



NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Dear NMTA Members,

On behalf of the NMTA Executive Board, I am pleased to provide details of the 2022 Nebraska Music Teachers Association State Conference, as well as Competition and Festival events. The campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney in Kearney, NE is co-sponsoring our conference. Most events will take place in the Fine Arts Building.

NMTA State Conference: Thursday & Friday October 20-21

NMTA Performance Competition: Saturday October 22

MTNA Performance Competitions: Saturday & Sunday October 22-23

NMTA State Festival: Saturday & Sunday October 22-23

The NMTA State Conference will include workshop sessions, performances, as well as an advanced masterclass. The main highlights of the conference include the following guests:

Melody Bober, guest clinician: As a composer, Melody Bober enjoys creating motivational piano pieces that foster her students' understanding and love of music. In addition to teaching piano in her private studio and serving as a church pianist and accompanist, Melody's music-teaching experience includes 20 years of public school and two years at the university level. A dynamic clinician and innovative composer, Melody will be presenting several sessions throughout the conference.

Frahm-Lewis Trio, conference artists: (Ting-Lan Chen, violin, Noah Rogoff, cello, and Nathan Buckner, piano). The University of Nebraska at Kearney resident Faculty Piano Trio was founded in 2008, but the ensemble received true institutional standing beginning in 2012 when a generous grant was made to UNK to this end in the name of late Central Nebraska cellist Bettelee Frahm Lewis, ensuring the trio's future. The Frahm-Lewis Trio has represented U.N.K. through annual faculty recitals on the U.N.K. campus, as well as in performances in schools and public venues throughout Nebraska. Its repertoire includes much of the standard piano trio literature, lesser-known works, contemporary works, adaptations for piano trio, and works for piano quartet and other expanded ensemble combinations. Recent engagements include a series of recitals in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Cambridge (England), New York City, Colorado, and throughout Nebraska.

The 2022 NMTA Commissioned Composer is **Matthew Fuerst**, who will be premiering his composition on Friday. Other events include sessions by NMTA member **Dr. Paul Zeller** and Michigan MTA member **Lia Jensen-Abbott**, as well as a round table discussion by NMTA members moderated by **Jerri Niver**.

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

Brenda Wristen, NMTA President-elect

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2022 NMTA STATE CONFERENCE—TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Registration, UNK Fine Arts Building
1:00-1:55 p.m.	I: "Practice & Performance Tips for Musicians" Melody Bober, Guest Clinician
2:00-2:55 p.m.	II: "Let's Dance: Diabelli, Beethoven, Carter Pann, and Two Hundred Years of a Viennese Waltz" Lia Jensen-Abbott
2:55-3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15-4:45 p.m.	III: "Composition Ideas for the Studio" Melody Bober, Guest Clinician
5:00-7:00 p.m.	NMTA Board Meeting
7:30-9:30 p.m.	Frahm-Lewis Trio Recital
9:30 p.m. (approx.)	Post-recital Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:00-9:55 a.m.	IV. "Energize Your Group Lessons" Melody Bober, Guest Clinician
9:55-10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15-11:15 a.m.	V: Melody Bober Showcase: "Melody's Melodies"
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	NMTA Awards Luncheon
12:15-1:15 p.m.	NMTA Association Annual Meeting
1:30-2:25 p.m.	VI: Commissioned Composition Premiere Matthew Fuerst, 2022 NMTA Commissioned Composer
2:30-3:20 p.m.	VII. Roundtable Discussion: "What the Pandemic Taught Me About Teaching." Jerri Niver, Moderator
3:15-3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45-4:40 p.m.	VIII. "Expressive Devices for Exploring Artistry with Intermediate Piano Students" Paul Zeller

HOTEL INFORMATION

**Microtel Inn & Suites
104 Talmadge Street
Kearney, NE 68847
(308)698-3003 phone**

Rate: Two Queen Beds, \$84

Includes parking, internet, fitness center, and breakfast. Pet-friendly rooms available for additional charge.

Call 1-308-698-3033 and give **group code NEmusicteach**

Cut-off date: Monday, October 10, 2022

MTNA Competitions

MTNA Junior, Senior and Young Artists Performance Competitions Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, 2022

The MTNA-sponsored student performance competitions will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, 2022, at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in Kearney, NE. Application deadline is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, September 14 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 1, 2022, and are due by 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 7, 2022.) For more information, visit www.mtna.org or contact Linda Rogers, MTNA Competitions Chair: llrog8@gmail.com

Teachers: MNTA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2022. Entrants will be assessed a \$150.00 nonmember teacher fee if membership is not paid for 2022-2023 membership year.

MTNA Elementary, Junior, Senior and Young Artists Composition Competitions

The application deadline for participation in the MTNA Composition Competition is Wednesday, September 14, 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 STATE FESTIVAL

NMTA State Festival Saturday, October 22: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 23: 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m.

The NMTA State Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, 2022, at the University of Kearney at Kearney in Kearney, NE. The registration deadline for participation in the State Festival is Wednesday, September 14. 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 14 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: William Whipple, 4640 Elk Ridge Circle, Lincoln, NE 68516. For questions: williampwhipple@gmail.com; (319) 573-1186.

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2022

NMTA PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2022. Entrants will be assessed a \$150.00 nonmember teacher fee if the membership is not paid for the 2022-2023 membership year.

NMTA Junior, Senior and Collegiate Performance Competitions Saturday, October 22, 2022

The NMTA-sponsored student performance competitions will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in Kearney, NE. Postmark deadline for the NMTA Performance Competitions is Wednesday, September 14. 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 in a college or university as an undergraduate 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 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. One winner will be selected in each category at each level. A Second Place and possible Honorable Mention may be named.

Entries will be available online on the NMTA website. Mail check payable to NMTA to the State Chair: Erin Blake, 37874 SW 103rd Rd., Odell, NE 68415. For questions: ecblake@hotmail.com; (402) 239-5839.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 31	Deadline for paying 2022-2023 MTNA/NMTA teacher membership dues
September 14	Online deadline for MTNA Performance and Composition Competitions, NMTA Performance Competition and NMTA State Festival
September 14	Postmark deadline for NMTA State Conference Registration and Conference Luncheon reservation. Registrations postmarked after September 14 will be at late registration rate.
October 10	Deadline for Conference hotel reservations
October 20-21	NMTA State Conference at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
October 22	NMTA Performance Competitions at University of Nebraska at Kearney
October 22-23	MTNA-sponsored Competitions and NMTA State Festival at University of Nebraska at Kearney