

**NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION BULLETIN**  
**August, 2012**

Dear NMTA Members,

I am very excited to tell you about the **2012 Nebraska Music Teachers Association State Conference** to be held at the **University of Nebraska at Kearney on October 25-26, 2012!**

**We have chosen this year to do a conference focusing on chamber music.** We hope that this will encourage those members who are not pianists to come to the conference. **Jody Graves**, our Guest Clinician, will present four sessions, including a masterclass for the MTNA piano competition winners. Our guest artist this year is **The Sapphire Trio**, a clarinet/violin/piano trio from the Pacific Northwest. Jody is a part of this trio. The Sapphire Trio, Maxine Ramey, clarinet; Margaret Baldrige, violin; and Jody Graves, piano will be performing works by Arutiunian, Menotti, Schickele, Piazzolla and others. Their concert will include anecdotes and stories about the composers and the repertoire specifically composed for this medium. Press reviews have referred to their performances as "...imaginative and compelling". Two other sessions will be presented: **Duane Bierman** of the UNK music faculty will present the world premiere of his NMTA-commissioned composition, "Polyscope No. 1" for saxophone, euphonium, percussion, and cello, and **Nathan Bruckner** and Ting-Lan Chen will give a presentation titled, "Pure Gold: The Violin/Piano Duo Literature of Erich Korngold and Rubin Goldmark."

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS ENTERING STUDENTS IN THE  
MTNA NATIONAL COMPETITIONS:**

***ALL TEACHERS ENTERING STUDENTS IN THE MTNA  
NATIONAL COMPETITIONS MUST ALSO PAY THE  
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE.***

Hotel information and a Registration Form are included in this Bulletin. As you set up your fall teaching schedule now, please build this conference into your plans and join your NMTA colleagues at **University of Nebraska at Kearney on October 25-26, 2012** for two days of inspiration, fun, learning, and sharing of ideas. Please send in your Registration Form, and I'll see you in Kearney!

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## ***TENTATIVE 2012 NMTA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE***

### **Thursday, October 25**

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| 12:00 – 12:50 pm | Registration  |
| 1:00 – 2:00 pm   | Session I: Jody Graves: Over the Bar-Line and Through the Notes – Some creative ideas for encouraging effective practicing on the other six days! |
| 2:10 – 3:10 pm   | Session II: Nathan Bruckner and Ting-Lan Chen: Pure Gold: The Violin/Piano Duo Literature of Erich Korngold and Rubin Goldmark.                   |
| 3:10 – 3:30 pm   | Break   |
| 3:30 – 4:30 pm   | Session III: Jody Graves: Is There Life After Für Elise? – Fresh intermediate repertoire alternatives to the over-done “war-horses.               |
| 5:00 – 6:30 pm   | NMTA Board Meeting  |
| 7:30 – 10:00 pm  | Guest Artist Concert – The Sapphire Trio  |
| 10:00 – 10:30 pm | Post-recital Reception  |

### **Friday, October 26**

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| 8:00 – 8:55 am   | Session IV: Jody Graves: Mastery – How Do We Foster the Process into Artistic Delivery? – Fostering the desire for mastery in our students...and ourselves as teachers!             |
| 9:00 – 9:55 am   | Session V: Duane Bierman: World premiere of his NMTA-commissioned composition, "Polyscope No. 1" for saxophone, euphonium, percussion, and cello.                                   |
| 9:55 – 10:15 am  | Break   |
| 10:15 – 11:15 am | Session VI: Jody Graves: Music Transcends the Middle East Conflict...One Note at a Time – My experiences in the Middle East as a cultural ambassador. Multi-media will be included. |
| 11:30 – 1:00 pm  | NMTA Luncheon and Annual Meeting  |
| 1:15 – 2:45 pm   | Jody Graves – MTNA Piano Competition Winners Masterclass  |
| 3:00 – 3:30 pm   | Break and Foundation Raffle   |
| 3:30 – 4:30 pm   | Nebraska State MTNA Winners Recital   |

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NMTA 2012 STATE CONFERENCE:**

**Country Inn & Suites  
105 Talmadge Rd.  
Kearney, NE 68847**

**308.236.7500 for reservations.**

**Ask for the Nebraska Music Teachers Association rate:**

• **\$72/night**

• **\$82/night for a suite**

**Reservation cut-off date: September 25, 2012**

**If all rooms at Country Inn & Suites are booked, additional rooms will be available at:**

**Best Western Plus Inn & Suites  
224 Second Avenue South  
Kearney, NE 68847**

**308.234.2541 for reservations.**

**Ask for the Nebraska Music Teachers Association rate:**

- \$72/night
- \$83/night for a suite

**Reservation cut-off date: September 25, 2012**

### ***MTNA Sponsored Junior, Senior, and Young Artist Competitions***

The MTNA sponsored Student Competitions will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 25 – 26, 2012 at University of Nebraska at Kearney during the NMTA State Conference.

