October 4, 2016

Dear Charlotte Music Teachers Association members:

I hope that your fall schedule is running well and that you and your students are enjoying making beautiful music!

October brings cooler weather, colorful fall foliage, and many deadlines.

**NCMTA Conference – October 20-23, 2016 at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC**

[Conference details online.](http://www.ncmta.org/conference.html)  Attend the NCMTA Conference to hear many interesting and insightful programs, including a recital and master classes by conference artist Ann Schein.  The conference is a great opportunity to experience a variety of wonderful performances and presentations, and to connect or reconnect with new and old colleagues in an active and supportive community of musicians.  The details link takes you to information on the conference schedule, accommodations, online registration & meals, etc.  *Register early – prices increase on October 12.*Also, please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible – the conference is during Furniture Market, so accommodations will be difficult to obtain if you procrastinate.

**CMTA's Student Musician Certification Program** encourages students to explore the world of music beyond their private lessons.  Registration deadline is October 15.  *See attachment*.  For additional information, contact chairman Robin Love, [rjlove@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rjlove@carolina.rr.com).

**CMTA Beethoven Composition Event** application deadline is Monday, October 24, 2016.  Chairman is Diane Higgins, [dwhiggins@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dwhiggins@carolina.rr.com).  *See attachment for details and application*.  Student composers receive written critiques and have the opportunity to perform their compositions in a "celebration of creativity" recital on January 8, 2017.

**NCMTA Charlotte District** [Piano Performance Festival](http://www.ncmta.org/eventsregistration/ncmtapianoperformancefestival.php) and [Piano Duet Performance Festival](http://www.ncmta.org/eventsregistration/ncmtapianoduetperformancefestival.html) (new this year) will be held at Queens University of Charlotte on March 4, 2017.  Registration deadline is January 14, 2017.  See links for rules and repertoire requirements.  Please plan to attend the Piano Section business meeting at the NCMTA Conference on Saturday, October 22 at 8:30 AM, Room M201, for discussion of several items regarding the Piano Performance Festival.

After the conference, please visit the online links for news of any changes in PPF rules or procedures.

I hope to see many of you at the NCMTA Conference at Wake Forest!