



# NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

July 10, 2018

Dear NMTA Members,

On behalf of the NMTA Executive Board, I am pleased to provide details of the 2018 Nebraska Music Teachers Association State Conference, Competition and Festival events. The campus of University of Nebraska-Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska will host all events.

**NMTA State Conference and MTNA Competitions, October 11-12**  
**NMTA Performance Competitions, October 13**  
**NMTA State Festival, October 13-14**

The NMTA State Conference will include workshop sessions, performances, as well as a master class for the winning soloists of the MTNA Junior, Senior and Young Artists Piano Competitions. The main highlights of the conference include the following guests:

**Ian Hobson**, Professor of Music at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, earned the First Prize at the Leeds International Piano Competition in 1981 after having earned silver medals at both the Arthur Rubinstein and Vienna-Beethoven Competitions. He has appeared as guest soloist with many of the world's major orchestras. In the United States these include the orchestras of Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Florida, Houston, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis. Abroad, he has been heard in London, Scotland, Liverpool, Vienna, Moscow, Israel, and New Zealand. He has released some 60 recordings, including the complete piano sonatas of Beethoven and Schumann and a complete edition of Brahms.

**Christine Barden**, an internationally recognized authority on early childhood music, is the lead composer of the music in *Music for Little Mozarts*. She is currently an independent piano teacher in Reno, Nevada.

**Greg Simon** is Assistant Professor of Composition in the Glenn Korff School of Music. Simon has been a featured composer at the Mizzou International Composers' Festival and was the young composer-in-residence for the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings. His music is published by Hal Leonard, and recordings are available from the Fifth House, SMS Classical, and Terpsichore labels, as well as in the Naxos of America catalogue.

NMTA members, **Kristin Taylor**, University of Nebraska-Omaha, **Brenda Wristen**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the **Frahm-Lewis Trio (UNK Faculty Piano Trio)** will also present sessions.

Biographies of our guest artists/clinicians are available on the NMTA website: [www.nebmta.org](http://www.nebmta.org)

Please remember that the MTNA student members receive a significant discount on registration and may attend all conference sessions and concert for just \$10.00!

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

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**2018 NMTA STATE CONFERENCE - TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11**

- 12:00-1:00 p.m. Registration  
1:00-1:55 p.m. I: **"Small Group Projects to Inspire and Motive Private Piano Students"**  
Christine Barden, Guest Clinician  
2:00-2:55 p.m. II: **"Small Hands on a Big Keyboard: Non-Intuitive Adaptive Strategies"**  
Brenda Wristen, NMTA  
3:00-3:30 p.m. Break  
3:30-4:25 p.m. III: **"... And They Also Wrote Trios! French Piano Trios of the Nineteenth Century"**  
"Frahm-Lewis Trio" (UNK Faculty Piano Trio)  
Ting-Lan Chen, violin; Noah Rogoff, cello; Nathan Buckner, piano  
4:25-4:40 p.m. IV: **"The Nuts and Bolts of Certification"**  
Jerri Niver, NMTA  
5:00-7:00 p.m. NMTA Board Meeting  
7:30-9:30 p.m. **Piano Recital:**  
Ian Hobson, Guest Artist/Clinician  
9:30 Post-recital Reception

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- 8:15-9:00 a.m. V: **"Music for Little Mozarts"**  
Christine Barden, Guest Clinician  
9:05-10:00 a.m. VI: **"Icy Alternatives; Nordic Pianos Literature"**  
Kristin Taylor, NMTA  
10:00-10:30 a.m. Break  
10:30-11:15 a.m. VII: **NMTA Commissioned Composer: Gregory Simon**  
"Nebraska Songbook" for soprano and piano  
Jaime Reimer, soprano; Brenda Wristen, piano  
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. NMTA Awards Luncheon  
12:15-1:00 p.m. NMTA Association Annual Meeting  
1:15-2:10 p.m. VIII: **Technique and Style in the Chopin Etudes, Op. 10 and Op. 25**  
Ian Hobson, Guest Artist/Clinician  
2:15-3:10 p.m. IX: **"More Than Just Piano Lessons"**  
Christine Barden, Guest Clinician  
3:10-3:40 p.m. Foundation Raffle and Break  
3:45-5:15 p.m. X: **MTNA Competition Winners Master Class**  
Ian Hobson, Guest Artist

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

**NMTA 2018 STATE CONFERENCE, COMPETITIONS AND FESTIVAL**

**Country Inn & Suites**

105 Talmadge Street  
Kearney, NE 68847

**Special Rate:**

2 Queen: \$79.00\*  
1 King: \$79.00\*  
Suite Style: \$89.00\*

**RESERVATIONS**

(308) 236-7500

\*Be sure to ask for the Nebraska Music Teachers Association Conference Rate (**Code: NMTA**)

**Reservation cut-off date: September 30, 2018**

## MTNA PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2018. Entrants will be assessed a \$150.00 nonmember teacher fee if the membership is not paid for 2018-2019 membership year.

