

*Frederick County
Music Teachers Association*



*2023-2024
Handbook*

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The FCMTA website can be located by visiting www.fcmta.info or www.msmta.org and clicking on the link for Local Associations. All information and forms for entering events will be available from these websites.

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<i>Secretary:</i>	<i>Sheila Jones</i>
<i>Treasurer:</i>	<i>Cindy Taylor</i>

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<i>Halloween Recital:</i>	<i>Christine Pappas</i>
<i>Ensemble Festival:</i>	<i>Laurel Carroll; Karen Skelly</i>
<i>MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Testing:</i>	<i>Laurel Carroll; Kim Roberts</i>
<i>Sonatina/Sonata Festival:</i>	<i>Jenny Lipitzky; Christel Meyerle</i>
<i>MSMTA Music Theory Testing:</i>	<i>Karen Skelly</i>
<i>Teenage Music and Pizza Cafe</i>	<i>Cindy Taylor, Sheila Jones</i>
<i>Spring Teacher Recitals</i>	<i>Bobbie Rastall</i>
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<i>Librarian:</i>	<i>Nick IntVeldt</i>
<i>Clavier Companion Subscription:</i>	<i>Cindy Taylor</i>
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<i>MSMTA Newsletter:</i>	<i>Karen Skelly</i>
<i>FCMTA Handbook:</i>	<i>Karen Skelly</i>
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<i>Webmaster:</i>	<i>Nick IntVeldt</i>
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<i>Performance Trophy:</i>	<i>Nick IntVeldt</i>
<i>Advertisement/Membership:</i>	<i>Tatjana Podjaski-Desler</i>
<i>Frederick Festival of the Arts:</i>	<i>Tatjana Podjaski-Desler</i>

FCMTA Monthly Meeting Schedule 2023-2024

Unless otherwise noted all meetings will be In Person & Hybrid/ZOOM platform

- 9/12 ***Business Meeting. 10:00 Walkersville Library, 2 Glade Road, Walkersville, MD***
- 10/10 ***Sharing Session”: Sightreading and Teaching Children with Special Needs”***
9:30 Social, 10:00 meeting, Location TBD
A time to gather and share your experiences teaching sight-reading and/or students with special needs. Bring your ideas, concerns, questions and teaching materials.
- 11/14 ***“Essential Accompanist Skills for Successful Collaboration”***
Nick Int Veldt, presenter/host 9:30. 20612 Beaver Creek Rd., Hagerstown, MD.
- 12/12 ***Holiday Party*** *Location and time TBD*
- 1/8/24 ***Business Meeting 10:00. Walkersville Library, 2 Glade Road, Walkersville, MD***
- 2/13 ***“Cultivating Appreciation of Classical Music in the Home”***
Sadie Hoyt, presenter 10:00 ZOOM only
Sadie will discuss classical music’s important place amidst the music genres, its continued relevance, and the crucial role it plays in sharpening our students’ ears, prompting greater creativity and awakening wonder in young minds. As an educator who creates education materials for classrooms and families across the US, she will also discuss practical tips and resources for implementing more classical music appreciation in students’ homes.
- 3/12 ***“The Meanings of the Markings” Jay DeWire, presenter 10:00 Venue: TBD***
Instructions in a score (dynamics, articulation, tempo indications) are the composer’s way of trying to communicate with performers from a distance. Jay will discuss differences in approach between composers and eras, different philosophies of interpretation, and how to grapple with these markings to craft a convincing interpretation.
- 4/9 ***“Business Practices: Parent Expectations, Make-Ups, and More” (Group discussion)***
Carol Havelka, facilitator 10:00 Urbana Library, 9020 Amelung St., Urbana
- 5/14 ***Business Meeting 10:00. Walkersville Library, 2 Glade Road, Walkersville, MD***
- 6/11 ***“Double Your Fun: Teacher Duets” 10:00***
Great Hall at All Saints Episcopal Church, 106 W. Church Street, Frederick

Student Events 2023-2024

The hosting of student events will be in accordance with the Frederick County Health Department recommended guidelines, in accordance with the recommended Center for Disease Control (CDC) considerations, and venue requirements. These will be continually evaluated throughout the year and decisions will be made with the health and safety of students, families, and teachers as the priority.

