



Free Improv Workshop this Friday, May 6!

Dear MTACA Member,

I'm delighted to invite you to a workshop given by Mike Springer, composer for Alfred Publishing (and pianist/teacher/arranger/adjudicator), this Friday, May 6, at St. Andrew's Church (8300 Kanis Road, Little Rock). Registration is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. The workshop will go from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. This event is free of charge! In Session 1, he'll discuss "Incorporating Improvisation Techniques in your Studio from Beginning to Advanced" and after the break, his topic for Session 2 will be "Is that Fake Book Real?" Music books and sheet music will be displayed and sold by CKC Music. See page 2 for more information on Mike Springer. I so hope you'll join us for our last gathering of the school year. Bring a friend if you can. Non-members and college students are always welcome!

Best wishes,

Susan Gale Robbins
Your MTACA President

MTACA Wins Membership Award

On April 28 I received an email from Priscilla Kjorlaug, ASMTA First Vice-President and Membership Chair, in which she wrote, "...MTACA has the most new members for the 2015-2016 year! Congratulations!!! You and your association will be receiving an award at the ASMTA Conference in June!" We're proud to have these new members:

- Justin Hastings Cook** (Conway)
- Chrissie Davis** (Sherwood)
- Kristin Duckworth** (Little Rock)
- Jeanette Lynne Hamilton** (Little Rock)
- Laura May Lindberg** (Little Rock)
- Gail A. Robertson** (Conway)
- Mary J. Parker** (Austin)
- Ann Elizabeth Shields** (Russellville)

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Spotlight on Mike Springer

The picture at right and bio are copied from the Alfred Publishing website (<http://www.alfred.com/Company/Authors/MikeSpringer.aspx>)...

“Mike Springer maintains an active schedule as a pianist, teacher, composer/arranger, and adjudicator in the Dallas, TX area. His students have won top prizes in many competitions in the fields of performance and composition. Mike has composed and arranged extensively for piano, electronic media (MIDI), vocal ensemble, and wind ensemble. Several of his piano solos that were published by Myklas Music Press (which is now owned by Alfred Publishing) have been chosen for the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Mike is an accomplished performer in classical and jazz styles and has arranged and performed music for national television commercials and documentaries. He has produced and performed on two of his own CDs, as well as those of other performing artists. He has performed in the United States, South America and Europe, and is currently the pianist at Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church in Flower Mound, TX. Mike received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in Piano Performance from the University of North Texas.”



Here are some of Mr. Springer’s many published compositions and arrangements...

<http://www.springermusic.com/#!compositions/c4hr>

More pictures, including the one at left, may be seen at [http://www.springermusic.com/.](http://www.springermusic.com/)

Noteworthy Concerts in May

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/> Community Orchestra, Sunday, May 1, 3 p.m.

Ouachita Baptist University (OBU):

<http://www.obu.edu/news/2016/04/27/ouachita-singers-womens-chorus-perform-ouachita-may-2/>

Ouachita Singers and Women’s Chorus, Monday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in McBeth Recital Hall. Free and open to the public and will be professionally recorded for a new CD due for release in the fall.

Arkansas Symphony Orchestra: <https://www.arkansassymphony.org/concerts-tickets/tickets>

The Movie Music of John Williams, May 7, 7:30 p.m. and May 8, 3 p.m. Pulaski Academy Connor Performing Arts Center, Maumelle.

Something “Blue”(Ravel and Rutter), May 19, 7 p.m., Christ Episcopal Church, Little Rock.

Ron Robinson Theater: 100 River Market Ave, Little Rock.

<http://www.cals.org/ron-robinson-theater.aspx>

Charlie Rich Jr. and Sonny Burgess & the Legendary Pacers, Friday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15. Charlie Rich Jr. will perform a tribute to his Grammy Award-winning father, Charlie Rich, and Sonny Burgess & the Legendary Pacers will present their signature rock music.

