



NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION BULLETIN JULY 1, 2015

Dear NMTA Members,

On behalf of the NMTA Executive Board, I am very pleased to provide details of the 2015 Nebraska Music Teachers Association State Conference, Competition, and Festival events. The campus of the University of Nebraska Kearney, will host all events:

NMTA State Conference/MTNA Competitions, October 15-16 **NMTA State Festival/NMTA Competitions, October 17-18**

This year's NMTA State Conference includes a wide variety of workshop sessions and performances, as well as a master class for winning soloists in the MTNA Junior, Senior, and Young Artist Piano Competitions. The main highlights of the conference include the following guests:

A celebrated Irish pianist, **Peter Mack** has risen to an international career as a performer and clinician, most recently featured at MTNA and NCKP National Conferences. He will present a solo recital, two conference sessions highlighting intermediate piano repertoire selection and teaching strategies, and a master class for state-level winners of solo piano MTNA competitions. **Scott McBride Smith**, of the University of Kansas, was recently elected to serve as MTNA President-elect. He will offer pedagogy sessions on topics of student motivation and proven teaching strategies for teachers of all levels. The 2015 NMTA Commissioned Composer is **David von Kampen**, who will present and perform the premiere of "Under the Silver and Home Again" for baritone and piano with Jeremy Brown, both of Lincoln. Biographies of our three guest artists/clinicians are available on the NMTA website.

The state conference will also feature sessions by NMTA members, including an introduction to sEMG biofeedback for musicians (Valerie Cisler/Nolan Pribnow) and a multi-media presentation of artwork/organ music (Marilyn Musick).

You will find the **Tentative Schedule** for session titles, presenters, and session days/times, in addition to **Hotel Information**, **Competitions Information** (MTNA and NMTA Performance Competitions), **List of Important Dates to Remember**, and **NMTA State Festival Information**, along with the **Conference Registration Form** in this bulletin. Please remember that MTNA student members receive a significant discount on registration—they may attend all conference sessions/recital for the cost of only \$10.

We look forward to seeing you in Kearney for the conference!

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE—2015 NMTA STATE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.* Registration
12:30 - 1:15 p.m. I: “Biofeedback for Musicians: An Introduction to *ProformaVision* sEMG”
V. Cisler/N. Pribnow
1:20 - 2:20 p.m. II: “Motivation: Get Your Students to Work Harder and Achieve More”
Scott McBride Smith, guest clinician
2:20 - 2:35 p.m. Break
2:35 - 3:35 p.m. III: “Teaching vs. Correcting: Every Teacher’s Dilemma”
Scott McBride Smith, guest clinician 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
3:40 - 4:40 p.m. IV: “Christ’s Life Depicted in Art and Organ Music”
Marilyn Musick
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. NMTA Board Meeting—Nebraskan Student Union
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: Peter Mack, piano
9:00 - 9:30 p.m. Post Recital Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 8:20 - 9:50 a.m. V: “Marvelous Moderns and Their Needlessly Neglected Mid-level Masterpieces”
Peter Mack, guest artist/clinician
9:50 - 10:10 a.m. Break
10:10 - 11:15 a.m. VI: “Well-known intermediate pieces and how I teach them”
Peter Mack, guest artist/clinician
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. NMTA Luncheon and Annual Meeting—Nebraskan Student Union
1:20 - 2:10 p.m. VII: “Under the Silver and Home Again” for baritone and piano
NMTA 2015 Commissioned Work: David von Kampen
2:15 - 3:45 p.m. VIII: MTNA Piano Solo Competition Winners Master Class
Peter Mack, guest artist/clinician
3:45 - 4:25 p.m. Break: Foundation Raffle will begin at 4:00 p.m.
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Nebraska State MTNA Winners Recital

*Please note: Conference registration and Thursday sessions will begin 30 minutes earlier to accommodate guest artist/clinician schedules.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS NMTA 2015 STATE CONFERENCE, COMPETITIONS, and FESTIVAL

Country Inn & Suites

105 Talmadge Rd. (North of I-80, first right)
Kearney, NE 68847

RESERVATIONS

308.236.7500 (direct)
Special Rate: \$76.00

Microtel Inn & Suites

104 Talmadge Rd. (North of I-80, first right)
Kearney, NE 68847

RESERVATIONS

308.698.3003 (direct)
Special Rate: \$69.00

Be sure to ask for the Nebraska Music Teachers Association Conference Rate
when making reservations (**Code: NMTA**).

Reservation cut-off date: September 30, 2015

2015 COMPETITIONS INFORMATION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2015

Reminder: All teachers entering students in the MTNA national competitions must also pay the state conference registration fee.

MTNA COMPETITIONS

Junior, Senior and Young Artist Performance Competitions Thursday and Friday, October 15-16, 2015

The MTNA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 15-16, 2015, at the University of Nebraska Kearney (in conjunction with the conference). Application deadline is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 16, 2015 at the MTNA website: <http://www.mtna.org/programs/competitions/>

Additional information may be found in the April/May 2015 issue of the *American Music Teacher* or by contacting James Margetts, MTNA Competitions Chair: jmargetts@csc.edu.

