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August 2026 Newsletter



District Conferences

District II Conference:

Freedom in Music:

Attitudes and Performance Practices of the Greats Across the Ages

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Time: 10 am

Location: Steinway Showroom in downtown Seattle
1218 3rd Ave., Suite 105, Seattle WA, 98101

Registration Fees:

- Early registration by October 5: \$35/\$40 (members/non-members)
- Late registration by October 16: \$40/\$45

Presentation and performances by Mark Salman, followed by facilitated group discussions centered on sharing ways we've found to incorporate musical freedom in our own studios today.

Pre-Register for the District II Conference

District IV Conference:

Unleashing the Musical Potential in our Students through Dalcroze Eurhythmics

Date: October 3, 2026.

Time: 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m

Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church
1209 Scheuber Rd. North, Centralia, WA

Registration Fees

- Before September 18: \$35 Member | \$40 Non-Member | \$20 Student
- At the door: \$40 Member/Non-Member/Student

Salad Luncheon, dessert, and beverages are included.

Presenter: Stephen Moore

Questions? Please contact Jan Rowen Music NCTM at jrpianomusic@gmail.com, or phone or text: 360-402-1529

Registration form coming soon.

Go to <https://wsmta.org/district-conferences/>. If there's not a Registration Form for District IV, there will be soon!

District VI Conference:

Adaptive Teaching Methods and Piano Concert

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2026

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Grace Brethren Church
507 S Juniper Street, Toppenish WA 98948

Registration Fees

- Members \$35
- Nonmembers \$40
- Students \$20
- Virtual attendance \$30
- Concert only: Members \$15
- Non-members \$20

Amora Bussey: Adaptive Teaching for the Neurodivergent Learner

Leah Terrill, piano: Performing Selections by Schubert, Severac, Barber, Tanaka, and Antheil

Contact Naomi Johnson, NCTM for more information: naomi.c.sample@gmail.com

Register for the District VI Conference

Dates at a Glance

MTNA Performance Competitions:

- Registration Opens: August 1
- Registration Closes: September 9
- [Click here to learn more](#)

Outstanding Artists Piano Competition:

- Registration Opens August 10
- Registration Closes September 9
- [Click here to learn more](#)

Leadership Seminar:

- September 26-27, 2026
- Hilton Garden Inn in Yakima, WA
- [Click here to learn more](#)

"Resilient and Thriving" Support Group

On **Saturday, August 29th at 10:00am**, Kira Miller, Rhonda Snook, and Marina Munter will hold a "Resilient and Thriving" support group meeting on zoom.

If you'd like to join the meeting, **please email Marina by August 25:** mcmunter@nctv.com



MTNA Performance Competitions

Hear from WSMTA Vice President, Jason Kuo, NCTM, about the upcoming MTNA Performance Competitions and the WSMTA Underrepresented Composers Award.

Registration opens August 1. [Click here to learn more.](#)



\$1,000 Commissioned Sonatina Award for a WSMTA Teacher/Composer

Hear from Kathy Mortensen about the Marsha Wright Commissioned Sonatina Award offered by SMTA!

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Year 2027

Hear from Louise Nedela, NCTM about our new
Commissioned Composer of the Year, Dr. Donald
Appert.

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