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1st PAT SIMPSON
Concerto Competition
Winners Concert

MARCH 27th

4:00 PM

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**FUNDRAISING
GALA**

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**

MARCH 28th

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*This is the most important event
MMTA holds to raise funds for
our scholarships and to support
our student's music education.
We look forward to seeing you
all there!*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 68th MMTF Annual Honors Recital took place on March 12th, 2022, at the beautiful Christ Congregational Church. I would like to congratulate all participating students, teachers, and especially to all the winners who also performed a wonderful recital.

This year, we had over 35 participants for all different scholarships: Merit, Latin American, Ensemble, and Composition. I am very happy to share that we also had participants in the VOCAL Merit Scholarship, in which we didn't had any competitors since 2015. The auditions were held on February 26th, and we had an amazing panel of judges; Marcia Littlely, Redi Llupa, and Diana Skobina. We had Ms. Christine Peterson as the composition judge. They were very professional in their evaluations and very helpful throughout the auditions.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a "special thank" to all teachers who registered students this year and who also helped in many ways to have a successful audition and recital days.

Thank you, Nightingale Ngo, for your work as the Composition Contest Chairperson and for all your work with the program for the Honors Recital. Thank you to Jay Harragin and Rolando Miralles for helping with the venue set up and for monitoring the early morning students. Thank you, Sahily Canovas, for monitoring and helping during lunch time. Thank you Cintia Becerra and Natacha Vidaurrazaga for serving as monitors in the afternoon and picking up at the end of the day. Thank you, Luca Cubisino, for taking care of the student's certificates. Thank you to all other participating teachers for your donations as your contribution to this event (Rieko Nakashima, Ariana Vidal, Irena Kofman, Debora Sanchez, Eva Garrucho, & Ludmila Vaserstein).

I would like to invite you to the 1st PAT SIMPSON Concerto Competition Winners Concert on March 27th in collaboration with the Stamps Quartet from the University of Miami. It would be a wonderful afternoon to enjoy our young talented students!

Our annual FUNDRAISING GALA will take place on April 9th. Refreshments will be offered after the concert! It will be a great time to get together and to re-connect with each other after two long years of social distancing during the pandemic. I am counting on each of you to encourage your students to register and to bring as many guests as possible!

It is in our hands the success of this important event for our association.

Your support is much appreciated!

Wishing you all the very best,

Marianela Gonzalez, MMTA President

68th HONORS RECITAL



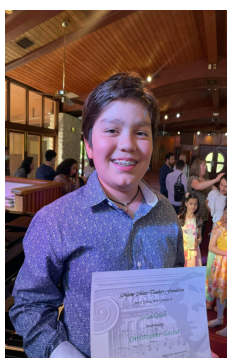
I hope you all had a positive experience in this year's audition and Honors Recital. On behalf of MMTF, I am glad to have received lots of appreciation compliments from teachers, parents, and students. I believe in the great things we can achieve together in our association to motivate our students to keep growing musically.

Looking forward to our next edition of the scholarships and honors auditions!

Scholarships Judges:
(left to right in the picture)
Marcia Littley, Redi Llupa
& Diane Skobina



Brianette Diaz



Christopher Rocha



Mery Mouradian & Yeva Mouradian



CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS & TEACHERS!

Please See Page 6 for the complete list of winners and their teachers.

For more pictures from the Honors Recital, please visit our social media accounts:
[@miamiMTA](#)



1st PAT SIMPSON Concerto Competition

Winners Concert

Dear Members,

The Martha Marcy-Yamaha Concert Series, in collaboration with the Miami Music Teachers Association, will present a special "Starburst" Concert on Sunday, March 27, featuring the three outstanding young Winners of the 1st MMTF Pat Simpson Concerto Competition: Joshua Safont, pianist, Isabela Diaz, violinist, and Zoe Aldana, pianist.

They will be accompanied in their concerto performances by the Award-Winning UM Frost School Stamps String Quartet. The Quartet will also play the moving and powerful Robert Schumann Quintet for Piano and Strings.

The concert will take place at the beautiful Corpus Christi Church, located at 3200 7th Ave. in Miami. Admission will be \$15 for all adults and children over 12 years. Masks will be required. Parking is plentiful, and free.

Please mark this date, bring students, family, and music-loving friends.

Paul Posnak, Artistic Director of the Martha/Mary-Yamaha Concert Series, and the Executive Board of the Miami Music Teachers Association.



