

## Three Quarter Times

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- November 18th–20th—NJMTA State Conference
- November 19th—Intermediate Piano Master Class
- January 18th—February 1st—Annual Recital Auditions Registration
- January 23rd—Performathon & Spring Piano Festival Deadline
- February 25th & 26th—Performathon
- February 26th & March 4th—Spring Piano Festival
- March 18th & April 1st —Princeton Recital Auditions
- April 15th—North Jersey & Other Instruments Recital Auditions
- April 22nd—South Jersey Recital Auditions

## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back from a restful summer and start our new and exciting eventful year the NJMTA board members have planned for you!

I am very fortunate and honored to have the opportunity to serve as the NJMTA President for the next two years and very thankful to follow the steps of Dr. Chiu-Ling Lin who had led the organization sailing through the last two years smoothly and productively. Her outstanding leadership and the superb organization skills had made the organization stronger and the transition of the presidential tasks a pleasure. Congratulations to her for her job well done!

With the new year, I want to welcome my partner Christina Xie - the new President Elect, who had served the Spring Recital Audition coordination in Princeton center for the past several years. She will bring her in depth knowledge and experience to enhance our programs. With her enthusiasm, we have a great state conference program planned for all of us in November 18 through 20 this year.

I am excited and looking forward to work with the new and current NJMTA board members to bring you a wonderful program through out the year. I want to thank the following board members who have served the board in the last two years, some of them more, and welcome those new board members who join or rejoin this year:

#### Outgoing board members:

Larrisa Korkina – MTNA Foundation Chair  
 Yelena Uzlaner-Massotti – Membership Chair  
 Alla Iovell and Alex Babayev – North Jersey Recital Audition Coordinators  
 Ruth Pasquariello - Advertising  
 Heng Tzu Lee – Web Site Coordinator

#### Newly rejoined:

Elena Benedict – MTNA Foundation Chair  
 Phemie Chien – Membership Chair  
 Sophia Agranovich – North Jersey Recital Audition Coordinator  
 Victoria Chow – Advertising

Special thanks to Yvonne Chin who has graciously accepted the position of the Web Coordinator in addition to her current post of Newsletter Editor and Yelena Uzlaner-Massotti for the newly created position of Community Outreach program.

Together with the dynamic board members, I am confident that we will have very fulfilling and fruitful year. I hope all NJMTA members can take the advantage of the great organization that is working for you. Please do send us constructive suggestions and ideas, and actively participate in making the organization better to serve you!

There are two upcoming major events I would like to share with you and strongly recommend you to attend these events:

Reserve your calendar for November 18 to 20 for the **2011 NJMTA State Conference** at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ. We have excellent program planned for you. See more detail in the recently improved web site at [www.njmta.com](http://www.njmta.com). Please take a closer look at the program and join us in this wonderful event to enrich our musical growth together.

The **MTNA National Conference** will be held in New York City in March 24- 28, 2012. It is a great opportunity for all of us to see our affiliated national association in action and to attend the conference workshops and master classes at national level without traveling too far. For those members who are new and those have not attend the national conference before, this is a great chance to go to the conference and it will be near our "home" town. Detailed conference information and registration are available at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org).

Looking forward to seeing you at the conferences.

Wishing you all a wonderful, magical, and musical year!

Sincerely yours,  
 Diane Hou  
**President, NJMTA**

## 2011 NJMTA CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Dear members of NJMTA,

I would like to invite you to our annual State Conference on November 18-20, and join us in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NJMTA and MTNA affiliation. This year, the conference will take place at Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ.

To celebrate Liszt's 200<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, the theme of this year's conference is "Liszt and Beyond". Our feature artist, Mr. Eduardus Halim will perform Liszt's Transcendental Etudes as his lecture recital program, Mr. Halim will discuss his general approach to Liszt's music post performance. Mr. Halim will also conduct the Advanced Master class.

Another featured clinician will be Ms. Jennifer Linn, an accomplished composer, pianist, teacher and clinician from Hal Leonard. Ms. Linn's presentation session will be "Young and Impressionable?", at the presentation, Ms. Linn will share her thoughts of Ravel and Debussy's musical idea and pianist elements, and also introducing young musicians to the impressionism repertoire.

At the conference, we will also feature own distinguished teachers/artists Veda Zuponic and Phyllis Lehrer. Miss Zuponic, currently professor of piano at Rowan University, will present "Don't prepare your students for competitions: prepare them to make music!". At the presentation, Miss Zuponic will discuss

her philosophy about competitions and will share her ideas about preparation for public performance.

