

On Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 10:42:13 PM EDT, Miyamoto, Peter M. <miyamotop@missouri.edu> wrote:

Dear MMAMTA Members:

I hope you have all renewed your MTNA memberships (they were due July 1) and are enjoying the rejuvenation of summer months. Lots of dates and information in this email, so please read carefully!

I. MMAMTA Fall Workshop with Kevin Olson, guest artist - two days, August 16-17, 2024

August 16, 2024 – Recital in Whitmore Recital Hall

7:00pm Recital of Kevin Olson Works, MU Whitmore Recital Hall in Fine Arts Building – Free and open event! Performances by MMAMTA students, teachers, and Kevin Olson himself!

August 17, 2024 – Morning Sessions in Sinquefield Music Center and Lunch and Master Class in FAB

8:30-9:10am Potluck Drop Off (optional) MU Fine Arts Building 134

- a. Drop-off food your potluck food at the Parking Lot attached to FAB's westside (you will be met by the Paveys).
- b. You may then drive to park in the parking lot to the back of the Sinquefield Music Center or into the Hitt Street Garage and then go up to SMC 385 – classroom on the 3rd floor (you will be met by Peter Miyamoto)
- c. **9:15am** Greetings and Session I - "AMP"-ing up Student Motivation through Autonomy, Mastery, and Purpose: a deep-dive into the latest research in the field of motivational psychology, and how we can use these techniques to increase student engagement and retention. Will also include some thoughts on teaching and retaining the Gen-Z student.
- d. **10:45am** Session II - Teaching Tools to Combat "The Creativity Crisis": an examination of practice teaching techniques that can encourage improvisation, arranging, and composing with a generation of students who are scoring lower and lower on creativity tests.
- e. **12:00pm** Potluck lunch in FAB 145
- f. **1:30pm** Master Class of Kevin Olson Pieces (Whitmore Recital Hall)
- g. 3:30pm End

TO ALL ATTENDEES: Our fall-workshop has always included a potluck in which members contribute their favorite dishes to share with all. Please sign up on this google doc to indicate what you plan to bring:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yMP-7w7uWVa_8bg1YnVc51zwoxMYbel0jHcc25_fV8/edit?usp=sharing

We have invited members of the Federation to attend the events (we hope they will join our group!), so consider enlarging your food contribution if you can.

II. Upcoming MMTA and MTNA Competitions:

A. Deadlines:

MTNA Deadline for Performance Competitions is **Wednesday, September 11 at 3pm EST**, please go to mtna.org to apply. New this year, Brass and Voice Senior and Young Artist Competitions will hold their preliminary rounds by video round only (along with Chamber Music). Piano and other instrumental categories will continue to hold in-person auditions at the state level.

MMTA Pre-Collegiate Competition - Applications will open in late August. The deadline has not yet been set for Pre-Collegiate Applications according to the missourimta.org website. I am assuming that for those passing District Auditions to State, the deadline for applying for State Competitions will be October 9, 2024 - the same as posted for collegiate competitions.

MMTA Collegiate Competition - Application deadline has been given as October 9, 2024 on the missourimta.org website.

B. Auditions:

MMTA District IV Auditions - **Saturday, September 21, 2024 at MU School of Music FAB**

MTNA and MMTA Missouri State Competitions - **November 7-10 at the MU School of Music (SMC and FAB)**

I guess this is breaking news, since the missourimta.org website does not list our District dates yet, but as site-coordinator I can confirm the above. As always, Nancy Dreier will be scheduling the District auditions for us (HUGE thanks to her in advance)

III. Joint MMTA and KMTA Conference - September 27-28 at the UMKC Conservatory

For years MMTA has worked towards bringing back a state conference. It is becoming a reality this year with a two-day event Sep 27-28 that will feature the [Anderson Roe Piano Duo](#) in concert as well as additional programming available [here](#). Conference registration link [here](#).

We'll have more information and other dates next time. If you are a chair of any MMAMTA programming, remember to get information to Ayako for the 2024-25 MMAMTA Handbook.

Best,

Peter Miyamoto, MMAMTA President