1st Prize

Joshua Safont, Piano

Sahily Canovas, Teacher



2nd Prize

Isabela Diaz, Violin

Huifang Chen, Teacher



3rd Prize

Zoe Aldana, Piano

Sahily Canovas, Teacher



2021 · 2022

Martha/Mary Yamaha Concerts

Paul Posnak, Founding Artistic Director

Starburst Concert



This year's concert is a truly special event as we present three young winners of the first Miami Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition, each playing a concerto movement. Featuring **Zoe Aldana**, piano; **Isabella Diaz**, violin, and **Joshua Safont**, piano.

They will be accompanied by the University of Miami Frost School **Stamps String Quartet**. These four full scholarship-winning young musicians will play the glorious Schumann Quintet for piano and strings, with Polish pianist and UM student **Piotr Kozlowski**.

SUNDAY | MARCH 27 | 4PM

TIX \$15 & \$25 ONLINE marthamaryconcerts.org • CORPUS CHRISTI parish office • AT DOOR
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2ND Pat Simpson Concerto Competition is taking place on

NOVEMBER 12th, 2022

REGISTRATION DEADLINE October 28th

Please visit our website for rules and all other information

<http://miamimta.org/scholarships/>

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

HONORS & SCHOLARSHIPS WINNERS 2022

Students

Merit Scholarship Junior A (through grade 4)

1st place: Irina Vidal

2nd place: Jayden Chen

3rd place: Lucas Hernandez

3rd place: Amy Oliva

Honorable Mention:

Merit Scholarship Junior B (grades 5th & 6th)

1st place: Zoe Aldana

1st place: Alexa Vidal

2nd place: Christopher Rocha

3rd place: Christina Koyama

3rd place: Raphael Hablich

Honorable Mention: Augustine del Sesto

Teachers

Ariana Vidal

Irena Kofman

Rolando Miralles

Cintia Becerra

Sahily Canovas

Ariana Vidal

Sahily Canovas

Irena Kofman

Eva Garrucho

Ludmila

Vaserstein

AWARDS:

In memory of Margaret Squier; sponsor of the Merit Scholarships

for students in grades: 6th ,7th ,9th & 10th

Miami Music Teachers Foundation is the sponsor of all other students' awards

Merit Scholarship Junior C (grades 7th & 8th)

1st place:

2nd place: Magdiel Diaz

Rolando Miralles

3rd place:

Honorable Mention:

Merit Scholarship Senior A (grades 9th & 10th)

1st place:

2nd place:

3rd place: Dustin Roberts

Nightingale Ngo

Honorable Mention:

Merit Scholarship Senior B (grades 11th & 12th)

1st place: Jin Yang Li

Irena Kofman

2nd place: Eric Kuo

Rieko
Nakashima

2nd place: Lilli Theisen

3rd place: Daniel Farias

Luca Cubisino

Honorable Mention:

Debora Sanchez

To support our scholarships, please send your donation
through Zelle: miamiMTAinformation@gmail.com

(all lower case)

Thank you!

Merit Scholarship Junior VOICE (through age 13)

1st place: Brianette Diaz

Natacha
Vidaurrazaga

2nd place: Emma Camacho

3rd place:

Natacha
Vidaurrazaga

Honorable Mention:

MMTF Latin-American Scholarship

Winner: Emily Chea

Sahily Canovas

MMTF Ensemble Scholarship Elementary

1st place: Jayden Chen & Claire Feng

Irena Kofman

2nd place:

MMTF Ensemble Scholarship Junior

1st place: Mery Mouradian & Yeva Mouradian

Ludmila Vaserstein

2nd place:

MMTF Ensemble Scholarship Senior

1st place: Tiffany Beh & Nicholas Beh

Nightingale Ngo

2nd place:

HONORS AUDITION SENIOR:

Magdiel Diaz

Rolado Miralles

Eric Kuo

Rieko Nakashima

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Cintia Becerra, Piano

Natacha Vidaurrazaga, Voice & Piano

MMTF Composition Contest Junior

1st place: Tiffany Beh

2nd place: Nicholas Beh

MMTF Composition Contest Senior

1st place: Irene Lee

2nd place: Eric Kuo

HONORS AUDITION JUNIOR:

Miranda Davila

Amelia Nusspaumer

Lisette Safont

Federico Galleazzi

Matteo Vidal

Amy Oliva

Alexa Vidal

Lucas Hernandez

Veronica Marques

Raphael Hablich

Emma Camacho (Voice)

Brianette Diaz (Voice)

Nightingale Ngo

Nightingale Ngo

Nightingale Ngo

Nightingale Ngo

Marianela Gonzalez

Sahily Canovas

Sahily Canovas

Paul Posnak

Ariana Vidal

Cintia Becerra

Ariana Vidal

Rolando Miralles

Eva Garrucho

Eva Garrucho

Natacha Vidaurrazaga

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MEMBERS HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Luca Cubisino's piano student Lilli Theisen, enrolled in the Frost Advanced Piano Program, has won the 1st Prize in the GMYS Concerto Competition. She performed with the Greater Miami Youth Symphony on March 12th at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center, FIU School of Music.

