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January 15 – Winter Newsletter



## President's Message

If this is the moment you need some simple, but profound, inspiration for the next teaching quarter then I can only refer you to a now-famous observation from sociologist Malcolm Gladwell's book Outliers, which notes that if you practice anything 10,000 hours, you will become an expert on it. Sounds simple enough when reduced to those terms. You might like to put up a chart in your teaching area showing your students, or perhaps even yourself, how long it would take to become an expert in any particular pursuit. Sometimes, a person just needs to get a grip on a simple mantra like that to succeed and that is one delightful way of breaking it down for students we encounter. Of course, as teachers we realize that the teacher must display art and creativity and skill when guiding our students through that passage of 10,000 hours. What better way to enhance our position than to attend the MTNA Convention in Albuquerque March 20-24? There is quite an extensive emphasis on Chopin and presentations to suit every palate in addition to all those great free books at the workshops. I have made my reservations and I hope to see you there! Check out the link for the Western Division Banquet too!

It will be an exciting year. Marvin Blickenstaff will be serving as our Convention Artist at NSU in Aberdeen. We are welcoming a new secretary on board, Danie Crowley, who takes the place of Donna Schwartz - a great lady with attention to detail. Marilyn Schempp will again organize competitions schedules in her usual flawless manner. Janeen Larsen, our Master of Jazz, is updating our constitution. Marcela Faflak has put in countless hours organizing this newsletter and John Walker, Web Guru, is constantly updating the website. Cheryl Koch has revised our accounting to make it very clear. But that is only a tiny glimpse behind the scenes. There is not enough room to highlight all the very gifted people we have in this organization who volunteer their time and expertise. I am overwhelmed by their dedication. It is truly an honor to be a part of SDMTA and to be able to share the beauty of music with everyone. As Beethoven said, "The purpose of music is to communicate from the heart to the heart."

*Trish Hanson, SDMTA President*

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## 2010 SDMTA COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS

### **Conference 2010 Planning Committee:**

John Walker, conference coordinator  
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Susanne Skyrn  
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### **SDMTA Website:**

Members are reminded to check the [www.sdmata.org](http://www.sdmata.org) pages regularly for updated state and local association information. There is additional information about us at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) under State Affiliate Portal.

## West Central Division Dinner

### Music Teachers National Association National Conference

Sunday, March 21, 2010 following the WCD Meeting  
6:00 - 7:30 pm

One of Albuquerque's landmark restaurants, **Tucanos Brazilian Grill** is known for its Churrasco where waiters move through the restaurant serving grilled meats and vegetables on skewers sliding them onto the client's plate. The dinner includes the Festival of Salads bar, which contains an assortment of salads, breads, soups and fried bananas. Tea, coffee, soft drinks, tax and gratuity are all included in the price.

**Tucanos Brazilian Grill, 110 Central Avenue SW, is located 3 blocks from the Hyatt Conference Hotel. Please join us!**

Total cost: \$30.00. Checks payable to Minnesota Music Teachers Association. Send your check, name, email address and phone # postmarked by March 5, 2010 to:

**Marianne Bryan, NCTM  
West Central Division Director-Elect  
1230 Stanford Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55105**

Contact: [mfbyran@usfamily.net](mailto:mfbyran@usfamily.net)

To make attending the conference easier on your budget, **MTNA has rolled back the registration rates. Register by February 10** to receive your early registration discount and be entered to win a **free hot air balloon ride.**

<http://www.mtna.org/>



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## “Meet a Member”

