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President's Message

Dear MMTA members,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving Celebration together with your families and loved ones. We are very thankful for each of you and your continuous support throughout the years. As we approach our 87th anniversary on December 3rd, I would like to share with you our accomplishments during the first trimester of this school year.

The Enrichment Day opened our Fall season with presentations that were very beneficial to all attendees. It was also a great opportunity to re-connect with some of our District members and to meet new colleagues as well. Thank you to our local members, who accompanied me, to support this event; Zelda Jensen, Sahily Canovas, and Jay Harragin. A big thank you to our members Marina Berberian and Irena Kofman for their wonderful performances. My appreciation to Dr. Jose López for accepting our invitation to make a presentation about Telemann Fantasies.

Our students were very engaged and active the past three months as well. In October, we had a wonderful Fall Student Recital with 19 participants at the beautiful Christ Congregational Church. Congratulations to all participating students and their teachers.

In November, we had the members' meeting followed by a Piano Master Class with international acclaimed pianist and Professor Tao Lin. It was an afternoon of beautiful music and much learning for all of us. Thank you to Paul Posnak for coordinating this event. Thank you to Vanessa Furla and Jay Harragin for helping in the organization and preparation for the recital and the master class.

I am also very proud of the work we have done to bring back our Tones and Overtones newsletter (sent in October) and the Yearbook 2021-2022 (sent in November). We are currently working on updating our Constitution and Bylaws to add it to the Yearbook. You will receive the updated version when it is completed. Our website has also been updated. Please note that we are transitioning to have all application forms posted on the website (including Honors Recital and Scholarships Auditions). Please check our website for updates as you prepare for each event.

The annual MMTA Fundraising Gala was scheduled for this coming Saturday December 4th. Unfortunately, we had to postpone it due to low enrollment. Let us be together and stronger when we schedule it again at the beginning of the new year. It is very important for our scholarships' funds to have many participants and a large audience to help grow the funds that we give back to our students every year.

I would like to invite you to our next event; Teacher's Day on January 23, 2022. If you would like to participate or suggest ideas for this event, please contact us!

As we enjoy the "most wonderful time of the year", may you always be blessed with joy, health, and love. I wish you all a happy holiday season and a wonderful, successful, and musical New Year 2022!

Marianela Gonzalez, President
Miami Music Teachers Association

Fall 2021 MMTA Activities

On October 23, MMTA students presented an eclectic program at the **Fall Student Recital**. The first event of our academic year hosted 19 young performers, ages 8-17. Congratulations to all the students and the teachers for the hard work and the highly enjoyable performances!

We would like to thank the **Christ Congregational Church** for kindly hosting all of our Fall 2021 Events.



MMTA teacher Carl Lauderman and vocal student performing at the Fall student Recital



Participating Students and Teachers at the Fall Student Recital



Piano Student Performing at the Fall Student Recital



Student pianist Diya Agarwal

On November 13, guest piano teacher and acclaimed artist Tao Lin, presented a **Masterclass** for MMTA piano students.

The five student participants were selected after video audition and performed repertoire selections by Haydn, Beethoven, Chopin, and Debussy.

Student performers:

Diya Agarwal (Teacher: Marianela Gonzalez)

Jonathan Hus (Teacher: Soo Jung Kwon)

Yanjun Wang (Teacher: Nightingale Ngo)

Daniel Farias (Teacher: Debora Sanchez)

Anthony Goenaga (Teacher: Eva Garrucho)



Student Performer Anthony Goenaga



Masterclass Performers with Mr. Tao Lin

1st Miami Music Teachers Foundation (MMTF) Pat Simpson Concerto Competition - 2021



Joshua Safont
1st Prize Winner

Congratulations to our inaugural concerto competition **winner**:

1st Prize – Joshua Safont, Piano
Teacher: Sahily Canovas

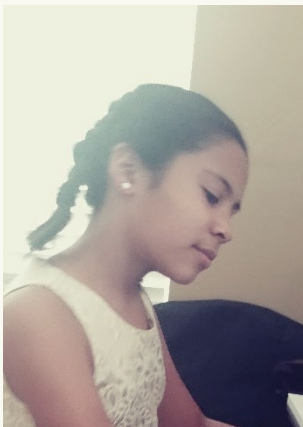
2nd Prize – Isabela Diaz, Violin
Teacher: Huifang Chen

3rd Prize – Zoe Aldana, Piano
Teacher: Sahily Canovas



Isabela Diaz
2nd Prize Winner

All three winners will receive scholarship awards, plus a performance of their concerti with the **Stamps String Quartet**. The 1st MMTF Pat Simpson Concerto Competition Winners' Concert will be on **Sunday, March 27, 2022** at Corpus Christi Church. The event will also be highlighted as part of the prestigious Martha Mary Concert Series.