Meetings and Events in May and Early June, 2016

Date	Location	Title	Program Chair/More Info
May 6 Friday Free registration 9-9:30 a.m. Workshop 9:30-12:30 p.m	St. Andrews Church 8300 Kanis Rd. Little Rock	MTACA Annual Composer Workshop: Mike Springer <i>1. Incorporating Improv Techniques in Your Studio.</i> <i>2. Is that Fake Book Real?</i>	Linda Dale Kennedy (501) 851-7127 pianoLK@aol.com
May 6 Friday	APPLICATION DEADLINE	ASMTA Teacher of the Year Award	Dr. Chris Thompson cthompson@wbcoll.edu
May 7 Saturday 3-5 p.m.	UALR Fine Arts Building	MTACA Honors Recital	Dr. Naoki Hakutani (501) 683-7230 nxhakutani@ualr.edu
May 13 Friday 11:30 a.m.	Governor's Mansion, Little Rock (\$30)	Little Rock Musical Coterie Annual Luncheon <i>Music Moves Through Mansion</i> (Arkansas Ballet Association)	Nancy Griffin (501) 985-1658 nancywgriffin@gmail.com
May 20 Friday	APPLICATION DEADLINE (to guarantee meals)	ASMTA Conference	Dr. John Krebs, ASMTA Treasurer 2925 Candle Circle Conway, AR 72034 (501) 450-1245 krebs@hendrix.edu
May 30 Monday	Notification	MTACA Teacher-Student Scholarship	Carol Ann Bone (501) 812-4225 carolannbone@gmail.com
June 3-4 Fri.-Sat.	Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia	ASMTA Conference (see below for website)	Priscilla Kjorlaug ASMTA Conference Chair (501) 984-3955 priscillakjorlaug@yahoo.com

ASMTA Conference

Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia June 3-4.

“Registration forms are now available for the 2016 ASMTA Conference. Forms must be received no later than May 20, 2016 to guarantee meals.” (from

<http://www.arkansasmta.org/conferences/asmta-conferences/asmta-conference-details/conference-schedule/>)



Summer Fine Arts Camps in Arkansas

Here's a list of suggested music camps that you may want to share with your students' parents and other teachers. (It's just a sampling from the internet, and is not meant to be exhaustive.)

Adventures in the Arts: July 25-29 and August 8-12.

<http://www.adventuresinthearts.org/about-1/>

Classes: Discovery Violin, I.Q. Music (age 4-6), Just Stomp It!, Art Sampler, Art in Flight, Print Making, Yellow Box Art, Let's Paint, Alphabet Art, Nifty Needlework, Zumba Kids, Yoga, Discovery Young Chefs, Masters of Illusion.

Arkansas Choral Connection Choir Camp: <http://www.acchoircamp.org/index.html>

Arkansas Tech University Summer Band Camps:

<https://www.atu.edu/bands/bandcamp/>

Camp Ozark: <http://campozark.com/>

Opera in the Ozarks at Inspiration Point: <http://www.opera.org/youth/piano-camp>

Piano: <http://www.opera.org/youth/piano-camp>

Vocal: <http://www.opera.org/youth/vocal-camp>

String: <http://www.opera.org/youth/string-camp>

University of Arkansas Community Music School:

<https://communitymusicschool.uark.edu/summer-music-camps/>

University of Central Arkansas: <http://uca.edu/csm/camps/>

June: Suzuki Five-Piano and Chamber Music Workshop

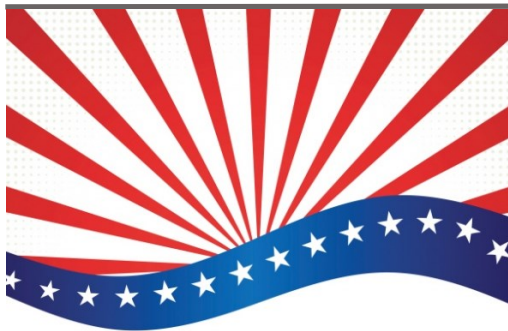
July: Eighth Annual UCA/CSM Summer Strings Camp

August: Faulkner Chamber Music Festival

Dixie Band Camp: <http://www.dixiebandcamp.net/>

UCA Summer Music Education Professional Development: Choral Conducting:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/OB5GP4eyg8zQETWRpa2RsREZMdUo/view>



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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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