**Application deadline is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 12, 2012** at the MTNA website: [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org).

Additional information can be found in the April/May issue of the *American Music Teacher*, or by contacting Elise Hepworth, MTNA Competitions Chair: [ElHepwo1@wsc.edu](mailto:ElHepwo1@wsc.edu).

***IMPORTANT: ALL TEACHERS ENTERING STUDENTS IN THE MTNA NATIONAL COMPETITIONS MUST ALSO PAY THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE.***

### ***NMTA Sponsored Junior, Senior, and Young Artist Competitions***

Saturday, October 27, 2012, University of Nebraska at Kearney

**Postmark deadline September 12, 2012.** Your entry should include:

1. Entry blank and check payable to NMTA, both mailed to the State Chair, Brenda Wristen, [bwristen2@unl.edu](mailto:bwristen2@unl.edu).

Entry requirements will be found in the *NMTA STUDENT FESTIVAL and COMPETITION MANUAL, Revised 2012*. Entry blanks will be found on the NMTA website, [www.nebmta.org](http://www.nebmta.org). Click on “Competitions”. The Manual is also accessible on the NMTA website.

## ***NMTA State Festival***

Saturday - Sunday, October 27-28, 2012, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, University of Nebraska at Kearney

**Postmark deadline September 15, 2012.** Your entry should include:

1. Student entry blanks
2. One check payable to NMTA for all student fees entering from your studio.
3. Participation Information Sheet

Recently, you should have received a mailing from Diane Hill, NMTA Vice President, listing your students who are eligible to participate in the 2012 NMTA State Festival. The necessary forms were included. The forms are also posted on the NMTA website, **www.nebmta.org**. Click on “Festivals” and scroll down to “Nebraska State Festival”. Entry requirements are found in the ***NMTA STUDENT FESTIVAL and COMPETITION MANUAL, Revised 2012***. This manual can also be accessed from the website.

- Remember that teachers must pay their MTNA/NMTA 2012-2012 dues to the National Office by August 31, 2012 in order for their students to participate in the 2012 NMTA State Festival, the NMTA High School and Collegiate Competitions, and/or the MTNA sponsored Student Competitions.
- ***IMPORTANT CHANGE: ALL TEACHERS ENTERING STUDENTS IN THE MTNA NATIONAL COMPETITIONS MUST ALSO PAY THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE.***
- Entries with postmark dates after September 15 will NOT be accepted.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

- August 31** Deadline for paying 2012-2012 MTNA/NMTA teacher membership dues for participation in 2012 NMTA State Festival, NMTA Junior, Senior, and Young Artist Competitions, and MTNA sponsored Student Competitions
- September 12** Deadline for online MTNA Competitions entries
- September 15** Postmark deadline for NMTA State Festival and Competitions entries
- September 25** Cut-off date for Conference hotel reservations
- September 29** Postmark deadline for NMTA State Conference. Registrations postmarked after September 29 will be accepted at the late registration rate (see Registration Form).
- September 29** Deadline for conference meal reservations (See Registration Form).
- October 25 - 26** NMTA State Conference, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
MTNA Sponsored Student Competitions, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- October 27** NMTA Sponsored Junior, Senior, and Young Artist Competitions, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- October 27 – 28** NMTA State Festival, University of Nebraska at Kearney



# NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE

*Jody Graves and The Sapphire Trio, Featured Conference Artists*

October 25-26, 2012

University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska

## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ New Member                      \_\_\_\_ First Time Attending NMTA State Conference

\_\_\_\_ I am willing to serve as a monitor for the MTNA Competitions, Oct. 25 &/or 26.

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Pre-Registration

|                    |         |  |       |
|--------------------|---------|--|-------|
| MTNA Member        | \$55.00 | postmarked by Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012       | _____ |
| MTNA Member        | \$65.00 | postmarked <b>after</b> Sat., Sept. 29, 2012 | _____ |
| MTNA Student Rate  | \$10.00 | postmarked by Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012       | _____ |
| Non-member MTNA    | \$75.00 |  | _____ |
| Student Non-member | \$15.00 |  | _____ |

(Registration fee is non-refundable.)

Awards Luncheon – Friday \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$18.00 each      Luncheon total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(Luncheon reservations must be postmarked by Sept. 29, 2012)**

Vegetarian Option (Chef's Choice) **Mark Here** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please send checks made payable to **NMTA** to:

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