<i>October 28, 2023</i>	<i>FCMTA Halloween Recitals</i> <i>Recitals for students to perform Halloween-themed music</i>
<i>November 12, 2023</i>	<i>FCMTA Ensemble Festival</i>
<i>January 18?, 2024</i>	<i>FCMTA Teenage Student Music & Pizza Cafe</i> <i>Informal atmosphere option to play a student choice song.</i>
<i>February 10, 2024</i>	<i>Recital at Homewood Senior Living Center</i>
<i>February 10, 2024</i>	<i>MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Testing</i> <i>State keyboard musicianship testing program</i>
<i>March 2, 2024</i>	<i>MSMTA Music Theory Testing</i> <i>State theory testing program</i>
<i>March 16, 2024</i>	<i>FCMTA Sonatina/Sonata Festival</i> <i>Festival for students to perform two pieces, one of which is a sonatina or sonata, in a formal recital setting and received written comments and evaluation</i>
<i>May 18, 2024</i>	<i>Teacher Studio Recitals</i> <i>Individual or combined recitals under the FCMTA umbrella</i>
<i>June TBA</i>	<i>Frederick Festival of the Arts - the 1st or 2nd weekend</i> <i>FCMTA will have a booth to promote our organization. Music games and handouts for the public. Possible Community Stage Carroll Creek Linear Park (Downtown Frederick)</i>

FCMTA Halloween Recital

Chairperson: *Christine Pappas, Toni Serini*

Date: *October 28, 2023*

Location: *Christ Reformed United Church of Christ
12 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769*

Time: *1pm - 5pm*

Fee: *\$15.00 per student. Teachers please write **one check** from your studio (payable to FCMTA) for the total fees, and send to Cindy Taylor, 904 Twin Oak Court, Frederick MD 21701 by October 6, 2023. Or send money by PayPal to fcmtatreasurer@gmail.com.*

Registration: *Registration forms from parents are due to their child's teacher September 29, 2023. Registration forms can be found online at www.fcmta.info. Completed forms should be emailed to Christine at pianolady322@hotmail.com, or mailed to 10 Holder Court, Boonsboro, MD 21713, no later than October 6, 2023.*

Repertoire: *Halloween music, or music with a "spooky" sound.*

Time Limit: *Total performance time should not exceed 4 minutes.*

The Halloween recital provides a relaxed, non-competitive performance opportunity for our students. Both solos and ensembles are welcome. Each student who participates will be given a certificate.

Note: *Students are encouraged to wear costumes!*

- *Memorization for the Student Recitals is encouraged but not required.*
- *Teachers who enter students MUST be available to help on the day of the recital.*
- *Participants MUST remain for the entire recital section.*
- *No "flash" photography is allowed during student performances. Family members are welcome to videotape their student's performance, as long as it is done quietly and discretely.*

MSMTA Conference

Sunday, October 15, 2023

1:00 – 7:00 - ZOOM ONLINE CONFERENCE

Deborah White-Bondhus & Junko Takahashi- co-chairs.

1:00 PM **Meet and Greet**

1:30 PM **“If You Like That, You’ll Love This!”**

*Repertoire Alternatives for Overplayed Pieces. The classical piano literature is vast, rich and varied. Yet it seems that the same handful of pieces are performed most frequently. This is understandable: students often hear other students play a piece and decide they’d also like to play it, and teachers become accustomed to teaching certain pieces in order to reliably develop specific components of musicianship and technique in their students. This session will propose alternatives to some of the most commonly played pieces, in order to broaden repertoire options for teachers and students alike.
Dr. Kate Boyd, DMA, NCTM, Professor of Piano at Butler University*

2:45 PM **Break**

3:00 PM **General Membership Meeting**

4:00 PM **“Memorization Techniques for a More Secure Performance”**

*Memorization is the bane of our existence as pianists. This lecture will present ways to feel more secure when playing in public by focusing on the four types of memory— Visual, Auditory, Intellectual and Kinesthetic. Concrete examples of ways to practice in order to solidify memory will be presented in addition to a discussion of why we play from memory and if we even should!
Dr. Theresa Bogard, Professor, Piano, Department of Music, University of Wyoming*

5:15 PM **Break**

5:30 PM **Master Class for Intermediate/Advanced Students –**

*Dr. James (Jay) DeWire, Assistant Professor, Frostburg State University
Pianist, West Shore Piano Trio*

