



NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION BULLETIN JULY 30, 2013

Dear NMTA Members,

On behalf of the NMTA Executive Board, I am very pleased to provide details of the 2013 Nebraska Music Teachers Association State Conference, Competition, and Festival events. The campus of Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, will host all events:

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

This year's roster of international artists and clinicians will feature Grammy Award-winning composer **Libby Larsen**, who will present a session entitled "The Art of Composing Music" following a premiere of her new work "Ghosts of Old Pianos" for two pianos by NMTA members Nathan Buckner and Valerie Cisler. This work was commissioned by NMTA/MTNA through the Commissioned Composer Program with additional funding support provided by the Nebraska Arts Council. Teachers are strongly encouraged to invite student composers, elementary through collegiate age, to attend Larsen's sessions. She is a wonderful advocate for the arts and an inspiring speaker.

Conference Artist, **Dmitri Vorobiev**, a native of Moscow and a major prize-winner in the Busoni, Cincinnati World, UNISA International Piano Competition, among others, will present a solo recital of works by Beethoven and Liszt. He will also present a session entitled "The Lesser-Known Works of Beethoven" and co-present a master class for MTNA Piano Competition Winners with Conference Clinician **Polina Khatsko**. Dr. Khatsko, a native of Belarus, will present two sessions that feature the Russian School of Piano Playing in the context of the Russian system of music education. NMTA member, Jonathan Sokasits, will present a session entitled "Intersections: Selected Character Pieces in the Jazz Idiom" featuring works of Copeland, Barber, Bennett, Wilson, and C. Berg.

In addition to all the music performances and pedagogy sessions, the NMTA Board elected to add a new component to this year's conference activities: a field trip to visit the Nebraska Historical Society Museum. Featured exhibits at the museum will include: The First Nebraskans (10,000 years of Native American Life and Culture on the Plains), Nebraska Joins the Union (1803-1867), Building the State (1867-1916), Nebraskans in World War II, and Nebraska Cowboys: Lives, Legends, and Legacies. We hope you will join us in this excursion to the Nebraska Historical Museum—the staff has agreed to keep its doors open beyond closing time for our group and provide any assistance we may need.

You will find a Conference Registration form and hotel information enclosed in this Bulletin. Please make plans to attend what is certain to be a very inspiring and educational conference!

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE—2013 NMTA STATE CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 12:00 – 12:55 p.m. Registration
1:00 – 1:55 p.m. Session I: “Intersections: Selected Character Pieces in the Jazz Idiom”
Jonathan Sokasits, NMTA
2:00 – 2:55 p.m. Session II: “The Russian School of Piano Playing”
Part A: “Piano Lessons in the Context of the Russian Music Education System”
Polina Khatsko, Guest Clinician
2:55 – 3:15 p.m. Break
3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Lincoln Historical Society Field Trip
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. NMTA Board Meeting
7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Guest Artist Piano Recital: Dmitri Vorobiev, piano
9:30 – 10:00 p.m. Post-recital Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 8:00 – 8:55 a.m. Session III: Part B: “Introduction to the Russian School of Piano Playing”
Polina Khatsko, Guest Clinician
9:00 – 9:55 a.m. Session IV: Commissioned Composition Premiere “Ghosts of Old Pianos”
Libby Larsen, Composer; Buckner/Cisler, piano
9:55 – 10:15 a.m. Break
10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Session V: “The Art of Composing Music”
Libby Larsen, Composer/Guest Clinician
11:30 – 1:00 p.m. NMTA Luncheon and Annual Meeting
1:15 – 2:45 p.m. MTNA Piano Competition Winners Master Class
Dmitri Vorobiev and Polina Khatsko, Guest Artists/Clinicians
2:45 – 3:30 p.m. Break and Foundation Raffle
3:30 – 4:25 p.m. Session VI: “The Lesser-Known Works of Beethoven”
Dmitri Vorobiev, Guest Artist/Clinician
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Nebraska State MTNA Winners Recital