**"To celebrate Liszt's 200th Year Anniversary, the theme of this year's conference is 'Liszt and Beyond.'"**

For the College Faculty Forum session - "Making Choices for Music Study?", Phyllis Lehrer, professor of piano at Westminster Choir College and on the piano faculty at Westminster Conservatory, will lead a panel of teachers from colleges and universities to discuss the "next steps" for students leaving high school and going on to college.

In addition to all these marvelous sessions, Dr. Hendry Wijaya, chairperson of "Independent Teachers' Forum" will lead a forum with the topic of "Four Hand and More?" to focus on piano ensembles repertoires, including duet and larger piano ensemble pieces, speakers will include Prof. Ingrid Clarfield, Dr. Chiu-Ling Lin, Lillian Livingston, and Betty Stoloff. And at MTNA Certification session, Ting Ting Lien will present "Get Nationally Certified! Are you ready for the challenges?".

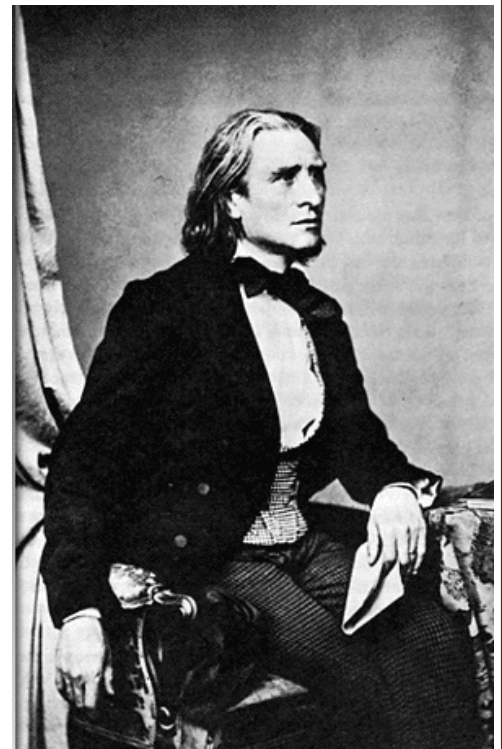
We are honored to have MTNA

President Dr. Bengamin Caton to join us at the Banquet Dinner on Saturday, November 19 at Salt Creek Grille Princeton. Dr. Caton will be our keynote speaker at the banquet.

There will be three winner recitals with the first one starting on the Friday evening of Nov. 18 and followed by one at the end of each conference date. And we will also More detailed information will be forthcoming on the conference brochure to be published later.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the conference!!

Wei-Yuh Christina Xie  
**President Elect**



# 2011-2012 NJMTA Student Activities and Events

Dear members,

Here are the dates and deadlines for 2011-2012 NJMTA Student Activities/Events and the registration information. Please mark on your calendar for these events.

## 2011 Conference Intermediate Piano Master Class

Sunday, November 19, 9:35 AM – Gill Chapel of Rider University  
Registration Deadline: Monday, **October 24, 2011**

- Ms. Jennifer Linn, an accomplished pianist, teacher, clinician, composer, arranger, and as the Manager - Educational Piano for Hal Leonard Corporation will coach intermediate level piano students.

**Mark your calendars!**

The following guidelines have been established for teachers and students:

- Teachers may submit a maximum of 2 students to play in the Master Class. Students will not be allowed to play two years in a row in the master.
- Teachers need to list **only 1 piece** for each student and along with the following information: a) Title of the Piece and the composer; b) student's name, age, length of study; c) teacher's name, phone number, and/or email address.
- No piece should exceed 7 minutes in length. Pieces should be memorized and well prepared.

Please send all information to Grace Chang, 202 Fairfield Lane, Hillsborough, NJ 08844, or email: Gracechang@yahoo.com

## Children Helping Children Performathon

Sat. & Sun. February 25 & 26, 2012 – Bristol Chapel, WCC.  
Registration Deadline: Monday January 23, 2012

- There is no registration fee. Students collect donations for 3 Ronald McDonald Houses in New Jersey. Form is on 2011 Yearbook page 61 and NJMTA website. Checks should be made out to: **Ronald McDonald House of New Brunswick, Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch, or Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey.**

## Spring Piano Festival

Sundays, February 26 & March 4, 2012 – Westminster Choir College (WCC)  
Registration Deadline: Monday, January 23, 2012.

