



# AMTA Newsletter

November 2011

## Save the Date! \*

**December 16, 2011**

Holiday Luncheon  
Home of Laura Gordy

**December 19, 2011**

Postmark Deadline  
Peter Takacs Master Class

**January 19, 2012, 10am**

Postmark Deadline  
MusicFest

**January 20, 2012, 10am**

Peter Takacs Master Class  
Steinway Piano Gallery

**January 21, 2012, 4:30pm**

Peter Takacs Solo Recital  
Steinway Piano Gallery

**February 19, 2012**

Agnes Scott College

**February 25, 2012**

Postmark Deadline  
Local Auditions

**March 18, 2012**

Local Auditions  
GA State University

**March 24-28, 2012**

MTNA National Conference  
GA State University

*\*Visit [www.atlmta.org](http://www.atlmta.org) for a complete list of dates*

## Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

The holiday season has started and I hope you all have a wonderful month of November and celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends.

I would like to express our gratitude towards Raisa Parmantier Isaacs who chaired the event for the third time this year. I would also like to thank all the teachers who worked rigorously on their free day and helped facilitate the event. The Romantic Competition/Festival celebrates the most beloved of piano repertoire so I hope you all enjoyed the performances that were delivered by our talented students at both Winners Recitals.

The GMTA conference is scheduled to take place this coming week and the venue for that is Columbus State University in Columbus, GA. I hope many of you can attend! The MTNA competition or the state of GA will take place prior to the competition on Nov 2 and 3. Good luck to all teachers and their students!

It's become a tradition to talk about performances around town in our newsletters; I hope many of you were able to attend the recent ASO concert with guest pianists. The talented David Coucheron is the soloist of the Brahms double concerto, with Christopher Rex as the cellist. This performance will take place the weekend of November 10-13. The Juniper String Quartet will be making their Spivey Hall debut on Nov 5 playing works by Mozart, Prokofiev and Beethoven.

For the lack of a music critic in town, I have started to follow Sam Dixon's blog at: <http://spiveyhall.blogspot.com/>. Sam Dixon is the Artistic Director of Spivey Hall, and I really enjoy his writing! Highly recommended.

Sincerely,

Elena Cholakova, AMTA President

## Peter Takacs Master Class

Friday, January 20, 2012 at 10am-12:00pm

Steinway Piano Galleries

Application Postmark Deadline: December 19, 2011

Please join AMTA in welcoming Dr. Peter Takacs of Oberlin University to Atlanta for a Master Class for advanced students. Presented by Atlanta Music Teachers Association, North Deklab Music Teachers Association, and North Fulton Music Teachers Association, Dr. Takacs will be sharing his talents as **master class clinician on Friday**, and as **solo artist on Saturday**. Special thanks to Steinway Piano Gallery for hosting this event. Read below for more information on our talented guest.



### Educational Background:

Bachelor of Music, Northwestern University, 1968

Master of Music, University Illinois Urbana, 1969

Doctoral studies, Peabody Conservatory

Study with Howard Karp and Leon Fleisher

Tanglewood Piano Fellowship, 1976

Conductors Seminar, 1989

### Prizes and Awards:

First prize, University of Maryland International Piano Competition, 1973; winner, North Carolina Symphony Competition, 1973; Rhode Island International Mater Pianist Competition, 1974; special award, Rockefeller American Music Competition, 1982; winner, La Gesse Foundation Recital Prize, 1983; National Endowment for the Arts Solo Recitalist Grant, 1984.

### Performances:

Numerous solo recitals, chamber music performances, and concerto appearances with major orchestras throughout the U.S. and abroad, including venues in Toulouse, France; Düsseldorf and Mainz, Germany; Helsingborg, Sweden; Tel Aviv, Israel; Kecskemét and Szeged, Hungary; Schlern, Italy; Caracas, Venezuela; and Beijing, China.

Featured recitalist, MTNA National Convention (1978, 1996), Tel Aviv Art Museum (2007); University of California, Irvine (all-Beethoven solo recital, 2007). Frequent appearances at chamber music and summer festivals in the U.S. and abroad, including those in Helsingborg, Sweden; Schlern, Italy; Tel Hai, Israel; Williamstown, Massachusetts, Santa Barbara, California, and the Charleston Chamber Music Fest. Frequent master classes throughout the U.S.

### Master Classes, Lectures, and Juries:

Chair of the classical music panel, National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (Miami, Florida)

Guest lecturer, MTNA National Convention (Toronto); World Piano Pedagogy Conference (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Music Institute for Piano Pedagogy (St. Thomas, Minnesota)

Guest faculty, Tel Hai International Master Classes (Sde Boker, Israel)

Adjudicator at international piano competitions in the U.S. and abroad, including Hilton Head International Piano Competition;

Jury chair, Piano Arts Competition (Milwaukee, Wisconsin); and Chicago Symphony Youth Concerto Competition

Artist-in-Residence, University of Wisconsin, Madison

### Professional Affiliations:

Faculty member, Chautauqua Institution 1989-1992; East Carolina University, 1972-76; Eastern Music Festival, TCU-Cliburn Institute; Music director, Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra, 1990-96.

## Peter Takacs Solo Recital

Saturday, January 21, 4:30pm  
Steinway Piano Gallery

Dr. Peter Takacs will be giving a Solo Recital as part of his visit to our fair city. The program will include music by Ludwig van Beethoven, Maurice Ravel, Frederic Chopin, and George Gershwin.

This is a great opportunity to see this master teacher display his talents. The event is free and open to the public. Please come, bring a friend, and tell your students about this recital.

## GMTA's New Website

GMTA has launched a new website! When you visit the new site you will see the new logo, pictures from past events, and many new features such as online conference registration.

Take the time to browse the new site, and become comfortable with the interface.

[www.georgiamta.com](http://www.georgiamta.com)



## WE NEED YOUR BEST!

In preparation for January's Master Class with Dr. Peter Takacs, we need you to apply your best students to participate in this first class event.

With all the holidays rapidly approaching, start preparing now for the **December 19 postmark deadline**.

## MTNA 2012 National Conference

Details at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org)

MTNA thought you needed an excuse to head north to the nation's great New York City, so they are giving you the 2012 National Conference in NYC!

If you register by December 1, 2011, you will receive a deeply discounted rate. Here are the details --

*Register by:*

*December 1 = \$295*

*February 14 = \$345*

*March 14 = \$395*

*Pedagogy Saturday is an additional \$75.*

For those of you who have never attended a MTNA Conference, you are in for a treat! This event is not to be missed. Lucky for us Atlantan's, airfare from here to NYC is considerably less than flying anywhere else in the U.S.

Since there are so many of us interested in attending, it is recommended that you make new friends and help share the cost of lodging. Here are rates for the Hilton New York, the conference hotel:

*Single/Double: \$239*

*Triple: \$289*

*Quad: \$329*

All conference events will take place in this hotel, so it couldn't be more convenient.

This trip will be a splurge that will benefit your teaching, your students, and YOU! While you're there, set some time aside to explore!