



# The MTACA Letter

## Complete the Circle this Friday, March 4!

We are blessed to have our fellow member Kay Lindley as our presenter this Friday, March 4, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Piano Kraft (1222 South Main St., Little Rock). She will present ***“Every 5th Deserves a 4th: Teaching the circle from a different view.”***

Kay teaches piano, voice and flute. She served as MTACA President from 2009 to 2013 and is currently our 2nd Vice-President and Program Chairman. Please join us for what promises to be an informative and entertaining program, and bring a friend. We'll have lunch afterwards.

## College Scholarship Award

The complete description and application form for the MTACA College Scholarship Award are at [www.MTACA.org](http://www.MTACA.org) under Teacher Resources (at the top of the list). Please note that the deadline is April 1.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Teacher must be member of MTACA – current dues paid.
- High school seniors may apply.
- Applicant is not the recipient of other MTACA scholarship.
- Major or minor in any area in the field of music.
- Acceptance at a University or School of Music.
- Perform from memory at the Honors Recital in May.

### PROCEDURE:

- Letter of recommendation from teacher (under separate cover)
- High School transcript
- Recording of 2 numbers from different historic eras.

Complete and send application by April 1 deadline

Mail application to:

Christine Wang, NCTM  
MTACA College Scholarship Chairman  
10600 Rivercrest Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72212

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## Spotlight on Adeline Brewer, NCTM

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Adeline Brewer, NCTM

Hello to everyone,

I have yet to relocate fully from Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas where I currently live because my husband graduated from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine last year and accepted a residency in Anesthesiology in Little Rock. We bought a house there, and I have yet to build up my studio/teaching career in Little Rock.

I graduated with a Masters in Music in Piano Pedagogy and Music Composition in Southwestern Theological Seminary. My undergraduate degree was in Broadcasting and Piano. I also acquired a Master Certification in producing from Berklee College of Music. I have been teaching for 14 years though I may look young. Before I started teaching in my current job as a full-time Chinese language teacher at a public charter elementary school and part-time piano teacher, I worked as a contemporary worship leader in a Lutheran church for nine years. I also taught Music Appreciation and MIDI (Music Technology classes) in Tarrant County College for two years. Teaching is my main job, but I also have a passion for composing and accompanying. I have written and produced Chinese Christian songs/albums for churches and non-profit organizations.

My philosophy of piano teaching is to develop the musical potentials of each student and inspire all my piano students to enjoy making music of their own. I currently live in Arlington, Texas with my two young children: Asia Brewer (4), Ayla Brewer (1). I have 35 piano students at my home studio and am actively participating in piano festivals and contests held locally in the Arlington Music Teacher Association.

I would appreciate any support anyone can give in building my piano studio in Little Rock. Thank you.

(Picture and text received by email from Adeline Brewer.—S. Robbins)

## Meetings and Events in March and Early April, 2016

Date	Location	Title	Program Chair/More Info
<b>March 4</b> Friday 9:30-11:30	Piano Kraft 1222 So. Main St. Little Rock	MTACA Meeting: <b>Kay Lindley presents...</b> <i>"Every 5th Deserves a 4th"</i>	Kay Lindley (501) 831-3314 kaymlindley@me.com
<b>March 11</b> Friday 11:00 a.m.	Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church	Little Rock Musical Coterie <b>Nancy Griffin presents...</b> <i>"Award Ceremony"</i>	Nancy Griffin (501) 985-1658 nancywgriffin@gmail.com
<b>March 12</b> Saturday 9 am-2 pm	UALR Fine Arts Building	<b>UALR Piano &amp; Strings Festival</b>	Dr. Naoki Hakutani (501) 683-7230 nxhakutani@ualr.edu
<b>March 19</b> Saturday	APPLICATION DEADLINE	<b>Region IV ASMTA Festival</b> (Festival is on Sat., April 2, UALR Fine Arts, 8:30 am-1:00)	Sabrina Shivley (501) 944-0766 shpiano2@att.net
<b>March 26</b> Saturday	APPLICATION DEADLINE	<b>Region III ASMTA Festival</b> (Festival is on Sat., April 9, Hendrix College, 9 am-1 pm)	Joan Hanna (501) 339-7401/(501) 796-3335 faulkneraarts@yahoo.com
<b>April 1</b> Friday	APPLICATION DEADLINE	<b>College Scholarship Award</b>	Christine Wang, NCTM (501) 580-4678 cpf Wong@yahoo.com
<b>April 1</b> Friday 9:30-11:30 am	Christine Wang's Home 10600 Rivercrest Dr. (501) 580-4678	MTACA Meeting: <i>"Collaborative Masterclass"</i> <b>with Dr. Kyung-Eun Na</b> (Sign up by March 4)	Kay Lindley (501) 831-3314 kaymlindley@me.com

