



# AMTA Newsletter

March 2009

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## Save the Date

### **March 6, 2009**

MTNA National Conference  
Early Registration Deadline  
*Register by this extended date to  
save \$100*

### **March 14, 2009**

AMTA Local Auditions  
*Southern Keyboards Music Store*

### **March 28-April 1, 2009**

MTNA National Conference  
*Atlanta GA!*

### **April 17-18, 2009**

GMTA State Auditions  
*Kennesaw State University*

### **May 8, 2009**

Geoff Haydon  
*Southern Keyboards, 10am*

## The Talk of Spring

Dear Fellow Members,

Congratulations to all of our MusicFest participants! And thank you to organizers Mandy Munoz, Janice Broadhurst, and all those who volunteered during this performance event.

Spring is just around the corner (I think!), but nothing is winding down for AMTA. Still to come are local and state auditions, as well as the MTNA National Conference.

If you have never attended an MTNA National Conference, now is the perfect opportunity. With it being held in our very own city, it is our chance to take advantage of not needing to pay for hotel accommodations and airline tickets. MTNA has extended their discounted registration deadline to March 6. For those of you who have online access, registering through their website takes only a few moments. Visit: [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org)

There are still two more newsletters to hit your inbox before the end of the school year, so I encourage you to submit articles to share with fellow AMTA members. Let us know about spring recitals, your performances, new teaching literature, concert reviews, etc. You as member are part of the education of this fine organization.

Best regards,

Mary TL Williams  
President, AMTA

## AMTA to Announce Romantic Piano Competition

Atlanta Music Teachers Association is proud to announce a new tradition in the year to come. Fall of 2009, we will be holding our first annual Romantic Piano Performance Festival and Competition. This will be a chance for students of all ages, including amateur adults, to compete in the Romantic style, with cash prizes and a chance to perform in a winner's recital.

This competition is open to AMTA members and non-members. Please spread the word, and stay tuned for more details!

## Murray Perahia at Spivey Hall: *Master Class and Concert*

Master Class: Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 11am  
Concert: Sunday, March 22, 2009 at 3pm  
Spivey Hall at Clayton State University



Pianophiles will rejoice on Sunday, March 22, 2009, when pre-eminent American pianist Murray Perahia returns to Spivey Hall for the annual Spivey Memorial Concert, honoring Spivey Hall's visionary philanthropists, Dr. Walter & Emilie

Spivey. Patrons warmly recall his earlier visits to Spivey Hall – most recently in April 2003, when he gave sublime interpretations of works by Bach, Schubert and Beethoven. Indisputably one of the world's greatest living pianists, Perahia was awarded an honorary knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II for his service to music, and unfailingly entralls audiences with his inspiring and richly expressive performances. Glowed The Seattle Times, "The soul of a poet, the mind of a thinker, the hands of a virtuoso: No wonder audiences love this guy."

## A Tribute to Charles Schiff: *Featuring AMTA Member Edith Schiff*

Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.  
Ahavath Achim Synagogue  
600 Peachtree Battle Ave Atlanta GA 30327

Charles Schiff, a long-time resident of Atlanta, was a noted orchestra and opera conductor, clarinetist, composer, and arranger. He and his wife, Edith, were among the first artists to perform on the AA Music Series. Ahavath Achim Synagogue is privileged to dedicate this recital to his memory. Friends and family members will perform Schiff's transcriptions of works by Robert Schumann, Manuel de Falla, Albéniz, and Mussorgsky. Mr. Rex is Principal Cello and Ms. Ardan is Principal Clarinet, ASO.

This concert is free and open to the public. Donations accepted. For more info on the Cultural Arts Performance Series, visit: <http://www.aasynagogue.org/articles/2008-09CA.pdf>

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**Submit your AMTA newsletter article to:**  
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## Music for Sale

AMTA member and APS music teacher, Esther Domingo, has a treasure trove of music she is hoping to find a new home for. The music will be sold at a discounted rate to raise money for her school's music budget.

Available is music for everything including classical repertoire, sheet music, pop, music for orchestra, band, dulcimer, duets, and more.

Ms. Domingo's collection of music is conveniently housed at Clairemont Baptist Church, on Clairemont between Buford Hwy and Dresden Rd. Contact Ester for more info.

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