**Name:** Donna Schwartz  
**Home:** Brandon, SD  
**Member SDMTA since:** 2003  
**Born:** Valley Springs, SD  
**Raised:** Rural Brandon, SD  
**Education:** 1975 graduate of USD – Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology. Church pianist for 25 years; Pedagogy course completion at Northern State University - 2006  
**Current jobs:** Independent Piano Instructor – over 40 students; Horseshow judge – carded in SD, IA, MN as a 4-H Horse Judge, and carded with POA national breed, and WSCA  
**Family:** Married 37 years to Jay; 5 children: Joe and his wife Christina residing near Brandon; Jenna and her husband, Ruben, residing in Stephenville, TX; Jeremy in Portland, OR; Jane and her husband Jon in Brandon; Jackson in Austin, TX.  
**Favorite Composers:** Beethoven, Schumann, Mendelssohn  
**Favorite Pianists:** Alessio Bax, Dr. Susan Keith-Gray, Jim Brickman  
**Most Influential Musicians/Teachers:** Susan Winters, Arlene Krueger  
**Hobbies/Activities:** Hobbies are playing piano, shopping, traveling, and hanging out with family. Activities: Taking piano lessons, board member of SDMTA, vice-president of local SF chapter MTA, president of SD 4-H Horse Committee, coordinate SD 4-H Horse Judge’s training.

### The Seventh Lee Biennial Competition

will be held on the Augustana College campus on Saturday, June 5, 2010.

The competition includes three divisions:

- Senior (ages 15-18)
- Young Artist (ages 19-22)
- Artist (ages 23-28)

A total of \$5,850 in cash prizes will be awarded.

Registration forms and information for the competition can be found on the competition website at:

<http://faculty.augie.edu/~randrews/Lee/index.html>. Or, information can be obtained through the competition director, Dr. Rick Andrews, at (605) 274-5409, or [rick.andrews@augie.edu](mailto:rick.andrews@augie.edu)

### Competition Report for January Newsletter

Thank you to the competition chairs and SDMTA officers that helped make the competitions run smoothly despite my absence from the conference this year. I am very appreciative of everyone’s extra efforts during those days!

Thank you to Marie Schlosser for serving as chair of the Piano Duet category for these first two years. Mary Walker will be the chair for this coming year. Also, thanks goes to Ilene Sharkey for handling all of the SDMTA instrumental categories this past year—a big job. Rita Hicks has agreed to take over the elementary and junior strings categories for the 2010 conference. As State Competition Coordinator, I am currently also looking for a co-chair. It would be helpful to have someone share the work load both before and after the competitions in addition to having another person present during the actual competitions. If you are interested or know of someone who would be good for this, please let me know.

There were no entrants in the Special Needs category yet this year, but we will continue to offer this. There was also some discussion about offering a Non-Traditional category, but it was decided not to add this category for now. If 3-4 teachers request it and there is a volunteer to chair it, then at that time, this category could be included.

It was also decided at the meeting that SDMTA will follow the MTNA national guidelines in regards to xeroxed and downloaded copies of music. A music release form will need to be signed for any exceptions.

We continue to have issues with deadlines not being met—both members not paying dues on time and students not registering on time. It was discussed and voted on at the general meeting that for students who register for SDMTA, but their teacher has not paid their MTNA membership dues, there will be a **\$50.00 late fee assessed the teacher** after said teacher has paid their dues. **If this late fee is not paid, then the student cannot compete. The late fee must be submitted by the registration deadline. This is to be without exception.** In addition, when registering students online, the check **MUST** arrive on the deadline as well as the application form. We’ve had incidents of checks arriving even two weeks late. Please observe deadlines to make everyone’s work easier.

We also continue to have problems with teachers not being discreet in front of the judge, for example, teachers mouthing words to a voice student in front of the judge, teachers talking with their own student in front of the judge. Please be professional. We don’t want to have to start disqualifying students when teachers cannot be discreet in front of the judge.

The updated handbook and application forms for the Nov. 2010 competitions will be available in the Spring Newsletter. Please read the handbook carefully and observe all deadlines.

A huge thank you goes to all of this year’s SDMTA and MTNA chairs: Sue Winters, Marie Schlosser, Brenda Ruedebusch, Beverly Bigge, Colleen Tucker, Lisa Grevlos, Ilene Sharkey, Nancy Roberts, Kay Fischer.

