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MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

# The MTACA Letter

## Our Christmas Party is Friday, the 4th!

“Come all ye faithful” to our annual Christmas Party this Friday, Dec. 4, at McGehee Piano (1608 S. Main St., LR) from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 (or whenever we’re kicked out!). Please contact Kay Lindley re: what food and/or music to bring. Of course, this is a great opportunity to introduce a non-member teacher or two to your MTACA friends. Collegiate members are always welcome. (There will not be a meeting in January. Our next meeting is on Feb. 5.)

## Piano Stampede in Pictures



At left:  
View from the balcony in UALR’s Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall. Students are seated on the stage, prior to the start.

At right:  
Division G students just before taking their bows. (Photos by parent Manami Thompson.)



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## Spotlight on Jason Muncy and Family

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Jason Muncy and his wife, Lana, have been living for the past 20 years in the Russellville area. Equipped with his Elementary Education degree and his love for music, Jason started teaching private lessons in 2005. In 2011, the family purchased River Valley Music Center. Since that time, its studios have grown to teach as many as 150 students. The Muncys' goal is to make music education the forefront of their business and not an afterthought. Currently, along with the 7 other instructors, they are making a difference in the lives of the youth and adults in the River Valley!

(Sent via email from Jason Muncy)

## MTNA Conference Registration

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**REMINDER: Register before December 2** to receive the discounted registration fee of \$325.  
<https://members.mtna.org/conference2016/index.html>

## Meetings and Events in December & January

Date	Location	Title	Presenter/Chairman
<b>Dec. 4</b> 9:30— 11:15 am (Friday)	McGehee Piano 1608 Main St., Little Rock, (501) 374-1010	<b><i>MTACA Christmas Party</i></b> A great time to introduce a non-member to MTACA!	Kay Lindley (501-831-3314, kaymlindley@me.com) Sign up to bring food and/or duets, songbooks.
<b>Jan., 2016</b>		Please note! No meeting in January. See below for recom- mended events.	
<b>Jan. 9-10</b> (Sat/Sun)	University of Houston (Texas)	<b>MTNA South Central Division Performance Competition</b>	<a href="http://www.arkansasmta.org">http://www.arkansasmta.org</a>
<b>Jan. 16</b> (Saturday)	Deadline	Sonata/Sonatina Festival applications are due.	Kay Lindley (501-831-3314, kaymlindley@me.com) 9 Keswick Cove, Little Rock 72212
<b>Jan. 22</b> 2-4 pm (Friday)	Henderson State University Russell Fine Arts Cen- ter, 1100 Henderson St., Arkadelphia	<b>Piano Masterclass with Prof. Philipp Richardsen,</b> from Austria and Mokou Uni- versity, Korea.	Dr. Juhn juhn@hsu.edu
<b>Jan. 30</b> 9 am-1 pm (Saturday)	UALR Fine Arts	<b><i>Sonata/Sonatina Festival and Game Room</i></b>	Kay Lindley and Carol Ann Bone

## Noteworthy Recitals and Concerts

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR):** Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall. Admission is free. Call (501) 569-3294 for more information.

Wednesday., Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.: **Wind Ensemble.**

Thursday, Dec. 3, 12:30 p.m.: **Student Recital.**

Thursday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.: **Percussion Ensemble.**

Friday, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.: **Choral Collage.**

Sunday, Dec. 6, 3:00 p.m.: **Community Orchestra.** Beethoven's Egmont Overture, Schubert's Symphony No. 3, and a medley of holiday music. This is a family friendly concert.

Monday, Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m.: **Opera Scenes.**

**Little Rock Musical Coterie:** Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church (Sanctuary).

Contact Nancy Griffin for more info: nancywgriffin@gmail.com, (501) 985-1658. Coterie members may bring guests.

Friday, Dec. 11, 11:00 a.m.: **Season's Greetings by the Music Ministry.**

Friday, Jan. 8, 11:00 a.m.: **Compositions of Arkansas Composers,** presented by **Jeremy Lane** (Chair, UALR Dept. of Music).



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## We Need Volunteers

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We need volunteers for the following positions:

**Accompanists:** for string students at the Sonata/Sonatina Festival and future events.

**Floater:** assists our officers with their projects.

**Membership Assistant:** works to retain members and recruit new ones. Works with our 1st VP and President.

**Advertising Chairman:** posts announcements online



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## IRS Reinstates Tax-Exemption

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I'm very pleased to report that, in a letter dated November 5, the Internal Revenue Service notified us that it has reinstated our exemption from federal income tax. Also, because their decision is retro-active, we owe no back taxes. As reported in the November issue of the MTACA Letter, we sent our new Declaration of Association (and Constitution and other documents) to the IRS in October. This was in order to re-qualify for tax-exempt status, which was lost in May of 2010. They have classified MTACA as a public charity. We have our own Employer Identification Number and will simply file a one-page form online each year, to remain tax-exempt.

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## Classical Composers' Birthdays

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December: <http://www.classiccat.net/composers-b.php#december>

January: <http://www.classiccat.net/composers-b.php#januari>



**MTACA** is a professional organization of musicians dedicated to promoting and advancing excellence in music education. The purpose of MTACA is to support and actively encourage the study of music in Central Arkansas. We continually increase our knowledge in music, upgrade our professional standards, and promote excellence in music through the latest teaching techniques.

We are affiliated with the [Arkansas State Music Teachers Association \(ASMTA\)](#) and the [Music Teachers National Association \(MTNA\)](#).

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