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Music Stampede on November 5

Dear MTACA Member,

Here's a note from Carol Ann Bone, NCTM, our Music Stampede Chair. As in previous years, she has done a great deal of careful planning for this year's big event. Thanks so much, Carol Ann!

"The 7th Annual Music Stampede will be held on Saturday Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Concert Hall of UALR's Fine Arts Building. The theme, "World of Nature," will feature 10 Divisions: 7 piano, 2 vocal, plus the teachers' group. A dozen MTACA members and over 75 of their students will participate. This year we will have eight acoustic pianos on stage.

A special treat this year is a newly commissioned piece composed by Julie Gardner Bray, who grew up in Arkansas (Pine Bluff and Jonesboro) and graduated from Arkansas State University. She will be in attendance to direct the piece herself!

You are cordially invited to attend this "Monster Concert" (a description used by musicians)."

Please join us for dinner with Ms. Bray after the concert!

Susan G. Robbins
 MTACA President

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MTACA PROGRAMS 2016-2017

Times: 9:30-10:00 Meet/greet and business meeting; 10:00-11:15 Presentation.
INVITE A FRIEND!

November 5, 2016 (Saturday).

Dinner Meeting after Music Stampede. Olive Garden in North Little Rock.

December 9, 2016

Christmas Luncheon. Details to be announced.

January 6, 2017

No Meeting

February 3, 2017

Topic: ***Teaching Theory***

Presenter: Michael Carenbauer, Professor of Music, UALR

Location: TBA

March 3, 2017

Topic: ***How to Teach Kids About the Piano***

Presenter: Stephen Wirges

Location: Stephen's Piano Shop, 13101 Fortson Road, Jacksonville

(It's out in the middle of nowhere—an amazing workshop.)

April 7, 2017

Topic: ***Collaborative Master Class***

Presenter: Dr. Kyung-Eun Na

Location: Hosted by Christine Wang, 10600 Rivercrest Dr., LR

May 19, 2017

Workshop: 9:00 Registration. \$20/person; \$10/students.

9:30-10:45 ***The Teen Machine: How to Keep it Running***

11:00-12:30 ***A Rocherolle Gourmet: Something for Every***

Taste

Presenter: Eugenie Rocherolle, composer, lyricist, pianist, teacher

Biography: <http://www.rocherolle.com/bio.html>

Recent picture in AL: <http://www.nlapw.org/nlapw-music-gallery/>

Location: TBA

This program schedule was created by Kay Lindley, MTACA Program Chair and 2nd Vice-President.



JULIE GARDNER BRAY

Experience Ms. Bray's music on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=julie+gardner+bray

BIOGRAPHY

Reproduced from <https://www.lorenz.com/choral/browse-by-composer?itemId=Composer:358> :



Julie Gardner Bray [has retired from*] teaching general music and choir in Lee's Summit, Missouri, at Westview Elementary School. Her teaching experience also includes middle school and university levels. She has earned a BME and MME degree from Arkansas State University where she studied composition with Dr. Jared Spears and piano with Myron Myers. Also, she studied music at the University of North Texas State.

Ms. Bray's interest in music composition began while she was in grade school. She and her sisters frequently "created" their own songs and musicals for the neighborhood. Her experiences in her family and then by living abroad and living in Wisconsin deepened and developed her musical talents. She credits the encouragement of many conductors such as Kevin Meidl and Steve Perry, singers like Kathy St. Clair Partain, former Heritage Music Press editor, Mary Lynn Lightfoot, and oboist Dr. Daniel Ross with her success as a composer.

Ms. Bray frequently collaborates with her sister Janie Gardner Cunningham who is also a music teacher and has been published with other composers as well. She feels that the depth and creativity of Janie's lyrics inspire her writing. Together they attempt to write music that is timeless.

Julie's compositions have been published by Heritage Music Press, Shawnee Press, Hal Leonard, Alliance, and BriLee. Her music has been performed by boychoirs and community, university and church choirs, as well as at all levels of the public school system. It has been performed across America and at the Vatican, and included on CDs of some of America's prominent women's choirs. Julie can be contacted at jubilantmuse@yahoo.com.

[*according to Carol Ann Bone]

You may purchase Ms. Bray's music here...

<http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/ensembles/2-part/julie-gardner-bray/500046+1817660>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016-2017

November 4 (Fri.) MTACA Music Stampede Rehearsals 5-9 p.m.
November 5 (Sat.) MTACA Music Stampede Rehearsals 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
November 5 (Sat.) MTACA Music Stampede Concert 3 p.m.
November 5 (Sat.) MTACA Teachers Dinner Outing with Julie Gardner Bray
November 5 (Sat., all day) MTNA State Competitions (UCA, Conway)

December 9 (Fri.) MTACA Christmas Luncheon

Playathon is being scheduled for December or 2017. Let me know when you'd like it!

January, 2017 no meeting due to expected inclement weather.

January 14-15 (Sat.-Sun. all day) MTNA South Central Div. Competition (ASU, Jonesboro)

January 28 (Sat.) MTACA Sonatina Festival (UALR)

February 3 (Fri.) MTACA Monthly Meeting and Program

February 4 (Sat.) J.D. Kelly Piano Competition (ASU, Jonesboro)

February 4 (Sat.) NFMC Festival, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Linda Kennedy

February 5 (Sun.) J.D. Kelly Violin Competition (ASU, Jonesboro)

February 10 (Fri.) NFMC Festival 2:00 p.m.-6:30 Sherry Mashburn

February 11 (Sat.) NFMC Festival 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Trudy Kincade

February 25 (Sat.) NFMC Festival (morning) Kristin Duckworth

March 3 (Fri.) MTACA Monthly Meeting and Program

March 11 (Sat.) UALR Piano & Strings Festival, 1:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

March 18-22 - MTNA Conference (Baltimore, Maryland)

March 20-24 Spring Break

April 1 (Sat.) ASMTA Region IV Festival (UALR Fine Arts)

April 7 (Fri.) MTACA Monthly Meeting and Program

April 8 (Sat.) ASMTA Region III Festival (Hendrix College, Conway; Fine Arts)

April 21-22 (Fri.-Sat.) AFMC Convention

May 4-14 NFMC National Music Week

May 6 (Sat.) MTACA Honors Recital, 3:00 p.m. (UALR)

May 19 (Fri.) MTACA Composer Workshop with
Eugenie Rocherolle

June 2-3 ASMTA Conference (Harding University, Searcy)

June 20-24 NFMC Biennial Convention (Dayton, Ohio)