*Marilyn Schempp*

*SDMTA State Competition Coordinator*

## State Foundation Report

The annual conference in Sioux Falls at Augustana College November 5-7 provided some great opportunities for fund raising for the MTNA Foundation. We sponsored a raffle with items generously donated by Sioux Falls merchants. Special thanks go to Sue Winters, Donna Schwartz and Lisa Roers for all the time and effort they put in gathering donations and helping at the raffle table. The proceeds went towards the naming of a South Dakota MTNA Fellow for 2010. Our Fellow this year is the late Alyce Berggren of Aberdeen. We will honor her at the national conference in Albuquerque in March, and we encourage everyone who is attending the conference to also go to the Gala. This is when the Fellows are recognized, and if we have enough attendees, we can have an official South Dakota table, as we did in Denver two years ago.

The raffle for the SDMTA Traveling Plaque was won by Carol Zephier who named her teacher, Lewis Hamvas, for the honor of being listed on the Plaque. Carol will display the Plaque in her studio this year. Lewis Hamvas was a long-time teacher at Yankton College and an important contributor to the musical and artistic life of South Dakota, especially in the southeastern area. A big thanks to all the SDMTA members who contributed to the Traveling Plaque raffle this year.

If you are planning to go to Albuquerque for the MTNA Conference, March 20-24, be sure to sign up for tickets to the Gala when registering for the conference. The Gala will be held on Monday, March 22, starting with cocktails at 6:00 P.M. in the Enchantment Ballroom, Hyatt Regency and followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Pavilion Ballroom, Hyatt Regency. Come and join us, and support the Foundation and our state Association! The cost is \$90 per person, but it is for a good cause (MTNA Foundation) and there will be good food, a fun time with colleagues, and great entertainment and dancing, plus we will be honoring Alyce. We hope to see you there!

*Susanne Skyrn, SDMTA Foundation Chair*

CHECK IT OUT:

[www.musicmotivationblog.com](http://www.musicmotivationblog.com)  
<http://www.mtna.org/Programs/MusicForEveryone/MusicAchievementProgram/tabid/283/Default.aspx>

## State Certification Report

Diana Christiansen has sent in her application and the necessary information for SDMTA certification. She will be receiving her certification certificate very soon. Congratulations to Diana.

The certification test for those needing it, is completed and has been sent to Susan Keith Gray to look over. Carol Zephier and I are scheduled to go to Sioux Falls on April 1st to present the Certification Program. Carol has made a very informative SDMTA certification brochure which is to be given out to anyone wishing one.

Those interested in becoming nationally certified should go to the MTNA web site and look at the new certification program.

Anyone with questions on certification please contact either Carol Zephier [windsong@nvc.net](mailto:windsong@nvc.net)  
Susan Keith Gray [Susan.Gray@usd.edu](mailto:Susan.Gray@usd.edu) or  
Marie Schlosser [mhschlos@nvc.net](mailto:mhschlos@nvc.net)  
*Marie Schlosser, Certification Chair*

### **CONGRATULATIONS to Division Competition Participants!**

MTNA Junior String: Ryan Doerr,  
Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov  
MTNA Senior String: Brian Goetzinger,  
Teacher: Coral White  
MTNA Junior Piano: Hannah Gerdes,  
Teacher: Julie Melik-Stepanov  
MTNA Senior Piano: April Sun, Teacher: Paul Barnes, UNL (Susan Keith Gray)  
MTNA Senior Woodwind: Tylar Dormaier,  
Teacher: Terry Walter  
MTNA Senior Voice: Luke Carlsen,  
Teacher: Cheryl Koch  
MTNA Young Artist Piano: Daniel Bruggeman,  
Teacher: Steven Spooner, KU (Arlene Krueger)  
MTNA Young Artist Brass: Travis Netzer,  
Teacher: Boyd Perkins, NSU **WINNER**  
MTNA Young Artist Woodwind: Kelsey Pickford, Teacher: Alan LaFave, NSU  
MTNA Young Artist Voice: Eric Wassenaar,  
Teacher: Monty Barnard, Augustana  
**ALTERNATE**  
MTNA Young Artist Chamber: SDSU Saxophone Quartet Yellow-Kelsey Campbell, Anna Scott, John Daniel, Chris Hildebrant, Teacher: Nathan Jorgenson, SDSU