7:00 PM **End of conference**

FCMTA Ensemble Festival

Date: November 12, 2023

*Location: Christ Reformed United Church of Christ
12 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769*

Registration Deadline: October 28, 2023

Co-Chair: Laurel Carroll and Karen Skelly

1. *Ensembles of any kind are welcome, if at least one performer is a student of a current FCMTA teacher. Parents, teachers, and friends are welcome to join the ensemble.*
2. *Each ensemble may perform up to two pieces if the performance does not exceed the following time limits:*
 - Elementary Level: 3 minutes*
 - Intermediate Level: 4 minutes*
 - Advanced Level: 5 minutes*
3. *No memorization is necessary. Arrangements or transcriptions are acceptable.*
4. *Students must bring the original printed music to use during the performance. **No photocopies are allowed.** Music printed from purchased CD files or electronically purchased is acceptable and will be treated as original music.*
5. *A **\$15.00 fee** will be charged for each ensemble performance. A student performing different instruments in different ensembles must pay fees for each entry. All fees are nonrefundable.*
6. *Ensembles will be grouped in open recitals. Performers are required to stay for the entire recital. Family members and teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend these recitals.*
7. *Students of FCMTA members will be invited to join a "Group Ensemble Class" directly before or after the recital to which he or she is assigned. The Ensemble Class will include fun activities and improvised performances in an ensemble setting!*
1. *All students should arrive 10 - 15 minutes before their scheduled recital time.*
8. *Teachers must **email their Master List** (on the fcmta.info website) to the chair, Laurel Carroll (laurelnotes@gmail.com) **no later than October 28, 2023.***
9. ***Make payment via PayPal** to fcmtatreasurer@gmail.com.
If you cannot use PayPal: **mail one check**, payable to **FCMTA**, for the **total amount due from all your students**, to: Cindy Taylor, 904 Twin Oak Court, Frederick MD 21701, no later than 10-28-23.*
10. *All teachers entering students in the Festival must be willing and able to assist with the event.*

FCMTA High School Student Music and Pizza Cafe

Chairperson: *Cindy Taylor and Sheila Jones*

Date: *January ?, 2024*

Location: *Walkersville United Methodist Church, 22 Main Street, Walkersville, MD 21793*

Time: *7 - 10 pm*

Fee: *\$5.00 per student. Forms from parents are due **January 6, 2024**. Teachers please write one check from your studio (payable to FCMTA) for the total fees, and send to Cindy Taylor; 904 Twin Oak Court, Frederick, MD 21701 by **January 10, 2024**. Or send money by PayPal to fcmtatreasurer@gmail.com.*

Repertoire: *Student Choice*

Time Limit: *Total performance time should not exceed 4 minutes.*

The Music and Pizza Cafe provides a relaxed, non-competitive performance opportunity for our teen students.

Notes:

- *Memorization for the Student Performance is not required.*
- *Teachers who enter students MUST be available to help on the day of the event.*
- *Participants MUST remain for the entire event.*

Cafe Itinerary:

- *Ice Breaker*
- *Eat Pizza*
- *Play Opportunity*
- *Shared Learning Activity*
- *Play Opportunity*
- *Game*
- *Duet or Improvisation Opportunity*

MSMTA Keyboard Musicianship Testing

Co-Chairs: *Laurel Carroll and Kim Roberts*

Date: *February 10, 2024*

Location: *Christ Reformed United Church of Christ
12 South Church Street, Middletown, MD 21769*

Time: *Individual times assigned. TBA (assigned 3 weeks in advance)*

Fee: *\$15.00 per student per level*

Deadlines: *Online registration and fee due by **December 29, 2023.**
(Go to msmta.org; click on "Activities Calendar." Scroll down to Keyboard Musicianship Exam (under "Exams" for information and online registration.)*

Rules: *See Keyboard Musicianship Syllabus at www.msmta.org "Members Only" section. Ask Kim or Laurel any questions you have about this testing program.*

Description: *The Keyboard Musicianship Program is a comprehensive program designed to develop many musical skills. The categories (called modules) are:*

- 1) Scales – Chords - Arpeggios*
- 2) Transposition*
- 3) Sight Reading*
- 4a) Harmonization*
- 4b) Lead Sheet Realization*
- 5) Improvisation*

Each module has 12 levels which are clearly described in the syllabus. Accuracy, good fingering and are stressed in the technical module of Scales and Arpeggios. Transposing is one of the easiest modules, as all levels are prepared in advance. Sight Reading stresses rhythmic accuracy and continuity. Harmonizing requires correct chord placement and chord choices, in addition to reading skill. Lead Sheet Realization gives students the opportunity to read a lead sheet and improvise with the required style for each level. Creativity is important in Improvisation, which has a wide variety of choices.

