php>. Please note that the registration deadline for SDMTA entries is September 21st, and the postmark deadline for conference meal reservations is October 18th.

The conference registration form is on page 3 of this newsletter. You can also earn points towards renewing your MTNA/SDMTA Certification. Learn more at <http://www.mtnacertification.org/>. We still have openings for presentations; if you are interested in presenting, please send me a proposal at Symeon.waseen@bhsu.edu.

Remember that MTNA divisional competitions are submitted by video now. It might be a good idea for you and your students to start familiarizing yourself with effective video recording techniques. It may save you a lot of frustration when you are close to the deadline.

Since funds for student travel to divisional competitions are no longer needed, the board suggested that this is an opportunity to offer cash awards to student winners in our SDMTA competitions. The awards would be \$25 for Elem/Jr, \$30 for Senior, and \$35 for collegiate. These are not huge awards, but they might add a bit of incentive and prestige to the competitions. Please discuss this at your next local association and cast a vote. As always, your input is greatly appreciated.

I wish you and your students good luck at the competitions and conference. Looking forward to seeing you there!

-Dr. Symeon Waseen

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2018 South Dakota Music Teachers Association Conference
November 1-3 at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD
Advance Registration Form (postmarked no later than October 18th)

NAME _____ PHONE (____) _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
E-MAIL _____
Identify any office held _____ Are you State Certified? _____ Nationally Certified? _____

CONFERENCE FEES

FREE for SDMTA members (*Donations to SDMTA are welcome at the registration desk, or enclosed*) \$ _____
\$80.00 for non-members*
**Student auditions are free and open to the public*

MEAL RESERVATIONS

Friday IMTF Luncheon at SDSU PAC **\$14.49** \$ _____
Baby Spinach Salad, Roasted New Potatoes, Fresh Herbed Vegetables, Grilled Lemon Rosemary Chicken, Bakery Fresh Rolls with Butter, Oreo Blondies and choice of Beverage
___ Yes, I will be attending the IMTF meeting and luncheon.
___ I do **not** want the luncheon, but plan to attend the meeting.

Friday Banquet and SDMTA General Membership Meeting
Dinner banquet at SDSU PAC **\$23.00** \$ _____
Choice of:
___ *Cranberry, Feta, and Almond Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Herb Marinated Pork Loin, Wild Rice Blend with Quinoa, Seasoned Asparagus*
___ *(vegetarian) Cranberry, Feta, and Almond Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette, Sun Dried Tomato Tortellini, Goat Cheese and Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Italian Seasoned Green Beans*
___ Yes, I will attend the business meeting and dinner.
___ I do **not** want the dinner, but plan to attend the meeting.

COMPETITION ASSISTANCE

I would like to volunteer my services:
___ I prefer to monitor on: **Thursday** **Saturday** (*circle preference*)

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

___ Check here if you would like to attend workshops and masterclasses to earn contact hours that count towards the renewal of Department of Education teaching licenses (*more detailed information will be at the conference*).

TOTAL ENCLOSED: *Please make a single check for total amount payable to SDMTA.* \$ _____

Print this form and mail it with a check to:
Symeon Waseen, SDMTA CONFERENCE, 3927 Gallatin Ave, Spearfish, SD 57783

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2018 SDMTA Conference Preliminary Schedule

Schedule is subject to change

Thursday, November 1

7:00 am Rehearsal rooms available

7:30 am Registration begins at SDSU Performing Arts Center (PAC). Times TBA for Competitions:

- SDMTA Collegiate voice I, I, II
- All levels of MTNA and SDMTA Brass, Woodwinds, Strings, Chamber
- World Premiere of the 2018 SDMTA Composition Commission: *Baja Sketches* for piano and cello by Jeff Paul
- MTNA and SDMTA Collegiate piano
- MTNA Junior and Senior piano
- MTNA Senior voice and Young Artist voice
- SDMTA Senior voice

5:00 pm Board meeting and dinner: Craft Italian-American Fusion <https://www.craftfusionsd.com/>

Friday, November 2

8:30 am Registration begins at SDSU PAC

9:00 – 4:00 Professional Development Day

Including presentations on Czech Music Education by Martina Svandrlikova, John Walker's Take on Piano Pedagogy Topics, Kenneth Boulton on "They Wrote for Kids, Too," and more!

