January 12, 2018

Upcoming dates of interest:

**NCMTA District Performance Festival Registration Deadline – Saturday, January 27 at midnight**

The **district registration deadline** for NCMTA’s Piano Performance Festival, Piano Duet Performance Festival, and Voice Performance Festival is January 27, 2018 (online only).

NCMTA Charlotte District Performance Festival will be held at Queens University on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Repertoire, regulations, and registration forms for **piano solo** are online at <http://www.ncmta.org/ncmtapianoperformancefestival.html> (follow links in left column)

Repertoire, regulations, and registration forms for **piano duet** are online at <http://www.ncmta.org/ncmtapianoduetperformancefestival.html> (follow links in left column)

Repertoire, regulations, and registration forms for **voice** are online at <http://www.ncmta.org/ncmtavoiceperformancefestival.html> (follow links in left column)

The general website link for all NCMTA Performance Festivals is <http://www.ncmta.org/studentevents/performancefestival.html>

For students in Junior B, Senior A, and Senior B who earn a rating of Highest Honors at District PPF, the NCMTA State-West Piano Performance Festival and Piano Duet Performance Festival will be held March 24, 2018.

**Student Composition Recital – Sunday, January 28 at 3 pm**

Charlotte MTA’s Beethoven Composition Event (“A Celebration of Musical Creativity”) takes place at 3 pm on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at Miller Piano Company, 5236 East Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28212.  Please come to hear local student composers perform their works in recital, then join us afterwards at a reception to meet judge and composer Wade Peeples and talk with the young composers.

The **2018 MTNA National Conference** will be held at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, March 17-21, 2018.  Details online at <https://www.mtna.org/Conference/Conference_Home/Conference/Home.aspx?hkey=cecd079e-f62b-4ed5-8575-57e2283ba248>

For your future planning:  the **60th Annual NCMTA Conference** will be held at UNC School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, NC,  October 11-14, 2018.

If you are interested in **RCM (Royal Conservatory of Music) assessments for your students**, visit the RCM website <https://www.rcmusic.com>/   The nearest RCM exam center is University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.  A handful of Charlotte teachers enter students in the RCM program every year – Brittany Smith would like to try to establish an RCM exam center here in Charlotte so students would not have to travel to Columbia for exams.  She needs a preliminary estimate on teachers and number of students in Charlotte who would participate if we had a local exam center here.  If you are interested, please contact Brittany at faithchristianmusicstudio@gmail.com or 704-350-5668.  We hope to see the RCM program expand in Charlotte.

If you are interested in **ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) assessments for your students**, contact ABRSM representative for Virginia: Nancy MacLachlan at abrsm.dc@gmail.com.

Visit ABRSM’s website:  <https://us.abrsm.org/en/about-abrsm>/

In June 2017 an ABRSM examiner was here in Charlotte for one day, with a handful of area teachers entering students.  We hope to see the program expand locally so that Charlotte will become a “permanent” exam center on the ABRSM schedule, otherwise our students must travel to suburban DC, to Atlanta, or to Nashville for exams.