The testing is done on an individual basis with clear guidelines set up for the judges. The Scales – Chords - Arpeggio Module is required and must progress to a higher level for each subsequent test. Students choose at least two other modules to take.

The syllabus provides teachers with a graded system of teaching the above topics. Taking the test provides students and teachers with a goal to work towards as well as the satisfaction of a goal well met.

All students receive a certificate of participation for each level completed. Trophies are awarded for completing multiple levels.

FCMTA Senior Living Recital

Chairperson: David Loy

Date: February 10, 2024

Location: Homewood Senior Living Center

Time: 2:30 PM

Fee: TBD

Registration: Deadline is January 31, 2023 by email to wloy313221@aol.com

Repertoire: Student/Teacher Choice

Time Limit: Total performance time should not exceed 4 minutes

The Senior Living Recital provides a relaxed, non-competitive performance opportunity for our students.

Notes:

- *Memorization for the Student Recitals is encouraged but not required.*
- *Teachers who enter students MUST be available to help on the day of the recital.*
- *Participants MUST remain for the entire recital section.*
- *No “flash” photography is allowed during student performances. Family members are welcome to videotape their student’s performance, as long as it is done quietly and discreetly.*

MSMTA Music Theory Testing Program

Chairperson: Karen Skelly

Date: March 2, 2024 for Frederick center (varies by center)

Fee: \$15.00 per student per level

Deadline: Online registration and fees to MSMTA by January 19, 2024 for Frederick Center.
Print-out applications and payment must be postmarked by January 19, 2024.

Rules: See the MSMTA Student Activities Handbook and the RCM Theory Syllabus. (msmta.org)

Description: This popular program, began nearly 35 years ago, now offers testing in music theory and ear training at 12 levels. Students may begin at any level and may take up to two levels in one year. There are no age or grade restrictions for any level of the test, and adults frequently participate as well. Starting in 2019, tests will follow the Royal Conservatory of Music Syllabus.

Awards: Four different Theory Awards can be earned by students for excellent scores.
Points are also awarded towards the Jr. and Sr. DMA awards.

This event is sponsored by MSMTA.

Testing will be done in person at local centers. Teachers wishing to have students test at other centers must register directly with that center (online) by deadlines listed on the MSMTA.org website. The deadline and date varies by center.

January 19, 2024 is the deadline for online registration for the Frederick Center. The check and the print-out of the application must be mailed to Elena Eliseeva and postmarked by January 19, 2024.

Frederick Testing Center Location: Evangelical Lutheran Church,
31 East Church Street, Frederick, MD
There is a parking garage directly beside the church.

Testing times will be distributed to registered teachers by February 24th.

Grading will be completed and tests returned to teachers as soon as possible.

All teachers registering students must be available to help on testing day.

FCMTA Sonatina/Sonata Festival

Chairpersons: Jennifer Lipitzky and Christel Meyerle

Date: March 16, 2024

Location: Frederick Community College

Time: All day; individual times to be announced two weeks before the Festival.

Fee: **\$20 per student.** Teachers must be a member of FCMTA. Teachers please write **one check** from your studio (**payable to FCMTA**) for the total fees, and send to Cindy Taylor, 904 Twin Oak Court, Frederick MD 21701 postmarked by February 24, 2024. Or send money by PayPal.com.

Deadlines: Registration forms must be submitted electronically to jennysmusikstudio@gmail.com by **February 24, 2024.**

Description: FCMTA will host its 16th Annual "Sonatina/Sonata Festival" this year. This is an opportunity for piano students to perform a selection from the vast repertoire of Sonatinas and Sonatas, as well as a contrasting piece. Students will be placed into groups of about 12 students, and will perform in a recital-like format, while a piano adjudicator evaluates their performance. All students will receive a written evaluation by the adjudicator and a certificate.

