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President's Message

Many of you already know of the trials and tribulations of my life right now; for those who don't, I'm sure the grapevine will be fruitful.

I must resign as president of SCMTA at this time. I will, most probably, be moving out of state this summer. Hence, my priorities need to shift to other priorities. I do not feel that I can give the requisite attention to this important post at this time.

Matt Manwarren at Winthrop has agreed to take over the presidency until the next election in November. I am so grateful to know that the transfer of this office is in such capable (and BIG) hands! I am preparing to transfer the scmtaprez@gmail.com address over to him so that you may continue to correspond to that e-mail address.

Our recent "gratitude" luncheon in Columbia was a tearful event for me. We have such a warm and generous bunch of lovable people in this organization! I must mention the wonderful contributions of inspiration and time by a few people who have been so supportive to me, personally, in my time as president: Linda Li-Bleuel, Robin Zemp, Kathy Nungesser, Janice Flinte, Linda McKenzie, and ALL of the recent past presidents, especially Deborah Freeman, David Thompson and most especially MATT.

As I move on, I will miss ALL of you in South Carolina. And please don't forget that this is a very special year for SCMTA—our 50th ANNIVERSARY! I really hope to come to the Gala event in Charleston next November. If I have enough money...

Truly,

Dr. Melanie Foster Taylor, President

SOUTH CAROLINA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Gala Fiftieth Anniversary Conference

November 4-6, 2010

College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina

Christopher O'Riley
conference artist

Robert Duke
conference clinician



This conference promises to be one of our best ever, featuring special guests like pianist Kevin Kenner and cellist William De Rosa, the American Pianist Association Fellows and the winners of the Canadian and United States Chopin Piano Competitions; educational sessions; master classes and the finals of the MTNA Student Performance Competitions in one of the most beautiful parts of the country. It should be an entertaining and educational event, which will leave you refreshed, inspired and equipped with tools to enhance your teaching.

If you haven't already booked your hotel for the MTNA National Conference and Competitions, there's still time to do so. While the Hyatt Regency is sold out, rooms still remain at the Doubletree Hotel (no rooms currently available on the night of March 24) and Embassy Suites Hotel.

The Hyatt and Doubletree Hotels are directly across from the Convention Center. The Doubletree is connected to the Convention Center via an underground walkway. The Embassy Suites offers a complimentary hot breakfast and a free shuttle will take attendees to and from the Convention Center. The Convention Center will host conference sessions, most competitions, evening events, exhibit hall, showcases meetings

and receptions. The Hyatt will host the Gala, Awards Brunch, Wednesday sessions, and the Junior Piano and Senior Piano Duet Competitions.

To obtain the necessary amount of meeting, competition and exhibit space at the convention center and hotels, MTNA must commit to a minimum number of guest rooms at the official hotels. If that commitment is not met, MTNA could incur significant financial penalties and have difficulty obtaining sufficient meeting space in the future. This can have a major impact on the programs that MTNA is able to offer in the future. You can help the association avoid penalties by booking your reservation through the Housing Bureau.

To register for the conference online, click [here](#). Hotel information can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions or problems making your reservation, please call the Albuquerque Housing Services at (505)-346-0522. As always, don't hesitate to contact the MTNA National Headquarters at (888) 512-5278 or mtnanet@mtna.org.

Hope to see you in Albuquerque!

Looking Ahead...

Audition Dates

- District I Greenville (Sherry Parrini) - April 10
- District II Spartanburg (Julia Eldred) - March 20
- District IV Anderson (Carrie Smetana) - March 20
- District V Columbia (Robert Jones) - March 13
- District VI Aiken (Mary Losey) - April 3
- District VII Charleston (Mimi Garvey Nusbaum) - March 27
- District VIII Myrtle Beach (Donna Sanders) - March 20
- District IX Greenwood (Joyce Nickles) - March 27
- District X Florence (Linda McKenzie) - March 29

SCMTA State Pre-college Auditions

Saturday, April 24, 2010 - USC School of Music, Columbia

SCMTA Honors Recital

Sunday, May 23, 2010 - USC School of Music, Columbia, 4:00 p.m.

MTNA State Competitions

November 2010, College of Charleston

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FOR AUDITIONS**

on line!

Easy, secure, on-line registration is now available on our web site — scmta.org —. Click “AUDITIONS”
Click “2010 INFORMATION”
Click appropriate REGISTRATION tab.

Opportunity for Service at State Auditions

If you are planning to enter students in our State Auditions, please send Julia Moore names of students who would be interested in monitoring or providing other light duties. Contact Julia at: (803) 407-1225 or cmoore2@sc.rr.com.

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