Zoe Aldana
3rd Prize Winner

Are you interested in registering your students for the **2nd MMTF Pat Simpson Concerto Competition?**

See the 2022 Rules [HERE](#)

Download the registration form [HERE](#)

District 6 Teacher Enrichment Day took place on Saturday, October 2, 2021

The following people gave presentations at the October 2nd in person Enrichment Day (or annual one day conference which takes place in each district of the state):

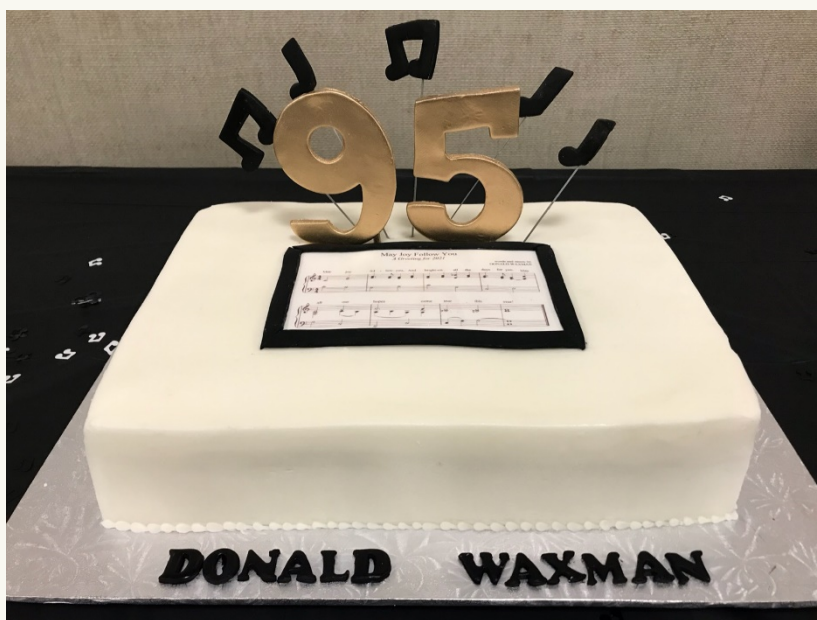
1. Loni White and Rhonda Danielson (District 6 President) - Private studio business practices;

2. Mary Beth Purchase (FSMTF President) - Creative group classes;

3. Dr Hristo Popov (District 6 Treasurer) - Teaching strings, with a demonstration of a baroque versus modern bow;

4. Dr José Lopez from FIU - Telemann Fantasies for intermediate students with a focus on style, embellishments and articulation;

5. Gail Smith - A tribute to César Franck's music and his upcoming 200th birthday, as well as Gail's own compositions, including a wonderful "Happy Birthday" arrangement for Donald Waxman, almost 96 years old, ending with:



6. Donald Waxman, composer, who discussed the musical language of his pedagogical works. He was presented with a cake that was decorated with one of his compositions and he was delighted that he could finally have his cake (music) and eat it too. MMTA members Irena Kofman and Marina Berberian performed his Three Marches For Piano Four-Hands, much to his approval.

Lunch was provided and there was much camaraderie seeing old friends after endless zoom meetings.



You are cordially invited to attend the

FSMTA District 6 Piano Concerto Competition

Chairperson: Huifang Helen Chen

954-258-6592

11451 NW 49th Dr.

Coral Springs, FL 33076

huifanghelen@yahoo.com

Competition date:

Saturday, March 19, 2022

Registration deadline:

Saturday, February 19, 2022

Competition location:

Palm Beach Atlantic University

**Concerto Registration Form [HERE](#)
All FSMTA Competitive Events [HERE](#)**

Member Highlights

Congratulations to the following MMTA teachers and students for their accomplishments:

Pianist Dr. Posnak will be performing at the *Beethoven Celebration Concert* on Saturday, December 4 at La Merced Miami. Information and tickets [HERE](#).

Pianist Dr. Luca Cubisino has been appointed as the Director of the Advanced Piano Program at the Frost School of Music Preparatory Program.

Pianist Dr. Yianni Iliadis has been appointed as part-time Lecturer at the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami.