- The registration fees are **\$30** for each student. Please make your check payable to **NJMTA Festival** and mail it along with the registration and teacher jobs forms to:

**Sakiko Ono,  
17 Quaker Road,  
Princeton Junction, NJ 08550**

- The forms are also available on website. **The Festival chairpersons do not accept the email registration.**
- Please note that registration forms will be entered on a first-come, first-served basis. Once a particular date is filled, entries will be directed to the next available date. To receive your preferred dates and times, please submit your registration forms as soon as possible.
  - A \$50 separate refundable check will be collected for teacher's duty deposit upon registration. This fee will be refunded when duty is fulfilled.



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### Annual Recital Auditions: Registration entry period – January 18 to February 1, 2012

**Piano: 1) North Jersey:** Audition - Sunday, April 15, 2012 Seton Hall University (SHU)  
*Cap 350 entries for this audition date*

Recitals – Sun. & Sat. May 12 & 13 Caldwell College (CC)

**2) Princeton:** Audition - Sunday, March 18, 2012 (WCC)  
*Cap 500 entries for this audition date*

Recitals – Sat. & Sun. April 29 & 30 (Princeton Area)

**3) Princeton:** Audition - Sunday, April 1, 2012 (WCC)  
*Cap 500 entries for this audition date*

Recitals – Sat. & Sun. May 5 & 6 (Princeton Area)

**4) South Jersey:** Audition – Sunday, April 22, 2012 Rowan University (RU)  
 Recitals – Sat. & Sun. May 19 & 20 (RU)

**Other Instruments:** Audition – Sunday, April 15, 2012 (WCC)  
 Recitals – Sat. & Sun. May 12 & 13 (Princeton Area)

- The registration fees are \$30 for each solo entry and \$20 per student for ensemble entries. A \$5 late fee will be charged to each entry of registration between February 2 and February 5, 2011. Teachers are required to send a separate \$50-\$100 refundable teacher duty check for each date/center that the teacher is using.
- Forms are available on yearbook and NJMTA website. Please complete separate forms for each instrument category, date, and center.
- Send separate entry forms and checks for each audition date per instrument to:

**Piano:**  
**Grace Chang**  
 202 Fairfield Lane  
 Hillsborough, NJ 08844

**Strings:**  
**Ingrid Tang**  
 29 Sequoia Drive  
 Dayton NJ 08810

**Winds, Brass, Percussion, Voice:**  
**Renae Block**  
 7 Cooper Ave Suite B  
 Marlton, NJ 08053

**Chinese Instruments:**  
**Yan Yi**  
 48 Zaitz Farm Road  
 West Windsor, NJ 08550

Grace Chang  
**Vice President, Student Activities**

### Board Members Appreciation Party

28 Board members and spouses attended the 1st Board Member Appreciation Party on Saturday, July 30th at the home of the Immediate Past President Chiu-Ling Lin. The event included a dinner with lots of food and was filled with laughter, active conversations and fun. (see pictures)



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Sophia Agranovich performed a solo piano recital at the Bargemusic on August 5th. See [www.bargemusic.org](http://www.bargemusic.org).

On October 8th at 7:30 PM, Sophia Agranovich, as a guest artist along with faculty members of the Wharton Music Center will perform at 'My Favorite Chopin' recital.

On Saturday, November 5 at 8:00 PM, Sophia Agranovich will present all-Liszt program at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. Tickets on sale: Carnegie Charge 212-247-7800. Event listing: <http://www.carnegiehall.org/Event.aspx?id=4294978072>. Please e-mail [sofilana@yahoo.com](mailto:sofilana@yahoo.com) or call 973-564-7851 for discount tickets.



There will be a faculty concert on November 6 at 2 p.m. in Bristol Chapel, featuring Liszt and the composers of his time and influence. Phyllis Lehrer will be doing a group of Liszt solos, then a duo for flute and piano with Jayn Rosenfeld, flutist (Sonata by Mel (Melanie) Bonis, then 6 Epigraphes Antiques by Debussy with Ena Bronstein Barton, and finally, a trio for flute, cello & piano with Jayn Rosenfeld and Elizabeth Thompson...the trio is by Louise Farrenc, a contemporary of Mendelssohn...a great romantic piece!

## New Jersey Composer Commission Competition

**Sunday, November 6, 2011**

Princeton Hall, Westminster Choir College  
Princeton, NJ

If you have any questions, please contact **Eunju Kim** at [eunkjk@comcast.net](mailto:eunkjk@comcast.net)

## Special Opportunity for Adult Students

While February of 2012 seems a long way away, it is not too long to give notice to your Adult Students that study with you that they have the opportunity to be in a recital with other Adults.