Elementary, Junior, Senior and Young Artist Composition Competitions

The application deadline for participation in the MTNA Composition Competition is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 16, 2015 at the MTNA website: <http://www.mtna.org/programs/competitions/>

Additional information may be found in the April/May 2015 issue of the *American Music Teacher* or by contacting Regina Carnazzo, MTNA Composition Competition Coordinator: carnazzo@cox.net

NMTA PERFORMANCE COMPETITIONS

Junior, Senior and Collegiate Performance Competitions Saturday, October 17, 2015

The NMTA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the University of Nebraska Kearney. Postmark deadline for the state competitions is September 9, 2015.

Entry form and check payable to NMTA mailed to the State Chair:

Jennifer Meyer, 13406 S. 29th Ave., Bellevue, NE 68123

Email: jjlm@cox.net

Please note the following NMTA Performance Competition categories:

1. LEVELS AND REQUIREMENTS:

JUNIOR: Students aged 11-14, as of the date of the competition. Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 10 minutes.

SENIOR: Students aged 15-18, as of the date of the competition. Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 15 minutes.

COLLEGIATE LEVEL 1: Freshman/Sophomore (current enrollment in 1st-4th semester of study). Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 20 minutes.

COLLEGIATE LEVEL 2: Junior/Senior (current enrollment in 5th or higher semester of study). Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 20 minutes.

COLLEGIATE LEVEL 3: Graduate. Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 20 minutes.

2. Any student of a NMTA teacher is eligible, with the exception as noted in #3 below. District Festival participation is not required.
3. Any student entered in the MTNA competitions will not be eligible for the NMTA Performance Competitions.
4. Only one judge will be provided for each level of competition.
5. There will be three awards per division: First Place, Second Place, and Third Place.

Entry forms will be available on the NMTA website later this summer.

NMTA STATE FESTIVAL INFORMATION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2015

Saturday, October 17, 2015 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Sunday, October 18, 2015 (12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.)

The NMTA State Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, 2015 at the University of Nebraska Kearney. The registration deadline for participation in the state festival is September 9, 2015 (non-refundable).

Reminders;

No sight reading is given at the state festival.

Students who have previously scored 90% or above on the 4B Theory Exam may opt to take the Honors Test.

Online entries after the September 9, 2015 deadline, will not be accepted.

Students who qualify at the District Festival may advance to the NMTA State Festival. Qualification includes receiving a I or II performance rating and 60% or better on the theory test.

For more information, including entry requirements, the online registration link, and the *NMTA Student Festival and Competition Manual* (Revised 2011), please see the NMTA website:

www.nebmta.org (click on “Festivals” and scroll down to “Nebraska State Festival”).

For questions, please contact the NMTA State Festival Chair:

Maria Holen, 4311 S. 46th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516

maria.holen@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 31	Deadline for paying 2015-16 MTNA/NMTA teacher membership dues.
September 9	Postmark deadline for NMTA State Festival and NMTA Performance Competitions entries.
September 16	Deadline for online MTNA Competitions entries.
September 23	Postmark deadline for NMTA State Conference Registration. Registrations postmarked after September 23 will be accepted at the late registration rate (see registration form).
September 23	Deadline for conference luncheon reservation (see registration form).
September 30	Deadline for Conference hotel reservations.
October 15-16	NMTA State Conference—University of Nebraska Kearney MTNA sponsored Competitions—University of Nebraska Kearney
October 17	NMTA sponsored Performance Competitions—University of Nebraska Kearney
October 17-18	NMTA State Festival— University of Nebraska Kearney



**NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
STATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
University of Nebraska Kearney
October 15-16, 2015**

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

New Member _____ First Time Attending NMTA State Conference _____

I am willing to serve as a monitor for the MTNA Competitions, Oct. 15 and/or 16 _____

CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION

MTNA Member \$55.00 (postmarked by Friday, September 23, 2015) \$ _____

MTNA Member \$65.00 (postmarked **after** Friday, September 23, 2015) \$ _____

MTNA Student Rate \$10.00 (postmarked by Friday, September 23, 2015) \$ _____

Non-member MTNA \$75.00 \$ _____

Student Non-member \$15.00 \$ _____

Registration fee is non-refundable.

PETER MACK RECITAL

The recital is free and open to the public.

AWARDS LUNCHEON (Friday, October 16)

Number of tickets _____ Luncheon Tickets Total (@ \$18 each ticket) \$ _____

Vegetarian Option (Chef's Choice) Mark Here _____

Luncheon reservations must be postmarked by September 23, 2015

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please send completed registration form and check, made payable to **NMTA** to:

Regina Carnazzo
16619 Weir Street
Omaha, NE 68135