

Tidewater Music Teachers Forum Spring Report 2012

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The 47th year of the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum (TMTF) offered many opportunities for musical education and growth to both teachers and students during 2011-2012.

This Year's Professional Opportunities for Teachers

September:	Alfred Publisher's Workshop with Robert Vandall
October:	Barbara Wing - Beginner student teaching approach
November:	Tonya Menard - Teachable 20th Century Compositional Techniques
January:	Elizabeth Sjolund - A Lesson in Composition Certification Breakfast for members interested in the MTNA certification process
February:	John Salmon - Recital and Master Class
March:	Wellness Workshop - The Path to Optimal Performance Bonus Workshop - Technology and Teaching Workshop by Lori Frazer of Yamaha Corporation
April:	Susan Atkins - MTNA National Conference Highlights
May:	Suzanne Guy - Solitary Refinement - an exploration of practicing

Performance Opportunities for Teachers

September:	TMTF Teacher Recital
October:	TMTF Monster Concert

Student Musical Enrichment Opportunities

October:	TMTF Monster Concert
November:	TMTF Student Recital in Virginia Beach TMTF Hymn Playing Festival
December:	TMTF Play-A-Thon (157 students performed for three days at a local mall and raised over \$5000 for two TMTF scholarship programs.)
January:	VMTA Theory Tests
February:	VMTA Keyboard Skills Tests - 15 teachers participated, 131 tests taken. VMTA Sight Reading Festival - 19 teachers participated - 112 tests taken. Student Recitals in Norfolk and Portsmouth
March:	TMTF Levels of Progress

David C. Glover Scholarship Auditions (for students in school grades 5-8)
April: TMTF Honors Recitals Auditions
May: VMTA Eastern District Auditions
TMTF Glen Mayberry Scholarship Auditions (offered to a high school senior who plans to major in music)
TMTF Honors Recitals

There have been many changes in our group this year. We are meeting in a new location - Piano & Organ Warehouse in Virginia Beach. We are also holding many of our events at Piano & Organ Warehouse, such as Levels of Progress and the VMTA Skills & Sight Reading Festival.

TMTF offers Achievement Award opportunities to our students in which they can earn trophies by participating in TMTF, VMTA and MTNA events. TMTF's 2008 MTNA Local Association of the Year Award provided the start-up funds for this program.

TMTF remains a large and active organization with 99 members. Its programs and student enrichment opportunities foster an environment furthering member teacher education while nurturing aspiring musicians.

Teacher members connect through meetings and develop professional collaborations through our events. The annual Yearbook is only one of many ways teachers are kept informed concerning upcoming events. The organization's *Stafflines* newsletter, published nine times throughout the year, keeps members abreast of all the latest activities. In addition, TMTF has a Facebook page and a brand new website which features Teacher Profiles. Prospective students can find teachers on our website and contact them either through the webmaster or directly according to the teacher's wishes.

The Student Activity Booklet provides a comprehensive listing of opportunities for student development. It comes complete with all the forms teachers need to register their students for TMTF sponsored events. For the first time, the Student Activity Booklet was published in digital form and sent to teachers who requested this option instead of a printed book. This saves printing costs for our group.

The Tidewater Music Teachers Forum strives to be an effective and unique organization for teachers of all instruments in the Tidewater area.

Susan Atkins
President 2011-2012