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President's Message

*H*appy New Year! By now, the recent holiday that we all looked forward to is just a passing memory with all the activity of starting a new year – auditions, festivals, recitals - the list goes on.

I am honored to serve as your new SCMTA President. I must again thank Deborah Freeman for her outstanding leadership these past two years. Also, I am grateful to the dedicated individuals (whose names you see on the left) who are willing to serve our organization.

I was very proud of each South Carolina musician who competed recently at the Southern Division Competition in Tallahassee. Our State was certainly well represented. The level of performance was truly amazing. These students and their teachers are to be commended for their hard work in preparation for this event.

Robin Zemp recently completed the "Herculean" task of creating an on-line registration for District Auditions. The fruit of this most impressive endeavor was shared with the Board at our recent meeting. To the excitement of one our teachers in attendance, Robin was hailed as "the King!" I know that you will join me in thanking Robin for creating this helpful tool which will make the registration procedure easier.

One of my goals as president of SCMTA is to visit each Local Association during my tenure. Thank you to the Local Association presidents who have added me to their mailing lists. Increased communication between Local Associations and the State officers is vital to the continued success and growth of SCMTA. There are so many teachers in South Carolina that I have yet to meet. Which reminds me, let me take this opportunity to make a commercial for our State Conference, November 1-3, 2007 at Coker College. Linda Li-Bleuel, VP for Conferences has already secured Randall Faber as Clinician and Conference Artist. Other surprises await, so I look forward to seeing you there.

*"An idea can turn to dust or magic,
depending on the talent that rubs against it."*

William Bernbach

David B. Thompson, President
SOUTH CAROLINA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

SCMTA Forty-seventh Annual Conference

November 1-3, 2007
Coker College, Hartsville, South Carolina

Randall Faber
conference artist and clinician

2007 MTNA Collaborative Conference

Did you know that the 2007 Collaborative Conference in Toronto, Ontario, March 23–27, at the Sheraton Centre Toronto will be the first joint conference MTNA's 130-year history? This landmark event, bringing together the teachers from MTNA, the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations and The Royal Conservatory of Music, will begin on Friday morning and culminate with the Conference Gala on Tuesday evening.

You won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore pedagogical diversity with your colleagues from across the United States and Canada. For more information, including a session and events schedule, or to register, visit the MTNA website at www.mtna.org/conference.htm.

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Looking Ahead...

Audition Dates

- District I Greenville (*Sherry Parrini*) - March 24
- District II Spartanburg (*Julia Eldred*) - April 14
- District III Hilton Head (*Frances Hunt*) - March 31
- District IV Anderson (*John Perry Reed*) - March 31
- District V Columbia (*Robert Jones*) - March 17
- District VI Aiken (*Mary Losey*) - March 31
- District VII Charleston (*Myungsook Stoudenmire*) - March 24
- District VIII Myrtle Beach (*Donna Sanders*) - March 31
- District IX Greenwood (*Joyce Nickles*) - March 24
- District X Florence (*Linda McKenzie*) - March 31

SCMTA State Pre-college Auditions

Saturday, April 28, 2007 - University of South Carolina, Columbia

SCMTA Honors Recital

Sunday, May 20, 2007 - University of South Carolina, Columbia, 4:00 p.m.

MTNA Southern Division Competitions

January 2008, Furman University, Greenville

REGISTER YOUR STUDENTS FOR AUDITIONS

on line!

Easy, secure, on-line registration is now available at our web site — scmta.org —. See "REGISTRATION" on the [home](#) page or [auditions](#) page.

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