Students must play **one sonatina or sonata movement** and **one contrasting piece** of the teacher's choice. The contrasting piece must be in a **contrasting style and time period** (exception: at the Elementary and Late Elementary the second piece may be from the same period, but it should contrast in style). The contrasting piece should be the same level of difficulty as the sonatina or sonata. (The teacher may choose to use any edition of the music, but the music must remain intact: no simplified or shortened versions will be acceptable.)

The student's repertoire must not exceed 10 minutes, total, for levels up to the Advanced Level. Advanced Level time limit is 15 minutes. Memorization is preferred - students who use music will have points deducted for memorization but still may participate. Each student is to have his/her copy of the original music ready to present to the judge. Students with photocopied music will be **DISQUALIFIED** from the competition. Music produced from CD files, procured from public domain sources such as the Petrucci Music Library (imslp.org), or electronically purchased music is acceptable.

Repeats are generally not to be taken in the sonata or sonatina movement, except for short repeats (8 - 16 measures), or for balance of the form. At the discretion of the teacher, repeats may be used in the contrasting piece if it serves to enhance the music. Both D.C. and D.S. should be taken as indicated. Keep time limits in mind when deciding about repeats.

FCMTA Studio Recitals

Chairperson: Bobbie Rastall

Date: May 18, 2024

Location: TBA

Time: TBA

Fee: Rental costs for the venue will be split among participating teachers.

Registration: TBD

FCMTA teachers may request time to hold their own Studio Recital at a shared venue. Teachers with smaller studios can team up with another teacher(s) if desired.

Each studio will be assigned a specific time to hold their recital, and a reception after if desired.

Insurance will be covered under the MSMTA umbrella as this is an FCMTA event.

Frederick Festival of the Arts

Chairperson: *Tatjana Podjaski-Desler*

Date: *TBD First or Second Weekend in June*

Location: *Carroll Creek Linear Park in Downtown Frederick*

Time: *Booth is open during Festival on both days.
Community stage- TBD*

Fee: *None*

Deadline: *(IF there is a Community Stage). Application form to Tatjana Podjaski-Desler by May 19, 2023. Forms are available at fcmta.info. First come first served to be considered. Limited availability.*

Repertoire: *Every genre of music is welcome to entertain the community.*

Time Limit: *Total performance time should not exceed 4 minutes(1or2pieces).*

- *Memorization is encouraged but not required.*
- *The goals of this event are to provide a performance opportunity for students and to teach the public about our organization.*

FCMTA PERFORMANCE TROPHY AWARD

This award is for students of FCMTA teachers, to encourage students to participate in FCMTA events as well as other performance opportunities, and also to encourage concert attendance.

Students earn points toward the “FCMTA Performance Trophy Award” as follows:

- **20 points for performing in any FCMTA or FCMTA-sponsored event**
(Examples: Halloween Recital, Fall Festival, Sonatina Festival, Senior Living Center Performances, or the MSMTA Musicianship Testing or the MSMTA Theory Test given in Frederick County.) An additional 10 points are awarded to students who earn a “Superior” rating at an FCMTA-sponsored event.
- **20 points for performing in any event sponsored by an FCMTA teacher**
(Example: Studio recitals by FCMTA teachers.)
- **10 points for performing in a non-FCMTA event**
(Examples: MSMTA Composer’s Circle, WVMTA event, church performance, retirement home performance, etc.) Performance must be done with the student’s primary instrument, or sung if the student is a voice student. No more than 20 points total for this category.
- **5 points for ensemble performance**
(Examples: Performing in a school band concert or singing in a church choir on Sunday. Performance does not have to be with primary instrument.) No more than 10 points total for this category.
- **10 points for attending a concert (instrumental or vocal recital)**
A Concert Attendance form must be filled out and submitted to the teacher to sign. The student’s teacher must approve that the concert is of sufficient value to warrant awarding points for attendance. In general, eligible concerts include local community (e.g.school) concerts as well as those by professional organizations. Attendance must be in person.

To earn the FCMTA Performance Trophy, students must acquire the following number of points in the following categories:

*Performance Participation Points Required: 100
(Minimum of 60 points from FCMTA-sponsored events)*

Concert Attendance Points Required: 30

Total Number of Points Required: 130

Program forms and information are available at www.fcmta.info. Teachers are responsible to gather all documentation and keep track of points. After all requirements have been met, the teacher sends the completed application and documentation of each event (including scores sheets for judged events) to the Performance Trophy Chair:

Nick IntVeldt, 20612 Beaver Creek Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Trophies will be available to the student’s teacher about one month after the application is received.

