



## NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION BULLETIN JULY 1, 2014

Dear NMTA Members,

On behalf of the NMTA Executive Board, I am very pleased to provide details of the 2014 Nebraska Music Teachers Association State Conference, Competition, and Festival events. The campus of Wayne State College, Wayne, NE, will host all events:

### **NMTA State Conference/MTNA Competitions, October 23-24** **NMTA State Festival/NMTA Competitions, October 25-26**

This year's NMTA State Conference includes a wide variety of workshop sessions and performances, as well as a master class for winning soloists in the MTNA Junior, Senior, and Young Artist Piano Competitions. The main highlights of the conference include the following guests:

International concert pianist, **Mark Salman**, hailed as a "heroic virtuoso" and a dazzling performer," will present a solo recital of works by Beethoven, Chopin, and Liszt, a lecture/demonstration on the intellectual and emotional considerations in the interpretation of Beethoven piano sonatas, and the piano solo master class. **Gail Berenson**, former President of MTNA and Professor Emerita of Piano at Ohio University, will serve as our featured guest clinician, presenting three extended sessions related to student health, performance anxiety, and injury prevention. The 2014 NMTA Commissioned Composer **Kurt Knecht**, will present and perform the premiere of "El Café Iridiscente" for cello and piano with cellist Justin Lepard, both of Lincoln. Biographies of our three guest artists/clinicians are available on the NMTA website: [www.nebmta.org/conference2014.php](http://www.nebmta.org/conference2014.php)

The state conference will also feature sessions by several NMTA members, including a panel discussion on teaching special needs students, led by Regina Carnazzo and Nancy Schoen, and a lecture-recital on the works of Joan Tower, by Paul Barnes.

You will find the **Tentative Schedule** for session titles, presenters, and session days/times, in addition to **Hotel Information**, **Competitions Information** (MTNA and NMTA Performance Competitions), **List of Important Dates to Remember**, and **NMTA State Festival Information**, along with the **Conference Registration Form** in this bulletin. Please remember that MTNA student members receive a significant discount on registration—they may attend all conference sessions/recital for the cost of only \$10.

We look forward to seeing you in Wayne at the conference!

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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE—2014 NMTA STATE CONFERENCE

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 12:00 - 12:55 p.m. Registration  
1:00 - 2:15 p.m. Session I: “The Role of the Teacher in Keeping Our Students Healthy”  
Gail Berenson, Guest Clinician  
2:25 - 3:15 p.m. Session II: Commissioned Composition Premiere  
“El Café Iridiscente” for Cello and Piano, Kurt Knecht, composer  
Justin Lepard, cello and Kurt Knecht, piano  
3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Break  
3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Session III: “Strategies for Coping with Performance Anxiety”  
Gail Berenson, Guest Clinician  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. NMTA Board Meeting  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: Mark Salman, piano  
9:00 - 9:30 p.m. Post Recital Reception

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 8:00 - 8:55 a.m. Session IV: “Battling the Ghost of Beethoven: Celebrating Joan  
Tower’s Aesthetic Triumph at 75,” Paul Barnes, NMTA  
9:00 - 9:50 a.m. Session V: “Teaching Special Needs Students . . . a Creative Approach”  
Regina Carnazzo and Nancy Schoen, NMTA  
9:50 - 10:10 a.m. Break  
10:10 – 11:25 a.m. Session VI: “Healthy Practice Strategies: An Injury-Preventive Prescription”  
Gail Berenson, Guest Clinician  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. NMTA Luncheon and Annual Meeting  
1:15 - 2:15 p.m. Session VII: “Interpreting Beethoven’s Piano Sonatas:  
Exploring the Balance Between the Intellectual and the Emotional”  
Mark Salman, Guest Artist/Clinician  
2:20 - 3:50 p.m. Session VIII: MTNA Piano Solo Competition Winners Master Class  
Mark Salman, Guest Artist/Clinician  
3:50 - 4:30 p.m. Break and Foundation Raffle  
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Nebraska State MTNA Winners Recital

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NMTA 2014 STATE CONFERENCE

#### **Super 8 Motel**

610 Tomar Drive  
Wayne, NE

#### **RESERVATIONS**

866.454.3213  
402.375.4898 (direct)  
Special Rate: \$49.99

#### **Cobblestone Inn and Suites**

505 Tomar Drive  
Wayne, NE

#### **RESERVATIONS**

888.693.8262  
402.833.1300 (direct)  
Special Rate: \$77.90

Be sure to ask for the Nebraska Music Teachers Association Conference Rate  
when making reservations (20 rooms will be held at each hotel).

