

NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION BULLETIN
July, 2008

Dear NMTA Members,

Imagine what it would feel like to be emotionally swept away with the artistry of world-renowned concert pianist, **Ann Schein** as she plays some of the most beautiful masterpieces by Schubert, Schumann, and Chopin on Nebraska's only 97-key Bösendorfer Imperial grand piano. If you attend the **2008 Nebraska Music Teachers Association State Conference at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln Nebraska, October 16 – 17**, this dream will become a reality.

Many excellent sessions are planned for the State Conference. In addition to her Thursday evening recital, **Ann Schein** will give a talk and conduct a Piano Master Class on Friday. Guest Pedagogue, **Dr. Helen Marlais**, Associate Professor of Piano and Piano Pedagogy at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will present three sessions: "Teaching Classical Music," "Learning How to Perform Better," and "Teaching Beginning Piano Students". I heard Dr. Marlais present a showcase session at the MTNA National Conference in Denver, and she is amazing. You will definitely enjoy her presentations. For more information about Dr. Marlais and Ann Schein, visit the NMTA web site: www.nebmta.org/conference.php.

Many NMTA members who attended the 2007 conference requested more time for the presentations, and I am happy to announce that conference sessions this year will be expanded to 55 minutes each. Three NMTA members will also present during the conference. **Marcella (Marcy) Meyer** will present a session entitled "I Don't Know That Note," and **Anne Madison** and **Svetlana Yashirin** will present a lecture recital, "A Treasure From the Russian Age of Elegance: Duo-Piano Music of Anton Arensky".

It will be exciting to hear the premiere of the NMTA commissioned composition by **Dana Wilson**, NMTA 2008 Composer of the Year, during the Conference. **Jonathan Sokasits** will perform Dana Wilson's piano solo work on Thursday.

This is a state conference that you won't want to miss! Hotel information and a Registration Form are included in this Bulletin. As you set up your fall teaching schedule, build this conference into your plans now and join your NMTA colleagues at Nebraska Wesleyan University on **October 16-17, 2008** for two days of fun, learning, inspiration, and beautiful music. Please send in your Registration Form, and I'll see you in Lincoln!

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TENTATIVE 2008 NMTA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 16

12:00 – 12:55 pm	Registration
1:00 – 1:55 pm	Session I: Dr. Helen Marlais, “Teaching Classical Music”
2:05 – 3:00 pm	Session II: Dana Wilson, NMTA Commissioned Composition
3:00 – 3:25 pm	Break
3:30 – 4:25 pm	Session III: Marcella Meyer, “I Don’t Know That Note”
5:00 – 7:00 pm	NMTA Board Meeting
7:30 pm	Piano Recital: Ann Schein
9:30 pm	Reception

Friday, October 17

8:00 – 8:55 am	Session IV: Dr. Helen Marlais, “Learning How to Perform Better”
9:00 – 9:55 am	Session V: Ann Schein, topic to be announced
9:55 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:45 am	Piano Master Class: Ann Schein
12:00 – 1:30 pm	NMTA Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting
1:45 – 2:40 pm	Session VI: Lecture Recital, Anne Madison & Svetlana Yashirin, “A Treasure From the Russian Age of Elegance: Duo-Piano Music of Anton Arensky”
2:45 – 3:40 pm	Session VII: Dr. Helen Marlais, “Teaching Beginning Piano Students”
3:40 – 4:15 pm	Break and Foundation Raffle
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Nebraska State MTNA Winners Recital

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NMTA 2008 STATE CONFERENCE:

Country Inn & Suites
5353 North 27th Street
Lincoln, NE 68521
Phone: 402.476.5353
Fax: 402.476.5445

NMTA rate: \$89 per night, plus tax
Complimentary Deluxe Continental Breakfast

Contact the hotel directly and ask for **Nebraska Music Teachers Conference Rate**

Cut-off date: September 14, 2008

The hotel will continue to accept reservations after that date on a space available basis at the current suite rates. There is no guarantee that group rates will be available after the cut-off date.

Newsletter Available Online

A reminder that *Nebraska Music Teacher*, our NMTA Newsletter, is still being produced and is available online anytime day or night at our web site:

www.nebmta.org

You don't need a password to read any issue of the *Nebraska Music Teacher*, just visit the web site, click on "Newsletter," click on the issue you want to read, and you're there!