Our Performathon, Feb.26 will devote Sunday evening around 8PM for a recital featuring only adult students.

We welcome Adults that play any instrument to participate and share their love of music.

We have a reception afterwards that provides the opportunity to discuss their joy of music with others.

Please contact me if you have any students that would like to participate.

**Lillian Livingston**  
[Llivingston@rider.edu](mailto:Llivingston@rider.edu)

## Seymour Lipkin Piano Master Class and Recital

The National League of Performing Arts and Caldwell College Music Department jointly present **Seymour Lipkin Master Class and Recital on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 3:00 pm. The event will take place at Alumni Theater at Caldwell College located at 120 Bloomfield Avenue in Caldwell, NJ.** Mr. Lipkin, a world renowned pedagogue and concert pianist, is a faculty member of both Juilliard School and Curtis Institute of Music. He will give a master class to three selected students chosen from the master class audition. Following the intermission, Mr. Lipkin will give a short recital which includes Beethoven sonata Op. 2 No. 2 and Two Schubert Impromptus Op. 142.

This is truly a rare opportunity for everyone to hear him both teach and perform in one afternoon. Tickets are \$20 general admission; \$15 seniors/students. For further information, please visit NLPA's website at [www.nationalleagueofperformingarts.org](http://www.nationalleagueofperformingarts.org) or contact Tomoko Harada at (908) 626-9599.

## 2012 NJMTA Children Helping Children Performathon February 25 and 26, 2012



It's not too early to get ready for the 7th Annual NJMTA Children Helping Children Performathon. Once again, Westminster Choir College of Rider University is stepping up for NJMTA.

**On Saturday, February 25, 2012 the performances will be held in Bristol Chapel, 1:00-9:30 p.m.**

**On Sunday, February 26, 2012 the performances will be held in Williamson Hall, 1:00 – 9:30 p.m.**

The performances will be organized in one hour recitals, with @45 minutes devoted to music and @15 minutes devoted to awards and photos.

The NJMTA Children Helping Children Performathon is an opportunity for students of all ages and levels of abilities to share their involvement with music for both artistic enrichment and community service. Each year the Performathon has raised money for local and national charities. This year, we are once again raising money for the 3 Ronald McDonald Houses in New Jersey, located in New Brunswick, Long Branch and Camden, N.J.

Last year we added a visual and/or written component to the Performathon. These works are currently part of the exhibition, "Caring Kids in the Community." This exhibit has been organized and sponsored by the Princeton Historical Society. The location is the Updike Farmstead, 354 Quaker Road, Princeton, N.J. The exhibit will be on view until October 19th, during open public hours and by special arrangement with the Princeton Historical Society.

For the 2012 Performathon, we will once again encourage students to submit a poem, an essay, a drawing, a collage, or a painting to reflect on the title "What Music Means to Me." In addition, the written or visual companion work could be related to their own musical performance piece. We look forward to displaying these works at the 2012 Performathon Concerts.

**NEW THIS YEAR** -- We are asking participants to collect **soda or juice can tabs** for the Ronald McDonald Houses. The Ronald McDonald Houses bring the tabs to a recycling company which in turn gives the Ronald McDonald Houses cash to help in the everyday maintenance of each Ronald McDonald House.

Last year, NJMTA students and families raised over **\$16,700**. This coming February, we will strive to raise even more money so that the Ronald McDonald Houses can continue to "create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well being of children."

The NJMTA Performathon Registration Forms and Permission Slips will be available in the new NJMTA Yearbook. In addition the forms will be available at the November NJMTA Conference.

If you have any questions regarding the 2012 NJMTA Children Helping Children Performathon, please do not hesitate to contact Betty Stoloff, [bhstoloff@gmail.com](mailto:bhstoloff@gmail.com), 732-297-8113. The Performathon Committee is looking forward to working with all of you on this event.

Betty Stoloff  
**Arts Advocacy Chair**





The New Jersey Music Teacher's Association, is an affiliate of the Music Teachers National Association. The objective of the NJMTA is to advance the musical knowledge and to promote professional growth among music teachers, and to conduct activities which encourage and support teaching, performance, composition and the appreciation of music.

We are a nonprofit organization whose funds are used solely to accomplish these objectives.

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for more information!

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