## Noteworthy Recitals and Concerts

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR):** Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall. Free admission. Call (501) 569-3294. For a complete listing, go to <http://ualr.edu/music/concert-schedule/>  
 Friday, March 4, 7 p.m.; Faculty Recital; Susan Antonetti, flute & Kyung-Eun Na, piano. St. James UMC, 321 Pleasant Valley Drive. Little Rock, Arkansas 72212. Admission Free.  
 Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.; UALR Piano & Strings Festival; Albani Piano Trio & Guest Yi-Chen Wu, violin.  
 Saturday, March 12, 12:30 p.m.; UALR Piano & Strings Festival— UALR Student Showcase.  
 Friday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.; All-Spanish Music Concert .

**Little Rock Musical Coterie:** Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church (Sanctuary). Contact Nancy Griffin for more information (501) 985-1658, nancywgriffin@gmail.com. Coterie members may bring guests.

Friday, March 11, 11 a.m.: Nancy Griffin presents "Award Ceremony."

**Arkansas Sounds:** CALS Ron Robinson Theater, 100 River Market Ave, Little Rock.

Friday, March 18, 7:00pm. Lyon College Pipe Band and Lark in the Morning, celebrating St. Patrick's Day with traditional Celtic music and dance. General Admission: \$5, Ages 15 & under: FREE. (Go to [ButlerCenter.org](http://ButlerCenter.org) for more details.)

## ASMTA News

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### Open Positions

Dr. May Tsao-Lim, the President of ASMTA, wrote to me on March 1 that she is seeking a volunteer who would be willing to step into either of the following positions:

- 1) MTNA Foundations Fund chair (Arkansas)
- 2) ASMTA Memberships Chair

“After many years of service, Ginger Crippen has decided to step down from her position. Her contribution and devotion to her job have helped the association achieve many fundraising goals. I’m sure Ginger would be glad to mentor whoever steps into this role.

For the past two years, Priscilla Kjorlaug has successfully carried out her responsibilities as both 1<sup>st</sup> VP as well as memberships chair. Nevertheless, she would like to concentrate on her job as the upcoming president of ASMTA for the next two years by relinquishing her duties as the Memberships Chair. Again, I’m sure Priscilla would be happy to provide guidance to whomever volunteers to take on this position.

Full descriptions of these positions are available on our website under ‘About’.” [Go to... [www.arkansasmta.org](http://www.arkansasmta.org) ]

For more information, please contact:

May Tsao-Lim, DMA, NCTM  
Associate Professor of Music  
(Piano Pedagogy, Class Piano, Applied Piano)  
HSU Box 7780



### Call for Nominations: 2016 ASMTA Teacher of the Year Award

From the ASMTA website, [www.arkansasmta.org](http://www.arkansasmta.org): “If you know of an outstanding independent or college/university music teacher who is currently a member of ASMTA and has made significant contributions to the organization and to the music teaching profession, then we encourage you to nominate them for the 2016 ASMTA Teacher of the Year Award. **Nominations must be received no later than Friday, May 6, 2016 in order to be considered...** To submit a nomination, or if you have any questions regarding the award and/or the nomination process, please contact Dr. Chris Thompson at [cthompson@wbcoll.edu](mailto:cthompson@wbcoll.edu).



**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)**.

For more information, contact Susan Robbins, [mtacapresident@gmail.com](mailto:mtacapresident@gmail.com), (501) 240-6741. (All articles in this newsletter are written by her unless otherwise noted.)