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New Certification Examinations

Three new Certification Examinations have been completed that meet the requirements for fulfilling Standards II, III and IV, bringing all documents pertaining to the Certification Program in line with the MTNA Professional Certification Standards.

These exams will test candidates in all of the twenty-one performance areas in which MTNA Professional Certification is offered, and will be used on a predetermined rotation plan. A different exam will be provided for those who do not pass the first time.

The Examination will be evaluated on the basis of PASS/FAIL for each of the three Standards (II, III & IV). Only the Standard(s) that results in FAIL will require retesting.

Supporting materials and documents pertaining to the Certification Examination

have been revised. In particular, the STUDY GUIDE reflects the new evaluation guidelines.

The new examinations are formatted in the following manner:

◇ Standard II: Sections A, B and C

◇ Standard III: Sections A and B

◇ Standard IV: Sections A and B

Answering one question from each of the seven sections will be required. The STUDY GUIDE contains a sample question from each section that reflects the subject matter of its contents.

Target date for the inauguration of the new Certification Examination is October 1, 2005.

For More Information Contact: Brian Shepard
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Application Made Easier

Applying for MTNA Professional Certification has just been made easier with the availability of fillable forms on the MTNA Certification Website.

Applicants may now go to the Website, bring up the appropriate forms, type in the information requested and print them out for submitting to MTNA.

The forms are available for applicants seeking initial certification as well as for those seeking renewal of certification. This is much easier for applicants than completing the forms by hand and forces the "old typewriter" into even deeper obsolescence.

Evaluators will find fillable forms much easier to read.

To check out this new service provided by MTNA, visit the MTNA Certification website at www.mtnacertification.org.

10TH WORLD PIANO PEDAGOGY CONFERENCE Anaheim, CA Oct. 26-29, 2005

WPPC PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 30!

LUIZ AND BRIDGET DE MOURA CASTRO WILL
BE GIVING A DEMONSTRATION ON EXERCISES SUGGESTED BY
HUNGARIAN PEDAGOGUE JOSEPH GAT.

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Plans for MAP in 2005-06

Put these dates on your calendar!

March 18 – Hartford MAP
(chair: Christine Brodzik)

April 1 – Middlesex/New
London MAP (chair: Joyce
Baxter)

May 6 – Western MAP
(chair: Felicia Feng
Zhang)

Remember that teachers
from any chapter may
register for any of these
dates.

Check your chapter
newsletter or with your
local chair for Guidelines
and Rules, Order Form
for Materials, Registration
Form, and registration

deadlines. (Deadlines are
typically about 5 weeks
prior to the MAP day.) A
description of MAP is on
the CSMTA website. You
can also contact State Chair,
Linda MacGougan.

A MAP Advisory
Committee has been formed
to oversee the curriculum
and the administration of
the program. We welcome
your input! Please contact
any of the members with
your questions, suggestions,
or concerns. Members are
Joyce Baxter, Sue DeWolf,
Sharon Girard, Linda
MacGougan, and Felicia
Feng Zhang.



Renée B. Fisher Piano Competition

Auditions for the
28th annual Renée
B. Fisher Piano
Competition took place
on April 17, 2005, at the
Neighborhood Music
School in New Haven. The
judges were William Braun,
Madeleine Forte and Ayako
Tsuruta.

Winners in the
Elementary/Middle School
division:

- ◇ Honorable Mention
– Edward Liu (student of
Sandra Shaw Murphy *)
- ◇ Second Prize – tie
between Annie Rose

Tindall-Gibson (student of
Margreet Francis *) and
Sophia Chua-Rubenfeld
(student of Michelle
Zingale *)

- ◇ First Prize – Mario Marra
(student of Norma Verrilli)

Winners in the High
School Division:

- ◇ Honorable Mention – Ben
Scherban (student of
Donald Alfano *)
- ◇ Second Prize – Zachary
Weiner (student of Natalie
Maynard *)
- ◇ First Prize – Graciella
Arguedas-Herrera (student
of Natalie Maynard *)

Prize for the best
performance of the
commissioned work for the
Elementary/Middle School
Division, *Piano Prelude No.
4* by Steven Holochwost,
was awarded to Mario
Marra.

The best performance of
the commissioned work for
the High School Division,
Variations for Solo Piano
by Gregory Hutter, was
awarded to Zachary Weiner.