BYLAWS

of the
FREDERICK COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Affiliated With
MARYLAND STATE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
and
MUSIC TEACHERS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be FREDERICK COUNTY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, INC., referred to as FCMTA, affiliated with the Maryland State Music Teachers Association, Inc., and the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA).

Article II -PURPOSE

1. The Association is an educational, non-profit organization, non-stock membership corporation, and the purpose for which it is formed and the business or projects to be carried on and promoted by it are as follows:

(a) To elevate and to maintain a standard of music study and thereby increase appreciation for the art of music and skill in its performance.

(b) To assure parents and students that they may feel confident that they are under professionally competent instruction when studying with one of its members.

(c) To inform its members concerning advances and practices in the profession, and to organize and conduct clinics, workshops, and meetings.

(d) To cooperate and participate with professional music organizations of mutual interest, and to maintain a close affiliation with the Maryland State Music Teachers Association and the Music Teachers National Association.

(e) To raise funds in order to: 1) conduct the Association, and 2) provide and promote educational opportunities in music for students, with particular emphasis on Frederick County.

2. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

3. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

4. In the event of the dissolution of this organization, any funds remaining in the treasury after the payment of any outstanding debts shall be contributed to Music Teachers National Association or another 501(c)(3) organization.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Qualifications. Qualifications for each member are as outlined in the Bylaws of the Maryland State Music Teachers Association.
2. Membership. Membership in MTNA and MSMTA is required in conjunction with local Association membership. The member shall have the right to vote and to hold office.
3. Dues. Membership dues shall be approved by the FCMTA Board of Directors.
4. Renewal. Each member shall renew membership by paying MTNA, MSMTA and FCMTA dues. These combined dues are paid to MTNA at the beginning of each fiscal year.
5. Termination. Membership in the Association may be terminated by the member or revoked by the Association as prescribed in the Maryland State Music Teacher Bylaws.

Article IV - MEETINGS

1. Meetings. There shall be a minimum of six monthly membership meetings from September through June. The time, place, and content of the meetings shall be decided upon by the Board of Directors of the Association and published on the FCMTA website (fcmta.info).
2. Special Meetings. Special membership meetings may be called by the president or the Board of Directors.
3. Quorum. The presence of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Active members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any membership meeting.
4. Voting. At any regular or special meeting of the members of the Association, each member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any question or issue voted on by the membership. Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, all matters shall be decided by vote of a majority of members present, provided a quorum is also present, except that in any election of officers, the office(s) to be filled shall be filled by the candidate(s) who receives the highest number of votes cast.
5. Voting By Officers/Directors. Officers/Directors shall be elected by the membership at the April meeting as further provided in Article V. There shall be no cumulative voting rights by any officer/director or member.

Article V - OFFICERS AND ELECTION

1. Officers. The officers of this Association shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer who shall be elected by ballot or voice vote at the April membership meeting. These officers and the immediate past president shall constitute a Board of Directors.
2. Election. At the regular January membership meeting, the president shall appoint a nominating committee of at least two (2) members. At the March meeting, this Committee shall present the names of candidates for each office. At the April meeting, nominations for any office may be made from the floor by any member. At the close of nominations, all officers shall be elected by ballot or voice vote by a majority of members present. Officers shall assume their duties at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1. Each officer shall transfer records of that office to the successor. Each officer shall serve for one year or until his/her successor is duly elected and qualified, or until removed by the membership by quorum vote. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of office.
3. President. The duties of the President of the Association shall be to:
 - (a) serve as chief officer; direct and conduct the business of the Association;
 - (b) preside at all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors;
 - (c) appoint a chair of all committees, including the Nominating Committee and the Audit Committee and have supervision of the same;