Prof. Sachiko Jaquez will present an educational Jazz event on April 9th – 10th. See page 11 for more information.

FUNDRAISING GALA – APRIL 9th

Register Now!

Greetings to all MMTA members:
I hope this finds all members healthy and happy and that your students are anxious to get back to playing in front of a live audience.
I'm pleased to announce the reset of our annual Fundraising Gala!

The event will take place on **Saturday April 9th** at 3:00 PM and it will be held at:

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
2750 McFarlane Rd,
Coconut Grove, FL 33133

Refreshments to follow the concert!

The registration **deadline is set for March 28th.** Entry fee is \$25 per applicant (1 check or 1 Zelle transfer from the teacher, as indicated in the application form). Duets are encouraged and teachers are welcome to perform solo or with their student(s). Highlighting this performance will be a duo presentation by Paul Posnak and Anita Castiglione.

The application form was sent by email.
You can also find it on our website:
miamiMTA.org

Applications from teachers can be sent to:

Jay Harragin
440 NE 51st St Miami, FL 33137

or by email: jaharragin@bellsouth.net

As you know, this is the largest fundraiser that the MMTA will hold during the year so we hope for a large participation to keep this vital organization fiscally solid so it can support you and your students.

For questions, please email:
jaharragin@bellsouth.net

See you in the Fundraising Gala,

Jay Harragin, MMTA Treasurer & Fundraising Gala Chairperson



STUDENT DAY – APRIL 16th at FIU

REGISTER by March 21st (postmarked)

Application Form: please log in the member's section using the annual password sent to members in September every year:

<https://www.fmta.org/fsmta-non-competitive-events.html>

Registration fee: Mail a check along with your application.

\$35 per student.

Check to: FSMTA District VI

Mail to: Marianela Gonzalez (Chairperson)

13309 SW 42 St
Miami FL, 33175

Auditions are held each spring for students of all instruments and for voice. Students are evaluated by three separate tests in the following areas: (1) repertoire, keyboard skills, musicianship, and sight reading; (2) written theory; (3) aural theory. Rules for preparing students are given in the Student Activity Handbook available on the FSMTA website listed before.

Study guide packages for each level can be bought by contacting Ms. Sue Colvert at:

Phone: 954-752-2856 Email: jwcsr@aol.com

For online preparation and practice for this exam you can visit: LionTheory.com

For more information, please contact the chairperson, Marianela Gonzalez
info@vivaceartsconservatory.com



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WORKSHOP

APRIL 9 & 10 2022, 5-8P

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**For:
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or Advanced Players**

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Coral Gables Congregational Church

MMTA members:

Send us your news and achievements to be featured in the next
Tones & Overtones issue in June 2022.

REGISTER NOW: 2022 MTNA Virtual Conference

March 26–30, 2022

The **Early Registration Deadline** for the 2022 MTNA Virtual Conference is **MARCH 15**. To take advantage of the very lowest conference rates, you need to register **today**. It is a **20% Discount** below the regular conference price.

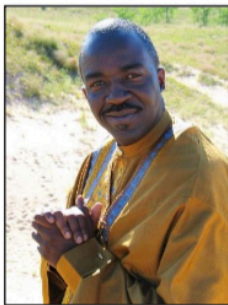
You don't want to miss the **most inclusive**, the **most exciting** and the **most rewarding** professional development experience of the year.





Florida State Music Teachers Association Conference

Thursday, October 20—Sunday, October 23, 2022
Hotel Venezia, 425 North US 41 Bypass, Venice, FL



William Chapman
Nyaho, Piano



Adrian Anantawan,
Violin



Lois Svard



Duffie Adelson

Featured Performers and Speakers:

Conference Artist and Master Class Clinician: **William Chapman Nyaho**
Keynote Speaker: **Adrian Anantawan**
Plenary Session Speaker and Wellness Committee Presenter: **Lois Svard**
Banquet Speaker: **Duffie Adelson**

*More information about workshops, showcases, other events,
and registration: www.fmta.org*

Marianela Gonzalez, Editor T&O for this Issue.

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Thank you!