### **MTNA Junior, Senior and Young Artists Performance Competitions Thursday and Friday, October 11-12, 2018**

The MTNA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 11-12, 2018 at University of Nebraska-Kearney in Kearney, Nebraska in conjunction with the conference. Application deadline is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, September 12 at the MTNA website [www.mtna.org/programs/competitions](http://www.mtna.org/programs/competitions). For more information visit [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) or contact Brooks Hafey, MTNA Competitions Chair: [bhafey@csc.edu](mailto:bhafey@csc.edu)

### **MTNA Elementary, Junior, Senior and Young Artists Composition Competitions**

The application deadline for participation in the MTNA Composition Competition is Wednesday, September 12, 3:00 p.m.. Eastern Time at the MTNA website: [www.mtna.org/programs/competitions](http://www.mtna.org/programs/competitions). For more information visit [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) or contact Regina Carnazzo, MTNA Composition Competition Coordinator: [carnazzo@cox.net](mailto:carnazzo@cox.net)

## NMTA PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2018. Entrants will be assessed a \$150.00 nonmember teacher fee if the membership is not paid for 2018-2019 membership year.

### **NMTA Junior, Senior and Collegiate Performance Competitions Saturday, October 13, 2018**

The NMTA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at University of Nebraska-Kearney in Kearney, Nebraska. Postmark deadline for the NMTA Performance Competitions is Wednesday, September 12.

Please note the following NMTA Performance Competition categories:

#### **1. LEVELS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- JUNIOR:** Students must be 11-14 years of age at the date of the competition. Repertoire program should include at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 10 minutes.
- SENIOR:** Students must be 15-18 years of age at the date of the competition. Repertoire program should include at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 15 minutes.
- COLLEGIATE LEVEL 1:** Students must be enrolled as a Freshman or Sophomore (current enrollment in 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> semester of study) at the date of the competition. Repertoire should be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 20 minutes.
- COLLEGIATE LEVEL 2:** Students must be enrolled as a Junior or Senior (current enrollment in 5<sup>th</sup> or higher semester of study) at the date of the competition. Repertoire should be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 20 minutes.
- COLLEGIATE LEVEL 3:** Students must be enrolled at the Graduate level at the date of the competition. Repertoire should 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. Entry form and check payable to NMTA mailed to the State Chair: Candace Sutter, 14985 Harriman Lane, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 [csutter6@cox.net](mailto:csutter6@cox.net)

## NMTA STATE FESTIVAL INFORMATION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2018.

### NMTA State Festival

**Saturday, October 13, 2018, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, October 14, 2018 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.**

The NMTA State Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14, 2018 at University of Nebraska-Kearney in Kearney, Nebraska. The registration deadline for participation in the State Festival is Friday, September 7. Entry fees are non-refundable.

#### Reminders:

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.

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

No sight reading is given at the State Festival.

Online entries after the September 7 deadline will not be accepted.

For more information, including entry requirements, the online registration link, practice theory tests, and the NMTA Student Festival and Competition Manual (Revised 2017), please see the NMTA website: [www.nebmta.org](http://www.nebmta.org) (Click on "Festivals" and scroll down to "Nebraska State Festival.")

Entries will be made online at [nebmta.org](http://nebmta.org). Mail check to Festival Chair: Erin Blake, 37874 SW 103<sup>rd</sup> Rd., Odell, Nebraska 68415 For questions: [ecblake@hotmail.com](mailto:ecblake@hotmail.com) Phone: 402.239.5839

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 31	Deadline for paying 2018-2019 MTNA/NMTA teacher membership dues
September 12	Postmark deadline for NMTA State Festival and NMTA Performance Competitions entries
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September 12	Postmark deadline for NMTA State Conference Registration. Registrations postmarked after September 15 will be accepted at the late registration rate (see registration form)
September 12	Deadline for Conference luncheon reservation (see registration form)
September 30	Deadline for Conference hotel reservations
October 11-12	NMTA State Conference-University of Nebraska-Kearney MTNA sponsored Competitions- University of Nebraska-Kearney
October 11-12	NMTA sponsored Performance Competitions-University of Nebraska-Kearney
October 13-14	NMTA State Festival-University of Nebraska-Kearney