## **SDMTA and MTNA STATE COMPETITIONS** **Winners 2009**

### **SDMTA Elementary Piano Age 10:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Alex Nordstrom, Teacher: Julie Stepanov

### **SDMTA Elementary Piano Age 11:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mira Yousef, Teacher: Julie Stepanov;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Canwen Xi, Teacher: Julie Stepanov;

HM: Alex Kimm, Teacher: Mary Walker

### **SDMTA Junior Piano Age 12**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ivan Li, Teacher: Deb Kalsbeck;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Julie Loewen, Teacher: Brenda Ruedebusch;

HM: Thomas Pfeifle, Teacher: Diane Ketel

### **SDMTA Junior Piano Age 13:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Alya Abourezk, Teacher: Julie Stepanov;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Divine Zheng, Teacher: Julie Stepanov;

HM: Amy Shan, Teacher: Colleen Tucker; Maria Formiller,  
Teacher: Julie Stepanov

### **SDMTA Senior Piano Age 14:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Sandra Shaefer, Teacher: Maria Rantapaa;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Thorn Dramstad, Teacher: Brenda Ruedebusch;

HM: Isabel Braga-Henebry, Teacher: Julie Stepanov; Alex  
Pham, Teacher: Theresa Stehly

### **SDMTA Senior Piano Age 15:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Anna Renner, Teacher: Marilyn Schempp;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Michael Marmorstein, Teacher: Kay Fischer;

HM: Caitlin Clark, Teacher: Cheryl Koch

### **SDMTA Senior Piano Age 16:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Matthew Johnson, Teacher: Diane Ketel;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mackenzie Cobb, Teacher: Beverly Bigge;

HM: Taylor Olsen, Teacher: Carol Flower

### **SDMTA Senior Piano Age 17-18:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Katherine Ridder, Teacher: Arlene Krueger;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jennifer Weier, Teacher: Marilyn Schempp;

HM: Emily Baltzer, Teacher: Beverly Bigge; Kimberly  
Stallings, Teacher: Julie Stepanov

### **SDMTA Collegiate Piano:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Jerry Rodriguez, Teacher: Susanne Skrym, USD;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Scott Arens, Teacher: Susan Keith Gray, USD;

HM: Jessica Finch, Teacher: Janeen Larsen, BHS

### **SDMTA Junior Piano Duet:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Benjamin Brown/Tabitha Schmidt, Teacher: Brenda  
Ruedebusch

### **SDMTA Senior Piano Duet:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Mackenzie Cobb/Sarah Wedel, Teacher: Beverly Bigge;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Emily Cruse/Kristina Kayser, Teacher: Brenda  
Ruedebusch;

HM: Anna Renner/Rachel Renner, Teacher: Marilyn  
Schempp; McKayla Kleinsasser/Morgan Kleinsasser, Teacher:  
Beverly Bigge

### **SDMTA Senior Voice:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Sean McCluskey, Teacher: Charles Canaan;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Julia Blue, Teacher: Lisa Grevlos;

HM: Jordyn Bangasser, Teacher: Lisa Grevlos; Jared  
Mogen, Teacher: Cheryl Koch; Erin Voth, Teacher: Amy  
Morrison

### **SDMTA Collegiate Voice I:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Hannah Patzer, Teacher: Cheryl Koch, Augustana; 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Jake Bury, Teacher: Judith Schreck, Augustana;

HM: Luke Lynass, Teacher: Judith Schreck, Augustana;

Philip Munkvold, Teacher: Rick Piersall, USD

### **SDMTA Collegiate Voice II:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Riley Svatos, Teacher: Laura Diddle, SDSU;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tyler Raad, Teacher: Nancy Roberts, BHS;

HM: Jamie Williams, Teacher: Nancy Roberts, BHS; Jennifer  
Zanter, Teacher: Emily Toronto, SDSU; Malerie Mertz,  
Teacher: Lisa Grevlos, Augustana; Ashley Mazur, Teacher:

Tracelyn Gesteland, USD; Trey Sutherland, Teacher: Monty  
Barnard, Augustana

### **SDMTA Collegiate Voice III:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Melody Bjerketvedt, Teacher: Julie Grives