12:15-1:45 Independent Music Teachers Forum Luncheon (PAC) Panel Discussion: *Topics on Injury Prevention*

5:30-7:00 pm Banquet Dinner: PAC, SDSU Catering

7:30 pm Piano Recital at SDSU Performing Arts Center: Susan and Sarah Wang, <http://www.wangpianoduo.com/>

Saturday, November 3

7:30 am Registration begins

Times TBA for Competitions:

- All levels of SDMTA Elementary, Junior, and Senior Piano
- SDMTA piano duets

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2018 Conference and Competitions Report



Please reserve **November 1-3** on your calendars for our annual SDMTA state conference and competitions to be held at **South Dakota State University in Brookings**. Our competitions will begin on Thursday, we will have Pedagogy Friday just for teachers and our Ages 10-18 piano competitions on Saturday. As in previous years, a specific competition schedule will be determined once we have our numbers of competitors. We are excited to feature two amazing guest artists:



Taiwanese-American twin sisters **Susan and Sarah Wang** are an internationally renowned piano duo team. Originally from the New York City area, they have appeared numerous times in concert in Weill Recital Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and Steinway Hall in New York City. Currently the sisters are living in Germany and actively performing world-wide as a piano duo team as well as teaching and performing solo and chamber music.

Susan and Sarah are recent prizewinners in the prestigious ARD International Two Piano Competition in

Munich 2010. The sisters won 2nd prize in the world-renowned Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition in 2008. In addition, the sisters hold third prize in the Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Preis in Berlin in 2009, third place in the 4th International Piano Duos Competition in Bialystok, Poland in 2008, and second prize in the Ellis National Duo Competition in the United States.

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Orchestral performances include the Bayerischer Rundfunk Orchestra in Munich as well as with the Munich Rundfunk Orchestra, the Norddeutscher Philharmonic Orchestra in Rostock, the Atlantic Classical Orchestra, the Florida Classical Symphony Orchestra, and the University of Michigan Symphony under Kenneth Kiesler.

The twin sisters were born and raised in Ridgewood, NJ. They began piano and violin studies at the age of seven. They studied piano with Dmitry Rachmanov at the Manhattan School of Music Preparatory Division. Susan and Sarah both attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where they received their Bachelor degrees in piano performance under the tutelage of Professor Louis Nagel. In 2007 they each completed their Masters degree in piano solo at Manhattan School of Music with Dr. Marc Silverman.

The sisters successfully completed their Konzert Exam studies at the Hochschule für Musik und Theater in Rostock, Germany in 2012 with Professors Hans-Peter and Volker Stenzl. They currently hold teaching positions in public and private schools in Rostock, Schwerin and Berlin.

Susan and Sarah have given outreach performance programs in the states of California, Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, and New York as well as in many cities in Germany. Find out more at <http://www.wangpianoduo.com/>.

2018 Call for Presentations

We are accepting proposals from SDMTA members to present at our 2018 State Conference. Email Dr. Symeon Waseen at Symeon.waseen@bhsu.edu for consideration. Please include biographical information and a one-paragraph summary of your topic.

2018 Composer Commission Announced

Congratulations to Jeffrey Paul (<https://www.jeffreypaulmusic.com/>) for being selected as our 2018 SDMTA Composer Commission winner! Jeffrey wrote *Baja Sketches*, an intermediate work for piano cello. His piece will be premiered during our competitions on Thursday, Nov. 1.

SDMTA Officer Positions: Volunteers needed!

We have one vacancy that need to be filled immediately: **Junior piano chair**. SDMTA members who would like to volunteer their services should contact Dr. Symeon Waseen at Symeon.waseen@bhsu.edu.

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**2019 MTNA National Conference at Spokane, WA March
16-20**



https://www.mtna.org/Conference/Conference_Home/Conference/Home.aspx?hkey=cecd079e-f62b-4ed5-8575-57e2283ba248

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Meet a Member: Melody McGeary

Melody McGeary has been playing piano since she was 8 and began teaching piano in 2005. Her first student was her younger brother. She taught him and other children for about 8 years, until she entered Ithaca College to study piano. There she studied under Dr. Jennifer Hayghe, the late Dr. Gregory DeTurck, and Dr. Vadim Serebryany. She collaborated with fellow students in duos and chamber groups, participated in the Ithaca College Chorus, and was inducted into Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music honor society. During college, she continued teaching through the college's piano teaching intern program (TIPS) and as a keyboard tutor. In addition, she interned with Opus Ithaca School of Music where she developed their Piano Literacy Program in conjunction with the school director, Dr. Andrea Merrill. She adjudicated for the 2017 NYSMTA District VII Auditions as well. In 2017 she graduated from Ithaca College with a bachelor of music in performance.

After graduating, she continued to run her own piano studio in Ithaca, NY in addition to serving as the general music teacher for grades 3 through 8 at a local Christian school. She also continued collaborating at Ithaca College.

She hopes that her piano students will develop confidence, discover the beauty of music, become self-disciplined and responsible, and learn to strive for excellence in all areas of their lives. She enjoys teaching many ages and hopes to work with more students with special needs.

Beyond teaching piano, practicing, or lesson planning, Melody has many interests and areas of work. You will probably find her doing graphic or web design, working for social justice, planning events, feeding her husband, cleaning, speaking Spanish, or spending time with family and friends. Melody just moved from Ithaca, NY to Rapid City with her husband this summer to live near her sister and brother-in-law.

