



NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

July 1, 2019

Dear NMTA Members,

On behalf of the NMTA Executive Board, I am pleased to provide details of the 2019 Nebraska Music Teachers Association State Conference, Competition and Festival events. The campus of University of Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska will host all events.

NMTA State Conference and MTNA Competitions, October 17-18
NMTA Performance Competitions, October 19
NMTA State Festival, October 19-20

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:

Alexander Kobrin was awarded the Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Gold Medal at the Twelfth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth, TX in 2005. He has won numerous top prizes at international competitions and has appeared in recital at major halls worldwide. Mr. Kobrin has performed with many of the world's great orchestras and is on the piano faculty at the Eastman School of Music. He will be performing an evening recital and giving a masterclass.

Diane Hidy is well-known for co-writing the acclaimed method Piano Town with fellow educator Keith Snell. She teaches youth and adult students in San Francisco and provides practical advice for fellow teachers at her website TeachWithDiane.com. She will be giving four sessions during the conference.

Charlie Albright was recipient of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant and Gilmore Young Artist award and won the Ruhr Klavier Festival Young Artist Award. He is known for making special connections with audiences by breaking the 'classical' rules and will be presenting a session about improvisation. Members can also get a special rate for his concerts with the Omaha symphony.

Bryan Stanley, 2019 NMTA commissioned composer, is published by Hal Leonard, Boosey & Hawkes and G. Schirmer. His compositions have been performed by symphonies and festivals internationally. Dr. Stanley is also active as a performer, with recent recordings and frequent collaborations at UNO and Opera Omaha's special concert events. His *Three Concert Etudes* for solo piano will be premiered at the conference.

The conference will also feature presentations by NMTA members. **Kristin Taylor**, University of Nebraska-Omaha will present a session on Grieg's *Lyric Pieces*; and **Angela Miller-Niles**, Wayne State College, will discuss using repertoire to incorporate world music into lessons. New to the conference this year will be a poster session featuring NMTA student members' research and activity.

Biographies of our guest artists/clinicians are available on the NMTA website: www.nebmta.org. Please remember that college students can register for free for this year's conference! We look forward to seeing you in Omaha!

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2019 NMTA STATE CONFERENCE - TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

CO-HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-OMAHA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. Registration
12:30-1:25 p.m. **I: "Teaching with Props"**
Diane Hidy, Guest Clinician
1:30-2:25 p.m. **II: NMTA Commissioned Composer: Bryan Stanley**
"Three Concert Etudes for Solo Piano"
2:25-2:45 p.m. Break
2:45-3:40 p.m. **III: "Real Kids—Real Solutions"**
Diane Hidy, Guest Clinician
3:45-4:40 p.m. **IV: "Improvisation"**
Charlie Albright, Guest Presenter
5:00-7:00 p.m. NMTA Board Meeting
7:30-9:30 p.m. **Piano Recital:**
Alexander Kobrin, Guest Artist
9:30 p.m. Post-recital Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:30-9:25 a.m. **V: "Teaching with Diane"**
Diane Hidy, Guest Clinician
9:25-9:45 a.m. **VI. Poster Session in Lobby and Break**
Lillian Kraft, UNO; Simon Olivares, UNO; Hannah Fisher, UNO
9:45-10:40 a.m. **VII. "The Little Cottage in the Woods: Taking a Closer Look at Grieg's Lyric Pieces"**
Kristin Taylor, NMTA
10:45-11:15 a.m. **VIII. "Using Repertoire to Incorporate World Music"**
Angela Miller-Niles, NMTA
11:30-12:15 p.m. NMTA Awards Luncheon
12:15-1:00 p.m. NMTA Association Annual Meeting
1:15-2:10 p.m. **IX: "Sight Reading"**
Diane Hidy, Guest Clinician
2:10-2:55 p.m. Break
3:00-4:30 p.m. **X: MTNA Competition Winners Master Class**
Alexander Kobrin, Guest Artist

Additional events:

Friday, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th, 7:30 p.m. with pre-concert lecture at 6:45: Charlie Albright with Omaha Symphony concerts (group rate available for NMTA members: contact Deanna Garcia at 402-661-8578)

Saturday, October 19th, 9-11 a.m.: Alexander Kobrin masterclass with UNO students

HOTEL INFORMATION

NMTA 2019 STATE CONFERENCE, COMPETITIONS AND FESTIVAL

Sonesta ES Suites Omaha
6990 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE 68132

Special Rate:
Studio: \$89.00*
2-bedroom: \$129.00*

RESERVATIONS
1-800-SONESTA

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

Reservation cut-off date: September 25, 2019

MTNA PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2019. Entrants will be assessed a \$150.00 nonmember teacher fee if the membership is not paid for 2019-2020 membership year.

MTNA Junior, Senior and Young Artists Performance Competitions Thursday and Friday, October 17-18, 2019

The MTNA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 17-18, 2019 at University of Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska in conjunction with the conference. Application deadline is 3:00 p.m.. Eastern Time on Wednesday, September 11 at the MTNA website www.mtna.org/programs/competitions. (Note: Chamber Music Applications for Chamber Music String and Chamber Music Wind will be available Wednesday, November 6, 2019.) For more information visit www.mtna.org or contact Linda Rogers, MTNA Competitions Chair: lroq8@gmail.com.

MTNA Elementary, Junior, Senior and Young Artists Composition Competitions

The application deadline for participation in the MTNA Composition Competition is Wednesday, September 11, 3:00 p.m.. Eastern Time at the MTNA website: www.mtna.org/programs/competitions. For more information visit www.mtna.org or contact Regina Carnazzo, MTNA Composition Competition Coordinator: carnazzo@cox.net

NMTA PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2019. Entrants will be assessed a \$150.00 nonmember teacher fee if the membership is not paid for 2019-2020 membership year.

NMTA Junior, Senior and Collegiate Performance Competitions Saturday, October 19, 2019

The NMTA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at University of Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska. Postmark deadline for the NMTA Performance Competitions is Wednesday, September 11.

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 1st-4th 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 5th 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. Entries will be available online. Mail check payable to NMTA to the State Chair: Candace Sutter, 14985 Harriman Lane, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 csutter6@cox.net.

NMTA STATE FESTIVAL INFORMATION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2019.

NMTA State Festival
Saturday, October 19, 2019, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 20, 2019 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.

The NMTA State Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20, 2019 at University of Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska. The registration deadline for participation in the State Festival is Wednesday, September 11. 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 11 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 (Click on "Festivals" and scroll down to "Nebraska State Festival.")

Entries will be made online at nebmta.org. Mail check to Festival Chair: Erin Blake, 37874 SW 103rd Rd., Odell, Nebraska 68415 For questions: ecblake@hotmail.com Phone: 402.239.5839

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 31	Deadline for paying 2019-2020 MTNA/NMTA teacher membership dues
September 11	Online deadline for MTNA Performance Competitions Online deadline for MTNA Composition Online deadline for NMTA Performance Competition Online deadline for NMTA state festival
September 18	Postmark deadline for NMTA State Conference Registration. Registrations postmarked after September 18 will be accepted at the late registration rate (see registration form)
September 18	Deadline for Conference luncheon reservation (see registration form)
September 25	Deadline for Conference hotel reservations
October 17-18	NMTA State Conference--University of Nebraska-Omaha MTNA sponsored Competitions--University of Nebraska-Omaha
October 19	NMTA sponsored Performance Competitions--University of Nebraska-Omaha
October 19-20	NMTA State Festival--University of Nebraska-Omaha