### **SDMTA Collegiate Woodwind:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Charity Wells, Teacher: Fred Humke, NSU

### **SDMTA Elementary String:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Emera Gurath, Teacher: Maria Peters;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kyle Siemers, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov

HM: Dawson Eastburn, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov

### **SDMTA Junior Strings:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Karl Henry, Teacher: Maxim Kozlov;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Benjamin Feikema, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov;

HM: Sophie Richards, Teacher: Maxim Kozlov

### **SDMTA Senior Strings:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Laura Bane, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Lennea Clark, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov;

HM: Benjamin Koenig, Teacher: Maxim Kozlov

### **MTNA Junior Composition:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Jamuna Buchanan, Teacher: Carl Van Wyk

### **MTNA Senior Composition:**

1<sup>st</sup>: RubyAnn Stegelmeier, Teacher: Paul Kolar;

HM: Brian Goetzinger, Teacher: Coral White

### **MTNA Junior String:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Ryan Doerr, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Maya Lehmann, Teacher: Coral White;

HM: Jamuna Buchanan, Teacher: Coral White

### **MTNA Senior String:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Brian Goetzinger, Teacher: Coral White;

2<sup>nd</sup>: CJ Point, Teacher: Karren Melik-Stepanov

### **MTNA Junior Piano:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Hannah Gerdes, Teacher: Julie Stepanov;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Billion, Teacher: Julie Stepanov

### **MTNA Senior Piano:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: April Sun, Teacher: Susan Keith Gray; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

Jason Bartos, Teacher: Susanne Skrym;

HM: Brian Billion, Teacher: Julie Stepanov

### **MTNA Young Artist Piano:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Daniel Bruggeman, Teacher: Steven Spooner, KU

### **MTNA Young Artist Brass:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Travis Netzer, Teacher: Boyd Perkins, NSU

### **MTNA Senior Woodwind:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Tyler Dormaier, Teacher: Terry Walter

### **MTNA Young Artist Woodwind:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kelsey Pickford, Teacher: Alan LaFave, NSU;

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Christopher Hildebrandt, Teacher: Nathan  
Jorgensen, SDSU;

HM: Kelsey Campbell, Teacher: Nathan Jorgensen; Alicia  
Grotenhuis, Teacher: Nathan Jorgensen, SDSU

### **MTNA Young Artist Chamber:**

1<sup>st</sup>: SDSU Saxophone Quartet Yellow—Kelsey Campbell,  
Anna Scott, John Daniel, Christopher Hildebrandt, Teacher:  
Nathan Jorgensen, SDSU;

2<sup>nd</sup>: SDSU Saxophone Quartet Blue—Alicia Grotenhuis,  
Marian Beck, Becca Baustian, Jack Thoreson, Teacher:  
Nathan Jorgensen, SDSU

### **MTNA Senior Voice:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Luke Carlsen, Teacher: Cheryl Koch;

2<sup>nd</sup>: Miranda Lommen, Teacher: Judith Schreck

### **MTNA Young Artist Voice:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Eric Wassenaar, Teacher: Monty Barnard,  
Augustana;

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Rachel Hoogendorn, Teacher: Cheryl Koch,  
Augustana;

HM: Heather Salmen, Teacher: Laura Diddle, SDSU; Ashton  
VandenHoek, Teacher: Nancy Roberts, BHS

## **SOUTH DAKOTA SUMMER CAMPS 2010**

**Name of camp/activity:** Upper Midwest Junior-Senior High School Summer Music Camp

**Brief description of activities:** Ensembles, music classes, and special piano camp offering lessons, activities and performances focusing on the fabulous world of piano: solo, duet, chamber music, historical keyboards, literature, technique, performance and more.

