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OKLAHOMA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



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MTNA 2018 RECAP

BY LAURIE LIGHTBODY

Music educators from across the nation gathered at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, for this year's MTNA Conference.

OMTA was well-represented at the conference with teachers from several local associations.

Everyone received motivation from the various presenters, generous discounts from the publishers in the Exhibit Hall, and wonderful inspiration from the student competitions and Guest Artist, Jeremy Denk.

Congratulations to the following Oklahoma recipients for their accomplishments and recognitions:

- Barbara Fast - 2018 MTNA Fellow and Director-elect for the South Central Division of MTNA
- Elysian Saxophone Quarter - 1st Place, MTNA National Chamber Music Wind Competition Finals
- Anthony Conroy (University of Oklahoma) - 1st Place, MTNA Young Artist Composition Competition

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

BY CONTRIBUTING UNIVERSITIES

John Brown University

Registration for the 2018 Summer Piano Academy at John Brown University is now open. We welcome Alan Chow, Associate Professor of Piano at Eastman, as our guest artist and teacher.

Registration details can be found at the following website:
<https://www.jbu.edu/academic-partnerships/summer-academy/piano/>



PIANO ACADEMY

University of Central Oklahoma

The 2018 Kuleshov Piano Festival and Competition took place Feb. 22-25, 2018 on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma. This biennial festival welcomes semi-final contestants from all over the world, chosen from a preliminary video round. This year, 16 contestants were invited to come to Edmond and compete for over \$10,000 in prize money and future performance engagements. Guest artists Petronel Malan, Eugene Skovorodnikov, Kathryn Woodard, Steve Betts and UCO's Artist-in-Residence, Valery Kuleshov gave solo recitals, seminars and masterclasses.

- Han Gao, a student of Dr. David Forbat, won 1st place in the OMTA Collegiate Category A.
- Tanja Knezevic, a student of Dr. David Forbat, won "honorable mention" in the OMTA Collegiate Category B.
- Mengni Tan, a student of David Forbat, played in the Joyce Yang Masterclass hosted by the OKC Philharmonic Orchestra on March 1.
- Gabriel VanNess, a student of Dr. Linda Owen, won "1st alternate" in the Ladies Music Club auditions on March 11.
- Han Gao, a student of Valery Kuleshov and Dr. David Forbat, won "2nd alternate" in the Ladies Music Club auditions on March 11.

The semi-final and final performances of the contestants were open to the public. The week culminated in awarding these outstanding young artists with cash prizes:

- Anthony Wang (Plano, TX) and Queen Huang (Honolulu, HI) - 3rd Prize-tie in the High School Division
- Nathaniel Parker (Oklahoma City) - 1st Prize in the High School Division
- Jacob Nydegger (Denton, TX) - 3rd Prize in the College Division
- Shun-Yeen Hoi (Springfield, MO) - 2nd Prize in the College Division
- Mei Li (Fort Worth, TX) - 1st Prize in the College Division

- Debayan Sarkar, Grade 6, a piano student at UCO Central Community Music School, is a winner of the OMTA Junior Audition. Debayan is a student of Chindarat Charoenwongse.
- Four UCO piano majors were chosen to give presentations of their research at NCUR 2018: Han Gao, Tanja Knezevic, Chenxi Li, and Gabriel Van Ness. NCUR, the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), established in 1987, is dedicated to promoting undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity in all fields of study by sponsoring an annual conference for students. This year UCO is the host for the event which will take place April 9-13, 2018.

Please visit www.thekuleshov.com for a recap and pictures of this year's festival.



- Austin Ladd, UCO Music Theater major, a student of Dr. Linda Owen, won the "Mr. Central 2018" title in this campus-wide scholarship pageant on March 9. His talent was singing/acting the song "Purpose," from the musical "Avenue Q," to his own piano arrangement.
- Edward Kang, a student of Jennifer Mansour, was 1st place winner of the Elementary 2 division in the SWOSU Breckenridge Memorial Piano Competition.
- UCO hosted internationally acclaimed guest artists: Cristiana Pegoraro, Eugene Skovorodnikov, Michael Staudt, Corina Marti, Erin Yeaman and Monica Tessitore in guest master-classes during its 2017-18 season.

UNIVERSITY UPDATES

BY CONTRIBUTING UNIVERSITIES

University of Tulsa

The TU Academy for Pianists offers high school aged pianists the opportunity to work with TU piano faculty and includes seminars, workshops and presentations designed to equip pianists with the necessary skills for a career in music, or to simply enrich their lives through music performance and informed listening.

This five day program also features performances by TU faculty, students and alumni, plus plenty of opportunities to connect with other student musicians. This year's featured guest artists will be Danny and DeAnna Calhoun. The camp will be held June 4-8, 2018 at the University of Tulsa's Lorton Performance Center. For more information, visit www.utulsa.edu/music and click on "Music Camps and Workshops" or email dana-maher@utulsa.edu.

Camp Fee

Tuition is \$275 per student; due by May 1. Application deadline is May 1; late applications will be accepted after this date, as space allows. After May 1, tuition is \$300 per student.

Lorton Performance Center
550 South Gary Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104-9700



Oklahoma State University

The inaugural OSU McKnight Center Chamber Music Festival took place April 8th through April 14th. The residency featured artistic director and pianist, Anne Marie McDermott, along with renowned chamber musicians from across the country.

The residency included three regional ticketed intimate soiree performances, masterclasses for OSU students, a music-education concert for area elementary students, and a free Stillwater community concert on April 14 as the grand finale to the Festival.