**Reservation cut-off date: October 8, 2014**

## COMPETITIONS INFORMATION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2014

*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 23-24, 2014**

The MTNA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 23-24, 2014, at Wayne State College in Wayne (in conjunction with the conference). Application deadline is 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 10, 2014 at the MTNA website: <http://www.mtna.org/programs/competitions/>

Additional information may be found in the April/May 2014 issue of the *American Music Teacher* or by contacting James Margetts, MTNA Competitions Chair: [jmargetts@csc.edu](mailto: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 10, 2014 at the MTNA website: <http://www.mtna.org/programs/competitions/>

Additional information may be found in the April/May 2014 issue of the *American Music Teacher* or by contacting Regina Carnazzo, MTNA Composition Competition Coordinator: [carnazzo@cox.net](mailto:carnazzo@cox.net)

### NMTA COMPETITIONS

#### **Junior, Senior and Collegiate Performance Competitions Saturday, October 25, 2014**

The NMTA sponsored student Performance Competitions will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Wayne State College, Wayne. Postmark deadline for the state competitions is September 10, 2014.

Entry form and check payable to NMTA mailed to the State Chair:

Jennifer Meyer, 13406 S. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., Bellevue, NE 68123

Email: [jjlm@cox.net](mailto:jjlm@cox.net)

Please note the following changes to the NMTA Performance Competitions for 2014:

1. LEVELS AND REQUIREMENTS:

**JUNIOR:** Students aged 11-14, as of the date of the competition. Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 10 minutes.

**SENIOR:** Students aged 15-18, as of the date of the competition. Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 15 minutes.

**COLLEGIATE LEVEL 1:** Freshman/Sophomore (current enrollment in 1st-4th semester of study). Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 20 minutes.

**COLLEGIATE LEVEL 2:** Junior/Senior (current enrollment in 5th or higher semester of study). Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 20 minutes.

**COLLEGIATE LEVEL 3:** Graduate. Repertoire will be at least two pieces of contrasting style, with a maximum performance time of 20 minutes.

2. Any student of an 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.

## NMTA STATE FESTIVAL INFORMATION

MTNA/NMTA dues to the national office deadline: August 31, 2014

**Saturday and Sunday, October 25-26, 2014**  
**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

The NMTA State Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 25-26, 2014 at Wayne State College in Wayne. Postmark deadline for participation in the state festival is September 10, 2014 (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 10, 2014 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](http://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:

Maria Holen, 4311 S. 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68516

[maria.holen@gmail.com](mailto:maria.holen@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 31	Deadline for paying 2014-15 MTNA/NMTA teacher membership dues.
September 10	Deadline for online MTNA Competitions entries. Postmark deadline for NMTA State Festival and NMTA Competitions entries.
October 1	Postmark deadline for NMTA State Conference Registration. Registrations postmarked after October 1 will be accepted at the late registration rate (see registration form).
October 1	Deadline for conference luncheon reservation (see registration form).
October 8	Deadline for Conference hotel reservations.
October 23-24	NMTA State Conference—Wayne State College, Wayne MTNA sponsored Competitions—Wayne State College, Wayne
October 25	NMTA sponsored Competitions—Wayne State College, Wayne
October 25-26	NMTA State Festival—Wayne State College, Wayne



**NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
STATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION  
Wayne State College  
October 23-24, 2014**

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. 23 and/or 24 \_\_\_\_\_

**CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION**

MTNA Member \$55.00 (postmarked by Wednesday, October 1, 2014) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MTNA Member \$65.00 (postmarked **after** Wednesday, October 1, 2014) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MTNA Student Rate \$10.00 (postmarked by Wednesday, October 1, 2014) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member MTNA \$75.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Non-member \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration fee is non-refundable.*

**ADDITIONAL TICKETS TO MARK SALMAN RECITAL**

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Recital Tickets Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Registration includes one ticket to the Mark Salman 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 October 1, 2014*

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please send checks made payable to NMTA to:

Regina Carnazzo  
16619 Weir Street  
Omaha, NE 68135