**Age of students:** Grades 6-12

**Place:** USD

**Dates:** July 11–16, 2010

**Cost:** \$390 (\$240 for commuters). Scholarships available.

**Contact info:** Dr. David Holdhusen, Upper Midwest Summer Music Camp, The University of South Dakota Department of Music, 414 East Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069-2390, 605-677-5721 •

[david.holdhusen@usd.edu](mailto:david.holdhusen@usd.edu) Brochure: <http://www.usd.edu/fine-arts/music/upload/summer-music-camp-2010.pdf>

Registration: <http://www.usd.edu/fine-arts/music/upload/registration-2010.pdf>

**Name of camp/activity:** SOAR! Summer Opera and Arts Festival (formerly Camp Opera)

**Brief description of activities:** For serious students: Bel Canto Program for singers (with Scott Piper); Collaborative Piano Program (with Susan Keith Gray); Instrumental Chamber Music Program (brass, winds, strings with regional professional musicians)

**Age of students:** collegiate undergraduate and graduate

**Place:** United Church of Christ-Congregational, Vermillion, SD

**Dates:** May 31-June 30, 2010

**Cost:** \$1000 (includes housing; food and transportation not included)

**Contact info:** [www.campopera.com](http://www.campopera.com) for downloadable application/info. Questions: [campopera@gmail.com](mailto:campopera@gmail.com)

**Name of camp/activity:** All-State Music Camp (including Piano Camp)

**Brief description of activities:** Spend a week of musical fun and learning at All-State Music Camp at SDSU. Music students in 8th grade or above are encouraged to register for this fun week of making music, making friends, and a wide variety of musical learning. Students may participate in band, choir, jazz, piano camp, or any combination. Classes include participation in the various ensembles, choral techniques, conducting, sight reading, audition/contest preparation, men's choir, women's choir, theory/composition, computer technology, beginning band, guitar, and improvisation.

**Age of students:** grades 8-12

**Place:** SDSU

**Dates:** June 6-11

**Cost:** with Room and Board \$350, without \$200

**Contact info:** [www3.sdstate.edu](http://www3.sdstate.edu) [keywords: all state music camp]

**Name of camp/activity:** Johanna Meier Opera Theater Institute

**Brief description of activities:** Nationally known opera faculty provided important pre-professional opera experiences such as staging, movement, solo and ensemble singing, career coaching, and master classes. The two-week workshop culminates in an Aria Recital and two evenings of Opera Scenes.

Students must send audition materials before March 1, 2010. Scholarships available.

**Age of students:** Ages 17+

**Place:** BHSU

**Dates:** June 13-26

**Cost:** with Room and Board \$775

**Contact info:** [shelbycihak@bhsu.edu](mailto:shelbycihak@bhsu.edu) or <http://www.bhsu.edu/arts/>

**Name of camp/activity:** Rushmore National Music Camp

**Brief description of activities:** Our camp motto, "Making Music, Making Friends" describes Rushmore National Music Camp perfectly. Faculty members from across the United States help provide outstanding opportunities in instrumental and vocal ensembles. Lessons and classes are available in all wind and percussion instruments, voice, piano and guitar. Students have the opportunity to participate in band, jazz band, choir, Rushmore Singers, and small ensembles.

**Age of students:** 6-12

**Place:** Aberdeen, SD on NSU campus (Junior High Camp); Keystone, SD Camp Judson (Senior High Camp)

**Dates:** Junior High Camp: August 1-6, Senior High Camp: August 8-14

**Cost:** Grades 6-9 \$319 full camp/ \$269 day-campers only, grades 9-12 \$395

**Contact info:** Dr. Alan D. LaFave, NSU School of Fine Arts, (605) 626-2497, [lafave@northern.edu](mailto:lafave@northern.edu) OR Peggy Letcher, Camp Registrar, (605) 229-5714, [RushmoreMusicCamp@gmail.com](mailto:RushmoreMusicCamp@gmail.com)

