

# GCMTA NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Lois Simon

## SIMON SAYS



Thank you to everyone who attended the September meeting. We had an excellent turn out and the Harpsichord Program by Yumi Patterson was very interesting. We look forward to “part 2” of this presentation in the future!

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I'd like to extend a special welcome to our new members. We will help in any way we can as you become accustomed to our events and procedures. Feel free to contact any of our officers or chairmen if you have questions.

## Special Thanks

- Bonnie Bowen for organizing the new member program and to everyone who volunteered to be a New Member Mentor.
- Lisa Gaal for the new Directory.
- Rebecca McKeown for preparing refreshments and to Music and Arts for providing the food.

## Upcoming Events

- Mark your calendars to attend the MTNA National Conference in ATLANTA, March 28 – April 1, at the Westin Peachtree Plaza and AmericasMart. The registration fee will be high, approximately \$250. At the conference in Denver, however, I received \$187 worth of free music. Recitals will feature Olga Kern and Margo Garrett. The black-tie optional Gala banquet will be held at the Georgia Aquarium.
- We hope to see many of you at the GMTA Conference in Athens. Information and registration form are available in this issue.

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Those who need the 2008 – 2009 Directory may obtain one by sending \$5.00 to Lisa Gaal, 1535 Shagbark Way. Cumming, GA 30041

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Our condolences to Mary Marshall Dekkers on the death of her mother, who passed away July 31<sup>st</sup>.



## 2008 GMTA STATE CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 6 – 8 ATHENS, GA

This year's GMTA conference will be held in the classic city of Athens. GMTA is delighted and honored to have concert artist Claude Frank with us this year. Additionally, the conference will feature presentations from “Georgia's Own” gifted teachers and scholars. Jane McGrath will be the featured pedagogy specialist.

The conference hotel is the Holiday Inn – Athens. 706-549-4433.

GMTA rate: \$89 per night. 70 total rooms are reserved, 60 of those are doubles.

To receive the GMTA rate, you must mention that you are with the Georgia Music Teachers' Association.

For more information on the conference, including the schedule, visit the GMTA website

At [www.georgiamta.org](http://www.georgiamta.org).

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## FEDERATED NOTES

The Federated Dues deadline has come and gone, so hopefully you have filled out the JR/SR Dues form and paid your dues to your area chairman. You must do this to participate in the Federated Festivals in February. If you are a new member, or failed to meet the deadline and want to participate, contact me at [judyharper@comcast.net](mailto:judyharper@comcast.net), or 770-476-3950.

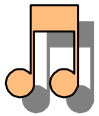
As you are selecting music for your students, please be sure and refer to the NFMC Bulletin, and your 2008 master list if applicable, to make sure the level and repertoire is correct. Also, remember that the scholarship program will include only 9-12 grade this year.

When you are asked by your chairman to help with duties prior to, as well as on Festival day, I know you will be willing. It takes all of us to prepare ahead and work on the day of the event.



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### CLASSICAL MEETS POPS Sundays @ Four Concert Series



**Program:** 1st half: Bach, Brahms, Milhaud, and Lutoslawski  
2nd half: "Ferrante & Teicher" favorites, including "Exodus"

**When:** Sunday, October 12, 2008, at 4:00PM

**Where:** Chamblee First United Methodist Church  
4147 Chamblee Dunwoody Road  
Chamblee, Georgia 30341  
770-457-2525

**Cost:** Free/Donations are suggested; a love gift of \$10/person is encouraged.

**Web site:** [www.chambleeumc.org](http://www.chambleeumc.org)

Susan Teicher and Martha Thomas carry on the tradition of the world-renowned two-man piano show of Ferrante & Teicher that was wildly popular in the 1960's. Susan Teicher, daughter of Louis Teicher, trained at Juilliard and the Peabody Institute and is on the faculty at Eastern Illinois University. Martha Thomas serves as Keyboard Area Chair at the University of Georgia and is President of the Georgia

Music Teachers Association.

Susan and Martha have put all their classical training to the test with this program. Performing the Ferrante & Teicher duos is extremely difficult and has given them tremendous respect for the original pair. They perform these arrangements with the exclusive permission of Ferrante & Teicher.

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## NEWS ITEMS

UGA MUSIC: Two Gwinnett students also competed in the vocal competition of the Spring Auditions at UGA. They are Meagan Price who received the AE award and Elizabeth King who received the HM award. Both students study music with Debra Hughes.

Kelly Saroff, flute student of Debra Hughes was awarded first chair at UGA's Summer Music Institute as well as selected for their Honors Wind Quartet and Wind Ensemble. She recently won a seat in the Atlanta Youth Symphony Orchestra AND Emory's Youth Wind Ensemble.

# GMTA STATE CONFERENCE

## Registration Form University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia November 6-8, 2008

**Pre-Registration Postmark Deadline Date: October 10, 2008**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Local Association or College Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hold GMTA/MTNA Certification? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you a new GMTA member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this your first GMTA conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Current GMTA or Local Association Position Held \_\_\_\_\_  
*(indicate if you are a former President of GMTA)*

### Registration Fee:

\$80.00 GMTA member \_\_\_\_\_  
\$85.00 Non-member fee \_\_\_\_\_  
\$103.00 Husband/Wife (both must be GMTA members) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$107.00 Member/Non-Member Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
FREE GMTA Student Members \_\_\_\_\_  
\$15.00 Non-member Student fee \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTE

There will be an extra \$5.00 charged for all registrations postmarked after October 10th. The above prices include admission to all conference activities, including Friday night's program. Pre-college students may attend conference student recitals and student master classes with their teacher, provided that the teacher is a GMTA member and registered conference attendee. Free conference registration is offered to host college faculty and students who are members of GMTA. The above prices do NOT include any Meal Functions. All fees (registration and meals) are nonrefundable.

### MEALS SOLD THROUGH PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY

\$10.00 **Friday: Box Lunch** (Deli Buffet with Assorted Sandwiches) \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25.00 **Friday: Evening Banquet** (Turkey & Dressing, Vegetables, Dessert) \_\_\_\_\_

### FRIDAY EVENING CONCERT TICKET FOR CLAUDE FRANK, HEADLINER

Tickets to the Claude Frank Friday evening concert are free to those who have registered for the conference. Tickets must be reserved in advance on this form. Each person registered for the conference is entitled to one free concert ticket. Anyone wishing to purchase extra tickets may contact the UGA Performing Arts Center Box Office at (706) 542-4400, or toll free (888) 289-8497.

### **Indicate # of tickets desired**

\_\_\_\_\_ *(maximum of one complimentary ticket per registered conference attendee)*

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GMTA  
MAIL THIS FORM (OR A COPY OF IT) WITH YOUR CHECK TO:  
GMTA**

**Donna Trivette, Executive Director  
956 Green Knoll Drive  
Dacula, GA 30019**

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder: Postmark Deadline Date is October 10, 2008**