MTNA Sponsored Student Competitions

The MTNA sponsored Student Competitions will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 16 – 17, 2008 at Nebraska Wesleyan University during the NMTA State Conference. All MTNA Competition entries must be submitted **online by September 9, 2008**. Additional information can be found in the April/May issue of the *American Music Teacher*, or online at **www.mtna.org**, or by contacting Linda Christensen, MTNA Competitions Chair, **lichris@wsc.edu**.

NMTA Sponsored High School and Collegiate Competitions

Saturday, October 18, 2008, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Postmark deadline September 9, 2008. Your entry should include:

1. Entry blank and check payable to NMTA, both mailed to the State Chair, Lisa Albee.
2. Online Publicity Form must be sent electronically to Publicity Chair, Jo Reiker-Karl.

Entry requirements will be found in the ***NMTA STUDENT FESTIVAL and COMPETITION MANUAL, Revised 2005***. Entry blanks and the publicity form will be found on the NMTA website, **www.nebmta.org**, click on "Competitions". The Manual is also accessible on the NMTA website.

NMTA State Festival

Saturday, October 18, 2008, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Sunday, October 19, 2008, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Postmark deadline September 9, 2008. 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

You will soon receive a mailing from Lisa Albee, NMTA Vice President, listing your students who are eligible to participate in the 2008 NMTA State Festival. The necessary forms will be 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 2005*. This manual can also be accessed from the website.

- Remember that teachers must pay their MTNA/NMTA 2008-2009 dues to the National Office by August 31, 2008 in order for their students to participate in the 2008 NMTA State Festival, the NMTA High School and Collegiate Competitions, and/or the MTNA sponsored Student Competitions.
- Entries with postmark dates after September 9 will NOT be accepted.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

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| August 31 | Deadline for paying 2008-09 MTNA/NMTA teacher membership dues for participation in 2008 NMTA State Festival, NMTA High School & Collegiate Competitions, and MTNA sponsored Student Competitions |
| September 9 | Deadline for online MTNA Competitions entries,
Postmark deadline for NMTA State Festival and Competitions entries |
| September 14 | Cut-off date for Conference hotel reservations at Country Inn & Suites |
| September 25 | Postmark deadline for NMTA State Conference. Registrations postmarked <u>after</u> Sept. 25 will be accepted at the late registration rate (see Registration Form). Conference Awards Luncheon reservations are also due Sept. 25. |
| October 16 - 17 | NMTA State Conference, Nebraska Wesleyan University,
MTNA Sponsored Student Competitions, NWU |
| October 18 | NMTA Sponsored High School and Collegiate Competitions, NWU |
| October 18 – 19 | NMTA State Festival, NWU |

NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE

Ann Schein and Dr. Helen Marlais, Featured Conference Artists

October 16-17, 2008

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ MTNA Member # _____

Address _____

_____ New Member _____ First Time Attending NMTA State Conference

_____ I am willing to serve as a monitor for the MTNA Competitions, Oct. 16 &/or 17.

Conference Pre-Registration

MTNA Member	\$45.00	postmarked by Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008	_____
MTNA Member	\$55.00	postmarked after Thurs., Sept. 25, 2008	_____
MTNA Student Member	\$10.00	postmarked by Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008	_____
MTNA Student Member	\$15.00	postmarked after Thurs., Sept. 25, 2008	_____
Non-member MTNA	\$65.00		_____
Student Non-member	\$25.00		_____

(Registration fee is non-refundable. Registration includes one ticket to the Ann Schein recital, valued at \$15.00.)

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

(Luncheon reservations must be postmarked by Sept. 25, 2008)

Vegetarian Option (Chef's Choice): **Mark Here** _____

Additional Tickets to the Ann Schein Recital at the Nebraska Wesleyan University
Thursday evening _____ tickets @ \$15.00 each Extra recital tickets \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please list the names of guests who will attend the conference with you and include the appropriate conference fee. _____

Reminder: Awards Luncheon reservations must be made by **September 25, 2008**.

Please send checks made payable to **NMTA** to: Dr. Thomas Ediger
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Peru, NE 68421