## Conference 2009 Report

Our 2009 Conference held at Augustana in Sioux Falls proceeded very well and turned in a record profit due to increased registrations in voice and strings. We were sad to have both Marilyn Schempp and Marcela Faflak missing due to surgeries, but they are speedily recovering. Marilyn's organization of the contestants allowed us to go on very smoothly. It was particularly nice to have an MTNA representative, Thomas Ediger, with us to not only judge but present a lively workshop on teaching composition. Convention Artist Pierce Emata, formerly a South Dakota Touring Artist, presented a wonderful piano concert with a wide variety of selections as well as doing several days of judging and presenting a well-received workshop designed to offer teachers ideas on how to better prepare students for performance. Anna Vorhes' choice of commissioned composer Jeremy Hegg gave us a jazzy piano duet which was a very delightful surprise. The duet was masterfully performed by Dr. Susan Keith Gray and Dr. Susanne Skyrms. Great fun to watch and listen! Copies of the duet are available from Anna. Many of our talented members gave excellent workshops on Pedagogy Friday. None of the workshops were held back-to-back which seemed to be a very welcome change. Our thanks to everyone who, through their participation, offered a successful and inspiring experience. A special thanks to all those who organize and chair competitions which allow us and our students to reach the highest expectations. Thank you also, Rick Andrews and Augustana for allowing us a beautiful venue.

*Trish Hanson, President*

### **IMTF Luncheon at SDMTA Conference:**

John Walker presented a power-point presentation of ideas submitted by our members entitled "Teach Like the Pros". Ideas included getting students to follow your instructions, and helping young students memorize by Trish Hanson of Rapid City; using a Keyboard Olympics chart by Becky Schoenman of Brookings; knowing the keyboard by John Walker of Brookings; and the wonders of using highlighting tape, by Joan Getz of Brookings.

*John Walker, President-Elect*

## **Order your copy of *The Catbird Seat***

If you would like a copy of Jeremy Hegg's SDMTA commissioned composition, now is the time to order! For \$15.00 you will receive two copies of the piano duet composition bound suitable for performance. Orders will be taken through March 15, and the composition will be mailed to you shortly after that.

The work was premiered at the SDMTA Banquet in Sioux Falls in November. Susan Keith Grey and Suzanne Skyrms performed this jazzy number for us. Composer Jeremy Hegg was so happy with it that he rescored it for the Dakota Wind Ensemble!

To order your copy, please e-mail [anna\\_vorhes@sio.midco.net](mailto:anna_vorhes@sio.midco.net) or call her at 605-334-5879. Checks should be made payable to SDMTA (South Dakota Music Teachers Association) and mailed to Anna Vorhes, 1124 South Spring Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

*Anna Vorhes, Commissioned Composition*

### **SDMTA 2009 Conference Financial Report**

#### **EXPENSE**

Concert Artist	1500
Judging Fees	2203.75
Judges' Expenses	1424.58
Workshop	0
Program Book Printing	274.93
Piano Tuning	0
Meals	690.10
Miscellaneous	174.36
Competition Chairs	98.03
Competition Printed Materials	0
Commissioned Composition (J.Hegg)	900
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$7265.75</b>

#### **INCOME**

Registration	1568
Meals	576
Program Book Sales (@ \$3 each)	96
Advertising Sales	1840
Miscellaneous	50
Student Competition Rebates (MTNA)	1815
SDMTA Student Entry Fees	3415
MTNA Grant for 50% of comm comp	450
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9810.00</b>

**NET PROFIT** **\$2544.25**

**SDMTA General Membership Meeting**  
**November 6, 2009, Augustana, Sioux Falls, SD**

President Janeen Larsen called the meeting to order.

Thomas Edinger, NCTM, Director, West Central Division was welcomed as a special guest.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the last General Membership Meeting were reviewed. MSP to approve said minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cheryl Koch reported that 2008-2009 was a good year for SDMTA financially. Numbers were up for the competitions, more monies were raised due to advertising, and the fund-raising by the Brookings chapter contributed together to boost the treasury. Also, conference expenses were down last year because of SDSU's partnership as host-site of the conference. Other factors were: there was no presidential retreat, no memorial monies were distributed, electronic newsletters saved in postage expenses, and official travel expenses were down (thanks, Janeen, for using your frequent flier miles for traveling). These expenses were noted: \$100/yr. for the web site; and purchasing of soft wear for the web site. One student went to National, so \$100 was given out of the J. Earl Lee Fund. MSP to accept the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

**Budget Approval:** Budget was reviewed as recommended by the board. It was noted that the \$300.00 in Publicity/Advertising was used to buy an ad for the Dakota Sky Festival. It was a great promotional tool for our organization. This category gives the board some discretionary monies to use in Publicity or Advertising as it comes up during the year. MSP to accept the budget as presented. Budget approved for 2009-2010.

