

North Dekalb Music Teachers Association

Newsletter

August 2016

Laurel H. Harrell, President

Notes from the President

Dear Members,

Welcome back to NDMTA! I hope you each had a restful & refreshing summer. In this second year of service as your President, I look forward to learning and growing together with you.

I am happy to announce that Hwee Boon Ng has agreed to be our new Vice President of Programs. She has already been busy lining up speakers for the 2016-17 season. Come be a part of welcoming her as we vote and officially install our new V.P. at our August meeting.

Looking ahead, we have a joint meeting at Piano Works with NFMFTA on Tuesday, September 13th. Dr. Timothy Albrecht from Emory University will present "How to Teach Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier." Mark your calendars now for this unique and timely program.

Are you preparing students for the Bach Competition on October 15th? It will be here before long! Come to the August meeting with any questions you have regarding the specifics of this big event!

Laurel H. Harrell

August Meeting Business Meeting Only

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2016

Location: Cambridge Academy
6000 Medlock Bridge Pkwy
Johns Creek

Time: 10:00 AM – Business Meeting

Hostesses: Ping Xu

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Announcements

The Bach Competition information and forms are now available on the website. Forms may be downloaded.

All students participating in the Local Auditions in 2017 MUST take the GATE Theory Test UNLESS they have earned an exemption. Please see the GMTA website for a list of students who have earned exemptions. Students who are only entering the Piano Concerto event as well as Seniors who will only audition at the State level must also take the GATE Test. Students must take the GATE Test in the chapter where they enter Local Auditions.

For North Dekalb students, the GATE will be given at GSU on February 18, 2017, the same date and location of our Local Auditions. Students may take the test before or after their Audition, starting at 9:30 AM. There is a fee of \$10 for this test that must be paid at the time the entry fee for Local Auditions is paid. (See our Yearbook for fees and deadlines)

If you have students that are interested in taking the GMTA State Theory Test (thereby earning exemptions for the GATE test), please let Gayle Vann know. We will set up a time and place for administering the test.

Upcoming Events

<u>Tuesday</u> September 13, 2016 Piano Works	Dr. Timothy Albrecht How to Teach Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier
October 15, 2016 Georgia State Univ. Standard Building	Bach Competition
October 20, 2016 Cambridge Academy	Huu Mai The Art of Practice
November 3-5, 2016 Macon, Georgia	GMTA State Convention
November 17, 2016 Cambridge Academy	George Mann Auditions – From an Adjudicator's Perspective