<https://osugiving.com/mcknightcenter/news/Chamber-Music-Festival>



Chamber Music Festival



OSU Summer Music Camp



Construction of the new McKnight Performing Arts Center, to open in fall 2019

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

BY COMTA AND TAMTA

Central Oklahoma Music Teachers Association

The 10th Annual Clay Culver Memorial Kamp Keyboard is scheduled for June 11-15, 2018. Kamp Keyboard is camp for piano students entering 6th - 11th grade in the fall of 2018. During this week-long day camp students will have classes in music theory, music history, composition, lead sheet reading, practice hall, master class with a Yamaha artist, Clavinova ensembles, Hand bell Ensembles, STOMP! Ensembles, and we also do some fishing, canoeing, archery and so much more! Kamp Keyboard is from 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. and is held at Spring Creek Baptist Church in NW OKC.

We are still accepting enrollment (even though the March 15th deadline has passed) to Kamp Keyboard. You can find the entry form and all other information at www.comta.net under the events tab. The cost of camp is \$250.00. If you have any questions contact either Terri Hlubek, NCTM Kamp Keyboard Director or Melissa Johansen, NCTM Kamp Keyboard Administrator.



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Tulsa Area Music Teachers Association

TAMTA meets on the third Wednesday of most months, and some of the programs we've enjoyed during the 2017-2018 year have included Kathy Wilson summarizing the work the OMTA Adjudication Committee has been doing, Michael Dean discussing "Mindfulness and the Science of Attention", Danny Calhoun sharing on "Why We Do What We Do", "Tips and Take-Aways from the MTNA Conference", and Steve Betts on "Lessons from Outside the Music World". Our meetings include a delicious catered lunch.

TAMTA hosted several successful student events including its annual Fall Festival, the OMTA Junior Competitions, the Holiday Showcase Charity Benefit at Promenade Mall, the Young Musicians Auditions and Recital for students age 4 through 3rd grade, the TAMTA Sonata Competition, the OMTA Senior Competition, the OMTA District Auditions, and the Spindler-Lynch Piano Awards and TAMTA Scholarship Auditions.

Over the course of this year, a handful of TAMTA members have been meeting with Terri Hlubek during the hour prior to the regular TAMTA general meeting in order to work toward becoming nationally certified. Her willingness to make that drive has been deeply appreciated. We should see some more NCTM initials very soon in our membership handbook!

TAMTA is pleased to honor Laurie Lightbody as our 2018 OMTA Fellow. She has served both TAMTA and OMTA faithfully and well in many ways and will be our 2018-2020 TAMTA President.

2018 Spindler-Lynch Piano Award Winners:
JUNIOR DIVISION

- 1st Place - Lauren Hsieh (Gloria Johnson)
- 2nd Place - Mataya Woodard (Vicki Walker)
- 3rd Place - Annelise Huynh (Gloria Johnson)
- Finalist - Alex McCorkle (Teresa Kanold)
- Finalist - Luke Maxwell (Karen Harrington)

SENIOR DIVISION

- 1st Place - Tony Tan (Gloria Johnson)
- 2nd Place - Derek Huang (Gloria Johnson)

You are invited to attend Tulsa Area Music Teachers Association's 2018 Workshop, which will be on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at the beautiful Travis Mansion, located at 2445 S. Peoria in Tulsa. Our clinician will be Dr. Tom Lanners of OSU, who always does a wonderful presentation. Lunch reservations must be made in advance. Please contact Karen Harrington at karenharrington@cox.net if you would like to attend.



MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory

Brad Wilson, husband of Kathy Wilson, Tulsa

Maxine Fast, mother of Barbara Fast, Norman

William K. Veazey, father of Cindy Pullin, Norman

Jack Patrick Moore, father of Shawna Westall, Tulsa

Fred Finley, husband of Margaret Finley, Norman

Wilma Edwards, mother of Kaye Shields, Shawnee

Stan Brassfield, father of Cynthia Briscoe, Tulsa

David Sutter, father of Teresa Kanold, Tulsa

Robert McFadden, past OMTA president, Durant

\$250.00 will be sent to the MTNA Foundation
in memory of family members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OMTA State Achievement Auditions, May 18-19, 2018 - University of Oklahoma

OMTA State Conference - June 1-2, 2018 - University of Oklahoma

OMTA State Conference 2018 - "Lifelong Connections"

Registration is open for this year's State Conference! Visit the links below to register and for more information on the hotel, guest artist and clinicians, and schedule.

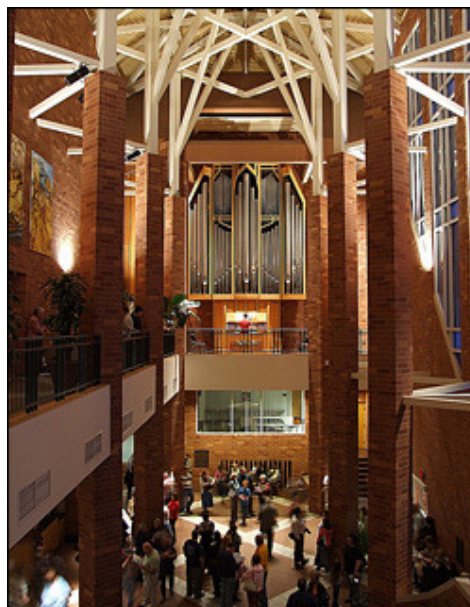
Online Registration - <https://www.oklahomamta.org/conferences/state-conference-2018/online-registration/>

Conference Hotel - <https://www.oklahomamta.org/conferences/state-conference-2018/conference-hotel/>

Guest Artist - <https://www.oklahomamta.org/conferences/state-conference-2018/guest-artist/>

Guest Clinicians - <https://www.oklahomamta.org/conferences/state-conference-2018/guest-clinician/>

Schedule - <https://www.oklahomamta.org/conferences/state-conference-2018/schedule/>



The Catlett Music Center at OU