**Competition Report:** Competition numbers are up this year.

**Competition Issues:** Non-Traditional Piano category? Will not add this now. If 3-4 teachers request it, and there is a volunteer to chair it, then it could be added. Should a person be declared a winner if there is only 1 in the category? For the SDMTA, the judge will decide if that person would be declared a winner.

Co-chair for competitions are needed. If you can fill a position that is un-filled, please do so. Rita Hicks will be the strings chair.

Deadlines: issues were discussed about deadlines and late entries. MSP that for students who register for SDMTA, but their teacher has not paid their MTNA membership dues, there will be a \$50.00 late fee assessed the teacher after said teacher has paid their dues. If this late fee is not paid, then the student cannot compete. The late fee must be submitted by the registration deadline. MSP that the membership provide the Competition Chair a mandate to not accept late entries, as determined by the postmark. This is to be without exception.

A bounced check was received. The bank charged our organization \$5.00. We trust this is a one-time incident. If it happens again, then the membership will decide how best to handle the situation.

Teachers communicating with students or having contact with a student in front of the judge: The competition chair is to be alerted of the situation and should approach the teacher and talk privately with them about the guidelines. Also, it was suggested to put a reminder on the door of the room as to the policy. The membership agreed by consensus that this is the best way to handle such situations.

Xeroxed music: The National organization policy is different than SDMTA. SDMTA requires original copies to be submitted to the judge. National allows Xeroxed or downloaded copies as long as a release form is signed. MSP that the SDMTA policy on Xeroxed or downloaded music be the same as the National policy.

**Face book:** Susan Keith Gray will research having an organizational Face book site. MTNA is on Face book.

**Local Fund-Raiser Position:** tabled for now

**Foundation:** Susanne Skyrn reported that the Foundation Fellow is Alyce Berggren. She passed away in Sept. of 2009, but she did know that she was nominated as a Fellow. The plaque raffle at the banquet this evening will raise monies for the SD Fellow Fund. Susanne thanked Sue Winters, Donna Schwartz, and Lisa Roers for their efforts in fund raising at the local level. There are a number of donated items which will be raffled off on Saturday. If there is more than \$1000 raised during the conference, the board will decide how best to deal with it. Suggestions are: put monies in the state treasury, or put it towards next year's Foundation Fellow.

**Constitutional Changes:** ARTICLE V: Officers: *The title "first Vice President" shall be changed to "President Elect" to comply with MTNA titles.* MSP to approve change. ARTICLE VI: Board: *The J. Earl Lee Chair will be an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the board.* MSP to approve. ARTICLE VI: Board: *The Foundation Chair will be ex-officio (non-voting) member of the board.* MSP to approve. It was noted that Foundation monies may need to have a separate line item now. ARTICLE VI: Board: *The Newsletter Editor will be an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the board.* MSP to approve.

**Thanks:** Thanks to these people who have put the conference together, as well as those who have served the board: Rick Andrews as site-chair; Nancy Syring for getting monitors; Marilyn Schempp as Competition Chair; Cheryl Koch as treasurer; Janeen Larsen for all her work as president; and to everyone who worked to make the conference and SDMTA a success for 2008-2009. Janeen thanked all of the members of SDMTA for attending the meeting and for their participation in the conference.

**Nominating Committee:** Cheryl Koch reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and secretarial positions are open. She recommended leaving the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position open, since the board will be discussing it. Donna Schwartz agreed to serve the year, and she and Cheryl will work on recruiting and mentoring a younger member for the position. The slate of officers for the 2009-2010 year is:

President: Trish Hanson  
President-Elect: John Walker  
Secretary: Donna Schwartz  
Treasurer: Cheryl Koch

MSP to accept full slate of officers.

**E-mail policy:** The policy was distributed to the membership, and is on file with these minutes.

Meeting Adjourned

Donna Schwartz, Secretary