



## THE MTACA LETTER

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### Learn About Teenage Development and Behavior on October 7

Dear MTACA Member,

This Friday, October 7, we are fortunate to have as our guest presenter **Margaret Lindley Robbins, LCSW**. She is a behavioral therapist with a master's degree in social work from UALR.



Topic: *The Teenage Brain: The Latest Research on Epigenetics and Adolescent Brain Development*

Location: **Cox Building**, Central Arkansas Library System, 120 River Market Ave., Little Rock. Park in lot next door (about \$1) or under the bridge for free.

Our meet/greet and business meeting will go from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m., followed by the program from 10:00 to 11:15. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes for your teaching,

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!

October 7, 2016

Topic: ***The Teenage Brain: The Latest Research on Epigenetics and Adolescent Brain Development***

Presenter: Margaret Lindley Robbins, LCSW

Location: Central Ark Library, Cox Building, 120 River Market Ave., LR  
(Parking costs about \$1, or park under the bridge for free.)

November 4, 2016

***Out to Dinner after Music Stampede*** on Nov. 5. (No meeting Nov. 4)

December 9, 2016

***Christmas Luncheon***—TBA

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 VP.*

## *Christine Piano Scholarship Award*

### *Now Offered through ASMTA*

Due to lack of applicants for the Christine Piano Scholarship through MTACA, it is now being offered *through ASMTA*. Your students are still eligible, of course, due to your inherent membership with ASMTA. We are very grateful to Christine Wang, NCTM and Wilson Wong for kindly allowing us to keep their donated funds and use them for other scholarships or expenses.

Please contact Christine with any questions: 501-580-4678, cpfwong@yahoo.com

## *MTNA National Conference*

From <https://members.mtna.org/conference2017/index.html>:

The 2017 MTNA National Conference will take place in Baltimore, Maryland, March 18–22. Set on the city's famous Inner Harbor and within walking distance to most of downtown's wonderful attractions, the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront will play host to nearly 2,000 music teachers, students and industry experts for our annual celebration of the music teaching profession. Conference highlights include evening concerts from husband and wife piano duo Leon Fleisher and Katherine Jacobson, and also the musical and theatrical duo Igudesman & Joo. David Cutler, a leading voice on careers in the arts, will give the keynote address. Fleisher and noted pedagogues Diane Hidy and Elissa Milne will lead master classes. And, don't forget about annual favorites like Pedagogy Saturday, the Exhibit Hall and the MTNA National Student Competitions! In addition, our colleagues from Canada will join us to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 2007 Collaborative Conference.

## *MTNA Teacher Enrichment Grants*

From an email on Sept. 1:

Applications for the MTNA Teacher Enrichment Grants are now available. Applications must be received by **3 P.M., Eastern Time January 3, 2017**, to be considered by the selection committees. **All applications and supporting materials must be submitted online through the MTNA FOUNDATION website.** [Teacher Enrichment Grants](#) may be used for private study, college-level course work or special projects in performance, pedagogy, music theory and composition. The grant is not intended to be used to pursue course work toward a degree, for travel funds or for ongoing projects. However, a grant may be approved for one additional year at the discretion of the Teacher Enrichment Grant Evaluation Committee. The number of grants awarded in any year is determined by the number of qualified applicants and available funds. For more information or to apply, click [here](#).



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## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016-2017*

October 7 (Fri.) **MTACA Monthly Meeting and Program**

October 28 (Fri.) Optional Stampede Rehearsals 5-9 p.m.

October 29 (Sat.) Optional Stampede Rehearsals 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

November 4 (Fri.) MTACA Music Stampede Rehearsals 5-9 p.m.

November 5 (Sat.) Music Stampede Rehearsals 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

November 5 (Sat.) **MTACA Music Stampede Concert** 3 p.m.

November 5 (Sat., all day) MTNA State Competitions (Univ. of Central Arkansas, Conway)

December 2 (Fri.) MTACA Christmas Luncheon

December (date and location to be announced) **MTACA Playathon**

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, from 11:00 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)