

Dear Charlotte Music Teachers Association Members,

I hope you and your students are doing well as we navigate through these unusual times with new protocols and procedures due to COVID-19.

Upcoming events of interest:

Reminder (the original e-blast was sent by our state membership VP to NCMTA members on September 7)

The 2020-2021 NCMTA Piano Performance Festival Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020 (next weekend!).

The event will be live-streamed via Zoom from Ruggero Piano Company in Raleigh (no live audience in attendance).

To be included in the remote audience through Zoom, you must register online

at <http://www.ncmta.org/festivalscontests/pianofestivalworkshops.html>

Registration fee is \$30 for teachers, \$5 for students.

Registration deadline is Monday, September 14, 2020 (tomorrow!). All payments must be submitted by the deadline in order to participate.

Dr. Mark Tollefsen and Charlotte's own Diane Higgins are the clinicians for the September 19 event.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (Literature section times are approximate and may be adjusted per the clinician.)

8:30 Registration
9:00 Junior A literature
10:20 Break (approximate time)
10:30 Junior B literature
12:00 LUNCH
1:00 Senior A literature
2:50 Break (approximate time)
3:00 Senior B literature
5:00 End of Workshop

The Piano Performance Festival Workshop is an ONLINE ONLY EVENT. We have heard from multiple members who expressed interest in attending in person, and appreciate your enthusiasm! Due to the pandemic, Ruggero Piano is currently not open for public events. They have graciously allowed us to stream the workshop from their location, so that we can take advantage of the technology they have in that space!

Please don't let that deter you from attending virtually! We have worked to make sure the presentation is easily viewable and interactive. You will still be able to ask questions via the chat function, and you will be able to see the presenter and their PowerPoint presentation on split screen! Get excited for a truly informative experience!

NCMTA's Annual Conference "Looking Forward with Vision, Understanding our Past" will be all virtual October 17 through 24, 2020. Keep watching the NCMTA website for conference details <http://www.ncmta.org/home.html>

In case you didn't know, **NCMTA was named MTNA State Affiliate of the Year for 2020** – congratulations to our leadership as well as to all of the members who keep NCMTA thriving!

Best regards,

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President, Charlotte MTA