

2026 SCMTA Conference Schedule

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

MTNA Performance Competitions

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, *Wiles Chapel Lobby*
Nanette Baltz Werner, SCMTA Treasurer
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks, *Wiles Chapel*
Dr. Eunjung Choi, SCMTA President
Dr. Jonathan Hall, Chair of Newberry Music Department
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation, *Wiles Chapel*
“Marvelous Moderns and their Needlessly Neglected Mid-Level”
Dr. Peter Mack, Conference Clinician
- 10:05 a.m. Break, *Wiles Chapel Lobby*
Refreshments Courtesy of Columbia Music Teachers Association
- 10:20 a.m. Independent Music Teachers Presentation, *Wiles Chapel*
“*Outlining-A Crucial Practice Technique*”
Dr. Carol Ann Barry, Guest Presenter
- 10:50 a.m. Short Break
- 11:00 a.m. Guest Presentation, *Wiles Chapel*
“Church Starts in 20 Minutes: Real-Time Sightreading for the Real-World”
Dr. Leonidas Lagrimas, Guest Presenter
- 11:30 a.m. Break, *Wiles Chapel Lobby*
- 11:45 a.m. SCMTA Commissioned Composition Premiere, *Wiles Chapel*
“Bygone” for viola, piano, live audio processing, and video
Dr. Ronald Keith Parks, 2026 SCMTA Commissioned Composer
- 12:00 p.m. SCMTA Annual Members Meeting, *Wiles Chapel*
Honoring 2026 Genesis Grant Recipient, Holly Slice
Dr. Eunjung Choi, SCMTA President
- 12:30 p.m. Members Luncheon, *Gnann Conference Center, Center for Teacher Education, 1121 Speers St.* (reservation required)
MTNA Foundation Raffle Drawing #1

- 1:30 p.m. Past President Advisory Committee Meeting, *Dufford Diversity Lab, Center for Teacher Education*
Dr. Amanda Montgomery, SCMTA Immediate Past President
- Local Presidents Meeting, *Conference Room 109, Center for Teacher Education*
Patrick Boyle, SCMTA President-Elect
- 1:45 p.m. Student Poster Session, *Wiles Chapel Lobby*
 "Fingering for Musical Goals: Strategies for the Intermediate Piano Student"
Elias Blake, Student Presenter
- "Beyond Awareness: Integrating Underrepresented Repertoire into Late-Elementary and Early-Intermediate Piano Study"
Isis Cardoso, Student Presenter
- "AI that Remembers (or Rehearses): Using Moonwalking with Einstein Retrieval Principles to Build Musical Memorization Systems"
Michail Konstantinos Chalkiopoulos, Student Presenter
- "Bridging Classical Piano and Asian Pop: Engaging Gen Z and Gen Alpha in Modern Piano Lessons"
Mingzi Hu, Student Presenter
- "Pause and Play: Piano Improvisation for Student Well-Being"
Agnieszka Lasko, Student Presenter
- "Creating a Culturally Responsive Piano Studio"
Khang Nguyen, Student Presenter
- "Practice Tracking Systems: Methods and Efficacy"
Hailey Goodwin, Student Presenter
- 2:30 p.m. Student Presentation, *Wiles Chapel*
 "How the Piano Speaks an Algerian Musical Language: Salim Dada's Miniatures Algériennes"
Bachir Rezagui, Student Presenter
- 3:15 p.m. Break, *Wiles Chapel Lobby*
- 3:25 p.m. Guest Presentation, *Wiles Chapel*
 "Music & Video Games: Expanding Student Projects with AI Agents"
Dr. Le Binh Anh Nguyen, Guest Presenter
- 3:55 p.m. Break
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation, *Wiles Chapel*
 "The Art of the Competition: Being Ready to Win."
Dr. Peter Mack, Conference Clinician

5:30 p.m. Conference Banquet, *Gnann Conference Center, Center for Teacher Education, 1121 Speers St.* (reservation required)
Honoring 2026 Teacher of the Year, Dan McCurry
MTNA Foundation Raffle Drawing #2

7:30 p.m. Conference Artist Concert, *Newberry Operahouse*
Dr. Andrew Cooperstock, pianist

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

8:30 a.m. Registration, *Wiles Chapel Lobby*
Nanette Baltz Werner, SCMTA Treasurer

9:00 a.m. Guest Presentation, *Wiles Chapel*
“The ABCs of MTNA Certification”
Dr. Linda Li-Bleuel, MTNA Southern Division Commissioner

9:30 a.m. Break, *Wiles Chapel Lobby*
Refreshments Courtesy of Columbia Music Teachers Association

9:50 a.m. Intermediate Piano Master Class, *Wiles Chapel*
Dr. Peter Mack, Conference Clinician

11:00 a.m. Advanced Piano Masterclass, *Wiles Chapel*
Andrew Cooperstock, Conference Artist
MTNA Foundation Raffle Drawing #3

12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks, *Wiles Chapel*
Dr. Eunjung Choi, SCMTA President

12:30 p.m. SCMTA Board Meeting, *Wiles Chapel*
**Refreshments will be available in the lobby*