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NMTA 2013 STATE CONFERENCE

**New Victorian Inn & Suites
225 N. 50th Street
Lincoln, NE 68504**

**RESERVATIONS
402.464.4400**

Ask for the Nebraska Music Teachers Association Conference rate:

\$64.99 per night: 1 king bed

\$74.99 per night: 2 queen beds

Complimentary Breakfast/High-Speed Wireless Internet

Reservation cut-off date: September 15, 2013

COMPETITIONS INFORMATION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2013

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 17-18, 2013

The MTNA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 17-18, 2013 at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln (in conjunction with the conference). Application deadline is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 11, 2013 at the MTNA website: www.mtna.org

Additional information may be found in the April/May 2013 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 11, 2013 at the MTNA website: www.mtna.org

Additional information may be found in the April/May 2013 issue of the *American Music Teacher* or by contacting Regina Carnazzo, MTNA Composition Competition Coordinator: carnazzo@cox.net

NMTA COMPETITIONS

Junior, Senior and Young Artist Performance Competitions Saturday, October 19, 2013

The NMTA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Postmark deadline for the state competitions is September 11, 2013. Your entry should include:

Entry blank and check payable to NMTA mailed to the State Chair:
Jennifer Meyer, 13406 S. 29th Ave., Bellevue, NE 68123
Email: jjlm@cox.net

Entry requirements may be found in the *NMTA Student Festival and Competition Manual* (Revised 2011). Entry blanks and the Manual are available at the NMTA website: www.nebmta.org (click on "Competitions.")

NMTA STATE FESTIVAL INFORMATION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2013

Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The NMTA State Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 19-20, 2013 at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Postmark deadline for participation in the state festival is September 11, 2013 (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.

Entries with postmark dates after September 11 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, registration forms, participation information sheets, and the *NMTA Student Festival and Competition Manual* (Revised 2011) see the NMTA website: www.nebmta.org (click on “Festivals” and scroll down to “Nebraska State Festival”).

All entries should include:

1. Student Registration Forms
2. One check payable to NMTA for all student entry fees from your studio
3. Participation Information Sheet

Mail entries/checks to the NMTA State Festival Chair:

Elise Hepworth, Wayne State College, 1111 Main St., Wayne, NE 68787

Elhepwol@wsc.edu

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| August 31 | Deadline for paying 2013-14 MTNA/NMTA teacher membership dues. |
| September 11 | Deadline for online MTNA Competitions entries.
Postmark deadline for NMTA State Festival and Competitions entries. |
| September 15 | Deadline for Conference hotel reservations. |
| September 25 | Postmark deadline for NMTA State Conference Registration. Registrations postmarked after September 25 will be accepted at the late registration rate (see registration form).
Deadline for conference luncheon reservation (see registration form). |
| October 17-18 | NMTA State Conference—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln
MTNA sponsored Competitions—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln |
| October 19 | NMTA sponsored Competitions—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln |
| October 19-20 | NMTA State Festival—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln |



**NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
STATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Nebraska Wesleyan University
October 17-18, 2013**

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. 17 and/or 18 _____

CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION

MTNA Member \$55.00 (postmarked by Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013) \$ _____

MTNA Member \$65.00 (postmarked **after** Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013) \$ _____

MTNA Student Rate \$10.00 (postmarked by Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013) \$ _____

Non-member MTNA \$75.00 \$ _____

Student Non-member \$15.00 \$ _____

Registration fee is non-refundable.

ADDITIONAL TICKETS TO DMITRI VOROBIEV RECITAL

Number of tickets _____ Recital Tickets Total \$ _____

(Additional Adult Tickets \$15 each/Student Tickets \$10 each)

Registration includes one ticket to the Dmitri Vorobiev Recital.

AWARDS LUNCHEON (Friday, October 18)

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

Vegetarian Option (Chef's Choice) Mark Here _____

Luncheon reservations must be postmarked by Sept. 25, 2013

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please send checks made payable to NMTA to:

Regina Carnazzo
16619 Weir Street
Omaha, NE 68135