



# Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association

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## **From the President's Desk....**

**September 2017**

### **Dear PMTA Members,**

Welcome to a new school year full of new opportunities for learning! I look forward to continuing my professional development with the many wonderful opportunities our local associations, PMTA, and MTNA offer. As educators, we are lifetime learners, and I hope that all of you can take full advantage of the resources that our organization provides. Sometimes, at the beginning of a new school year, we set goals for ourselves such as being more organized or participating in a new event. I would challenge all of us to make one of those goals to take the time to learn something new, which can only serve to benefit our students and ourselves.

A great thank you to our local association presidents and program coordinators who thoughtfully plan meetings, master classes, and other events throughout the state. Thank you also to the PMTA board and conference committee for planning our high-quality state conferences, competitions and festivals. I also greatly appreciate MTNA's leadership which plans the national conferences and now the webinars that we can watch in the comfort of our own studios.

This September, I will be attending MTNA's leadership summit in Cincinnati to learn more about serving as your state president, to learn more about MTNA and its programs and benefits, and to learn more about how we as local and state associations can thrive and grow. I look forward to sharing what I

### **Upcoming Events**

**November 4, 2017**  
[Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival](#) and [Keystone Concerto Festival](#),  
PMTA Board Meeting

**November 5, 2017**  
[MTNA Performance Competitions](#)

**March 3, 2018**  
Keystone Chamber Music Competition

**March 17-21, 2018**  
[MTNA National Conference](#)

**March 31, 2018**  
Deadline for [Keystone Composition Competition Submissions](#)

**June 8-10, 2018**  
[PMTA State Conference](#)

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with you.

Plan to attend your local association meetings and programming this year whenever possible. You can find links to your [local associations](#) and their [events](#) on our state website. Plan to attend our state conference at Indiana University of Pennsylvania June 8-10, 2018. Plan to attend the MTNA national conference in Orlando, Florida at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort (!) March 17-21, 2018. There are so many exciting opportunities to learn and grow this year! Best wishes for a year full of new learning adventures!

**Mary Lynne Bennett, NCTM  
PMTA President**



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## **IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR YOUR CALENDARS!**

**[Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival](#) and [PMTA Keystone Concerto Festival](#)**

The 2017 State Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival Solo and Ensemble Showcase Recitals and the PMTA Keystone Concerto Festival will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA. **The online registration window is October 1, 2017 through 3:00 PM EST on Monday, October 16, 2017.** Only teachers may enter students for State Showcase Recitals online. **No emails or US Mail forms will be accepted.**

For more information, please contact Teri Smith, DSPF Chair, [DSPF@pamusicteachers.org](mailto:DSPF@pamusicteachers.org), and Steven Smith, PMTA Keystone Concerto Festival chair, [shs1@psu.edu](mailto:shs1@psu.edu).

Compositions for the **[Keystone Composition Contest](#)** must be received by April 1st. Applications and the entry fee should be postmarked **NO LATER THAN March 31, 2018.**

The [Keystone Chamber Music Competition](#) was a great success last year. There were 6 entrants, and the level and quality of the performances was truly impressive. Please note that the Chamber Competition is moving to another location for 2018. Esber Hall at Penn State, where it has been held for the last few years, will be undergoing repairs, so we are scheduled to hold the Chamber Competition at Elizabethtown College on March 3, 2018. Check our [website](#) for updates!

### **PMTA Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award and PMTA Distinguished Service Award: Call for Nominations**

PMTA is accepting nominations for our awards to be conferred at the June 2018 Conference: PMTA Distinguished Teacher of the Year and PMTA Distinguished Service Award. Each award is competitive and nominations should be submitted to Deborah Rodgers, Immediate Past President ([debarodgers@hotmail.com](mailto:debarodgers@hotmail.com)), who will work with a committee. Members can begin the process just by submitting a name by March 1, 2018; a letter with full details must be provided by April 1, 2018. [Click here](#) to review or download guidelines for nominations.

### **PMTA Matching Grants Awards**

PMTA is pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 Local Association Matching Grants Program. Local Associations may apply for matching grants to assist with program funding. For more information on applying for a grant for your local association, [click here](#).

- Northern Delaware Valley Chapter - \$175 for a Lecture/Demo with Tim Schafer
- Philadelphia Music Teachers Association - \$400 for a Lecture/Masterclass with Brian Ganz
- Northeast Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association - \$500 for a Recital/Masterclass with Spencer Myer

Congratulations to these locals on receiving these matching grants and best wishes for successful programs!

### **PMTA FACEBOOK GROUP**



Be sure to join the [Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association Facebook group](#) to stay up-to-date with state association announcements. Local association members are also encouraged to post updates, events and chapter news!

**[www.pamusicteachers.org](http://www.pamusicteachers.org)**

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