



IMPORTANT CONVENTION NEWS

Dear LMTA Members,

Once again our school year has begun with a hurricane! I hope that you are all safe and well, and have not suffered any major damage from Hurricane Isaac or the subsequent flooding. Please let me know right away if you have, or if you have information about other members who are in storm difficulties.

After enduring the hurricane, you need to make plans to attend our wonderful convention! Make your plans now to be at ULM, in Monroe, October 18 – 19. Deborah McClung-Guillory, of ULM, Irena Jones, President of Monroe District Music Teachers Association, and the MDMTA members are preparing a wonderful welcome for us in their city. You will not want to miss our Banquet on Thursday evening, followed by a recital by ULM faculty members. Here are just a few session highlights:

Our featured clinician, Beth Klingenstein, is offering several sessions on running an independent studio. Every one of us will benefit from her expertise in professional issues, pedagogy, and arts advocacy.

Victor Labenske, our Alfred clinician, is well-known to many of us for his Play Praise series. He will have sessions on intermediate contemporary American repertoire, and performance practices in styles such as Celtic, Gospel, Jazz, Pop, and Latin. Victor will also present an Alfred Showcase.

Our Kjos clinician is Paula Manwaring, who will present a session on Minimusic – a music readiness program for young children in small group instruction.

Our Commissioned composer is Joe Alexander, a music professor at Louisiana Tech.

We have several sessions by LMTA members from around the state, and forums by our chairs. Friday will feature strings sessions.

Our Silent Auction and Used Music Sale this year will benefit LMTA as we send two state officers from our Collegiate Chapters to MTNA Conference. Come and support the future leaders of LMTA!

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