- (d) act as an ex-officio member of all Committees;
 - (e) fulfill any duties which the Maryland State Music Teachers Association, Inc., shall require including attending meetings of the MSMTA Executive Board, the Annual Business Meeting or the Biennial Convention activities at each MSMTA Annual Business Meeting or Biennial Convention;
 - (f) perform all other duties as the office may require. See "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised."
4. Vice President. The duties of the Vice President of the Association shall be to:
- (a) perform the duties of the president in his/her absence, and assist the president in executing that office;
 - (b) assume the duties of the president, including the voting privilege on the MSMTA Executive Board, in such case as the president may be absent, incapacitated or unable to complete a full term of office;
 - (c) organize the programs for the monthly meetings;
 - (d) perform other duties as the office may require.
5. Secretary. The duties of the Secretary of the Association shall be to:
- (a) keep minutes and records of all membership and Board of Directors meetings;
 - (b) receive all written reports of other officers and retain them for the future use of the Association and its respective officers;
 - (c) conduct all correspondence of the Association;
 - (d) publish notice of regular and special membership meetings when appropriate.
6. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer of the Association shall be to:
- (a) pay the debts of the Association approved by the membership;
 - (b) submit monthly reports at the membership meetings;
 - (c) receive dues and other monies on behalf of the Association.

Article VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Directors. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by its Board of Directors, which consists of the duly elected officers of the Association, including the immediate past president.
2. Chair. The president of the Association shall serve as Chair of the Board of Directors.
3. Term of Office. The term of office of each director shall be one (1) year and until his/her successor is elected and qualified.
4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the president or a quorum of the Board of Directors. Oral or written notice of any special meetings shall be given to each director personally by the secretary within ten (10) day prior thereto, and shall include the time and place of the meeting, and may describe the business to be transacted.
5. Quorum. Three directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, but a majority of the directors present at any meeting may adjourn the meeting until a later time without further notice.
6. Expenses. Directors as such shall not receive any salaries for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, a sum fixed for expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at any regular or special meetings of MSMTA. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the Association in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

Article VII - COMMITTEES

1. Nominating Committee. A nominating committee shall be appointed by the president at the January meeting. The committee shall consist of two (2) to five (5) members, the number being determined by the president. At the March meeting the committee shall present the names of candidates for each office. At the April meeting, nominations for any office may be made from the floor by any member. At the close of nominations all officers shall be elected by ballot or voice vote of a majority of members present.
2. Audit Committee. An audit committee of two (2) members shall be appointed by the president at the April meeting. The committee will audit the treasurer's books and submit a report to the President before July 1. The report shall be read at the September meeting.
3. Other Committees. The president shall appoint other committees and committee chairs as deemed necessary by the membership. The duties and functions of any other committee shall be determined by the membership. Any appointed committee shall be dissolved upon completion of its duties.

Article VIII - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or may be confined to specific instances.
2. Payment. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, and in such manner as shall, from time to time, be determined by resolution of the membership.
3. Funds. All funds of the Association shall be deposited, from time to time, to the credit of the Association in such federally insured banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.
4. Contributions. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest, or device for any purpose of the Association.

Article IX - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on July 1 and shall end June 30 of the following year.

Article X - WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of Maryland law or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or by the Bylaws of the Association, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

Article XI - AMENDMENT

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present at any legally constituted meeting of the membership, provided that the amendment does not conflict with the Bylaws of the MSMTA and that notice of the proposed amendment has been given to each member at least two weeks in advance.

PAST PRESIDENTS

The Frederick Piano Teachers Association, later to become the Frederick County Music Teachers Association, was established in 1971. The group sponsored an Annual Piano Festival for many years, as well as concerto competitions, concerts and scholarships.

The list of past presidents is incomplete. If you have information to help us complete the list, please contact us.

Dorothy Freed	1971 - 1972
Marguerite Hess.....	1972 - 1973
Frances Shober.....	1973 - 1974
Madeline Young.....	1976 - 1977
Dorothy Freed.....	1977 - 1978
Patricia Bucheimer.....	1978 - 1979
Mary Kay Janson.....	1979 - 1980
Madeline Young.....	1981 - 1982
Mary Kay Janson.....	1982 - 1983
Kathryn Nicodemus.....	1984 - 1986
Judy Umstead.....	1989 - 1991
Mary Kay Janson.....	1994 - 1996
Pam Mathews.....	1996 - 1999
Susan Ward.....	1999 - 2001
Roberta Rastall.....	2001 - 2003
Erin Runkles.....	2003 - 2005
Karen Skelly.....	2005 - 2007
Laurel Carroll.....	2007 - 2011
Theresa Shykind.....	2011 - 2012
Laurel Carroll.....	2012 - 2016
Sheila Jones.....	2016 - 2021
Peggy Flickinger.....	2021 - 2023