All the winners
performed in concert
on May 8 at Christ
Presbyterian Church in

New Haven at which time
their awards were presented
by Shelley Fisher Fishkin,
daughter of the late Renée
B. Fisher in whose memory
the competition was
established.

Application materials for
the 2006 Piano Competition
will be available in October
2005; application deadline
will be January 28, 2006.
Live auditions will be
held on April 23, 2006, at
the Neighborhood Music
School in New Haven, as
will the Winners Concert on
May 7.

New Members and Address Changes

Gina Nedderman, gntnnd@sbcglobal.net
Pat Gronback, pdqinc@snet.net
Edith Sullivan, egs44pcr@sbcglobal.net.
RoseMarie Tamburri, Ronyc714@aol.com
Margaret Ann Martin, margarpiano@sbcglobal.net
Aine Kelly-Brown, aineofwoodstock@yahoo.com

New Members

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Angela Meyers, 70 Stofield Ave., Bridgeport, CT
06605; Fairfield Ch., no
phone listed; asmeyers@hotmail.com; Piano
Ian Loew, 196 Crown St. #210, New Haven, CT
06510; Tuba, Brass; NH chapter; 617-359-2990;
iloew@hotmail.com
Bernadette Niedermeier, 170 River Rd., Killingworth,
CT 06419; no phone
listed; bcnmuse@aol.com; Piano, (M) Transferring
from Ohio
Jessica Seifel, 18 Knowood Rd., West Hartford,
CT 06110; 860-561-0717; Hartford Chapter,
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Marsha Simmons, 2413 Avenue E, Brownwood, TX
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(N) transferring from Texas
Wendy Musk, 23 Equestrian Ridge, Newtown, CT
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Piano, Chorus



CSMTA State Convention

November 5, 2005

South Church, New Britain, CT

(Directions below)



8:15 - 9:00 Registration
 9:00 - 9:30 Welcoming Remarks, Business Meeting
 9:30 - 9:45 David Westfall, organist
 9:45 - 10:45 Dr. Maurice Hinson: How to Motivate Your Students
 10:45 - 11:00 Break
 11:00 - 11:45 Jay Hickerson: Harold Arlen & Other Composers
 celebrating their centennial in 2005
 11:45- 12:15 Performers (Jr. & Sr. State winners)
 12:15 - 1:15 Lunch
 1:15 - 2:30 Lynda Metelsky: I know what I want....But my hands won't
 do it!

2:30 - 3:30 Masterclass with Maurice Hinson
 3:30 - 3:45 Break
 3:45 - 4:30 Danny Rocks: Copyright
 4:30 4:50 Performer (Young Artist Winner)
 4:50 - 5:15 Dr. Gary Ingle: MTNA Update from the Executive Director
 5:15 - 5:35 Geoffrey Gordon: Commissioned Composition
 5:35 Closing Remarks
 *Pre-Registration Deadline: October 22, 2005
 *Please pre-register. Adequate food counts are appreciated.
 Mail the form below and check payable to CSMTA, Inc., to:
 Jay Hickerson, 219 Corbin Rd., Hamden, CT 06517

Member Pre-Registration \$40 (\$45 after October 22); All Students \$15

Non-Member Pre-Registration \$45 (\$50 after October 10)

Fee includes a Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Meat or Vegetarian. (Please circle one)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Chapter: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Directions to South Church

From the West (New York, Danbury, Waterbury): I-84 East to Exit 35 (Route 72 East). From Route 72, take third exit (Exit9) for Main Street (to Route 71). Take next two right turns onto Chestnut Street. Church is straight ahead at Chestnut and Main Streets.

From the North and East (Boston, Springfield, Hartford and east-of-river towns):

I-84 West out of Hartford to Exit 39A (a new exit) for Route 9 South to New Britain. From Route 9, take Exit 27 for Chestnut Street (a left-lane exit). Right at end of ramp onto Chestnut. Church is three blocks ahead at Chestnut and Main.

From the South (New Haven, Middletown): Route 9 North to New Britain or from I-91 in Cromwell (Exit 22N). From Route 9, take Exit 26 for Downtown New Britain. At end of ramp, proceed straight for one block to Chestnut Street. Left onto Chestnut Street. Church is straight ahead at Chestnut and Main.



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