Flutist Dr. Vanessa Furla has won the Platinum Prize at the Global International Music Competition, Professional, Versatile Musician Category.

Sahily Canovas' Piano Student Zoe Aldana has won Bronze Medal at the 3rd WPTA Singapore International Piano Competition, Young Virtuoso Category.

Sahily Canovas' Piano Student Joshua Safont has won Bronze Medal at the 3rd WPTA Singapore International Piano Competition, Rising Talent Category.

Huifang Chen's Violin student Isabela Diaz has won third Prize at the Alhambra Orchestra Concerto Competition.

Piano teacher Nightingale Ngo has been featured in an interview at the Voyage MIA magazine. Full interview [HERE](#).

Welcome new MMTA Members:

Ariana Maria Vidal: Piano
Soo Jung Kwon: Piano, Accompanying, Church Music
Luca Cubisino, Piano

Full member list and contact information [HERE](#)

MMTA Members:

Send us your news and achievements to be featured in the next Tones & Overtones issue!

Upcoming MMTA Event Registration

MMTF Scholarships Auditions & Recital

Chairperson: Marianela Gonzalez info@vivaceartsconservatory.com
[Registration Form](#)

Composition Contest

Chairperson: Nightingale Ngo nightingalepianostudio@gmail.com
[Registration Form](#)

Postmarked Registration Deadline: January 31, 2022

Participation Fee: \$25

Please read the complete scholarship rules [HERE](#)

Complete MMTA 2021-2022 Calendar of Events [HERE](#)



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A Special Live Performance in Miami

Overtures, Sonatas, and the sparkling First Symphony

Saturday, December 4 at 7:30pm

Performances by
world acclaimed pianists

Dr. Paul Posnak &
Dr. Anita Castiglione

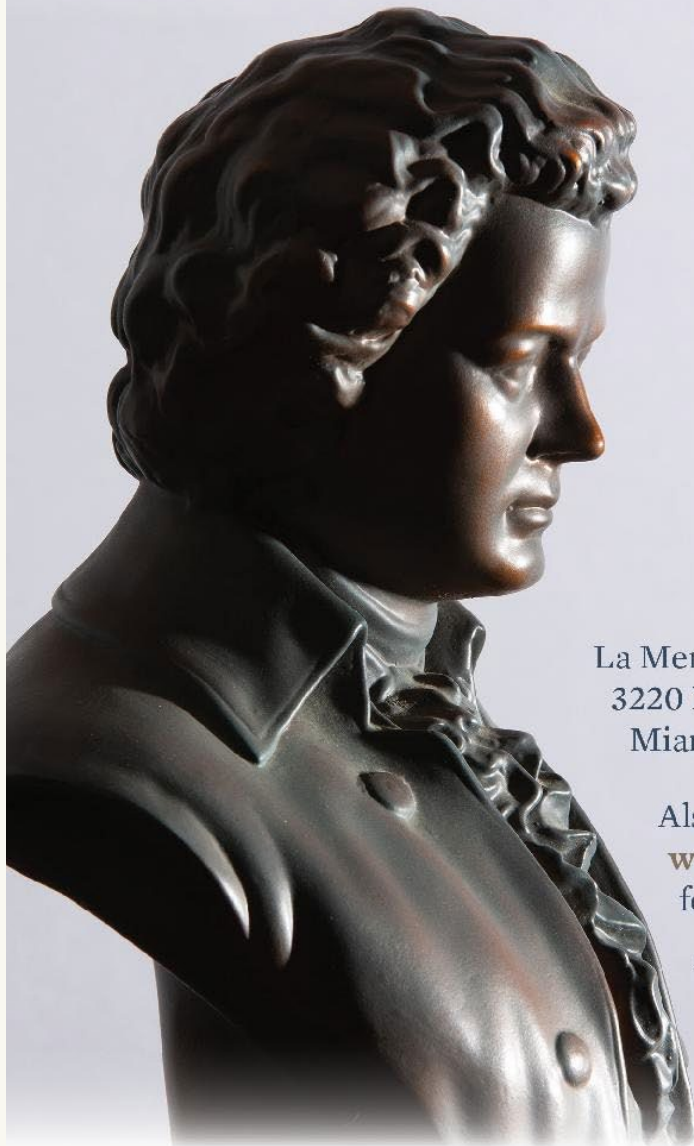


& award winning
musicians

Contrast Duo:
Yasa Poletaeva, violin &
Darren Matias, piano



Piano Duo:
Diana Skobina &
Sergei Skobin



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Info at <https://prep.frost.miami.edu>