



**Gateway Arch East
Music Teachers Association**

**Illinois State Music Teachers Association
Music Teachers National Association
2023-2024 Yearbook**

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Useful Links:

www.gatewaymusicteachers.org

www.mtna.org

www.ismta.org

www.musicperceptions.com

www.amyjosawyer.com

<https://sites.google.com/view/drstephanieowenmusiclessonsoff/home>

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Webmaster: [Seth Metcalfe](#)

The 2023-2024 Gateway Arch East Executive Board wishes to welcome you and thank you for your membership. We are looking forward to another year of music making together.

This is your updated directory for upcoming events, membership, and Gateway Arch East Music Teachers Association (GAEMTA) information. Please download it to your computer and save it. We thank Deb Meier for putting it together. Additional information can be found at: www.gatewaymusicteachers.org. Our webmaster is [Seth Metcalfe](#). Please contact him if you have any information you need to include or update on the website or in our Newsletter.

Your MTNA membership is an investment in crucial musical commodities, with continuing educational opportunities, career development, peer recognition, and networking programs. The 2023 Illinois State Conference will be held in person November 3-4, 2023 at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Go to www.ismta.org to access all of the conference information designed specifically for you. You'll be able to share with and learn from knowledgeable experts in your field. MTNA's popular monthly webinars also cover a variety of topics of interest to music teachers.

GAEMTA members are also eligible to apply for the National Certification Program administered by MTNA, which enables teachers to enhance their professional status. For the music teaching professional, certification provides prestige, recognition and the potential for student recruitment and increased earning power. The designation of Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM) is given to successful candidates who meet the professional competencies and standards required for MTNA certification. All applied music teachers actively engaged in the profession are eligible for MTNA Professional Certification. If you would like to know more about becoming certified, you can contact Gill Cerbin, Certification Chair, phone/text: (618) 980-5870; e-mail: gillcerbin@yahoo.com or contact MTNA, phone (888) 512-5278 or visit their website at: www.mtna.org.

Each and every member of Gateway Arch East MTA has special skills to share and we learn so much from each member; you are truly appreciated. I encourage you to bring a friend to our meetings. The more teachers in our group, the more ideas we have to share. Our Membership Chair, Joe Welch, can be reached at: pianowelch@gmail.com

Gateway Arch East MTA participates in the Illinois State Piano Examinations Achievement in Music (AIM) program. We encourage teachers to enter students at all levels. Upper-level AIM students, levels nine and

higher receive a cash award from Gateway Arch East MTA for passing both the theory and performance exams. We will reimburse members of our organization who haven't previously been involved in AIM Exams for their purchase of the AIM Syllabus from ISMTA. If you have questions regarding the program, you can contact [Gill Cerbin](#), AIM Chair.

Congratulations to Dr. Joe Welch, our current Vice President and Program Coordinator for being chosen as this year's GAE Member of the Year!

We need each and every member to make our organization strong and vital to serve the musical needs of our community. We wish you a rewarding and musical year ahead.

Sincerely,
The Gateway Arch East Executive Board

CODE OF ETHICS

Adopted by Gateway Arch East Chapter
Illinois State Music Teachers Association
Music Teachers National Association

The Gateway Arch East Chapter has accepted the Code of Ethics of the MTNA and the ISMTA. In accordance with these codes, the GAE has established the following Code of Ethics:

RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR PUBLIC

1. Maintaining and improving professional abilities in teaching and performing.
2. Giving no misleading or exaggerated claims concerning teaching qualifications in written or oral presentations.
3. Suggesting the name of two or more teachers when asked for guidance in selecting an independent teacher; final choice shall be made by the parent and the student.

RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR STUDENTS

1. Encouraging and developing the musical potential of each student as fully as possible, but avoiding specific promises or guarantees leading to false hopes of a career in music.
2. Encouraging students to participate in community music activities.
3. Maintaining confidentiality concerning student's test scores, conversations, etc.

RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR COLLEAGUES

1. Participating as fully as possible in activities of the Music Teachers National Association, the Illinois State Music Teachers Association, and Gateway Arch East Chapter.
2. Providing professional assistance to one another when such assistance is requested.
3. Respecting the rights of colleagues in their careers as teachers of music and withholding criticism.
4. Avoiding interference with a given student-teacher relationship.
5. Avoiding conflict with the instruction of a student's regular teacher when serving as an interim instructor.

6. Claiming credit for the achievement of a student only after the completion of at least six months of study with the respective teacher.
7. Accepting a transfer student only after receiving proof that lessons with the prior teacher have ceased and all financial obligations have been fulfilled.

Conforming to copyrighting laws regarding photocopying of published music in order that composers may be fairly compensated for their work.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

Gateway Arch East Chapter

1997-1998 – Marian Chao
1998-1999 – Frances Tonnies
1999-2000 – Karen Rogers
2000-2001 – Amy Jo Sawyer
2001-2002 – LeAnn Halvorson
2002-2003 – Deborah Meier
2003-2004 – Karen Koch
2004-2005 – Marshall Gurley
2005-2006 – Heidi Shepherd
2006-2007 – Darice Palmier
2007-2008 – LeAnn Halvorson
2008-2009 – Donna Guillaume
2009-2010 – Deborah Meier and LeAnn Halvorson
2010-2011 – Linda Perry
2011-2012 – Susan Lipnick
2012-2013 – Mary Anderson
2013-2014 – Joan Witte
2014-2015 – LeAnn Halvorson and Amy Jo Sawyer
2015-2016 – Karen Koch
2016-2017 – Joan Witte
2017-2018 – Joseph Welch
2018-2019 – Huei Li Chin
2019-2020 – Amy Jo Sawyer
2020-2021 – Gill Cerbin
2021-2022 – Marshall Gurley
2022-2023 – Deborah Meier
2023-2024 – Joseph Welch

2023-2024 Calendar of GAE Programs and Events

2023

Saturday, September 29, 10:30 a.m.

SLSO Coffee Concert – Group outing to see the performance of Beethoven’s First Piano Concerto performed by Jonathan Biss. Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center – 1 Touhill Cir, St. Louis, MO 63121
(866) 516-4949

Saturday, October 21, 10:00 a.m.

Studio Crawl – In an effort to reach potential new members, we will travel from one studio to the next and see each other’s teaching spaces and tools and hear some of our strategies and philosophies. Everyone is invited to attend and travel around to see each other’s teaching spaces. We would also encourage you to invite non-members to this event! A few GAE members will serve as hosts.

Fri. & Sat., Nov. 3 & 4

2023 ISMTA Conference

Northern Illinois University – Updates @ <https://ismta.org/conference>
DeKalb, IL – 1425 W Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb, IL 60115

Friday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.

Favorite AIM Repertoire Teachers will share some of their favorite AIM pieces.

Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Caroling at Gill’s
Gill will host a get-together at her home for Christmas Caroling!
This laid-back event gives us an opportunity to casually make music with friends. We will gather around the piano, take turns playing, and sing festive tunes!

2024

Friday, January 19, 10:00 a.m.

Schmidt Art Gallery at SWIC

Duet Jam Session
Teachers bring copies of their own duet music of varying levels, and everyone attending is invited to choose duets to read through with each other. Lunch ordered through SWIC; teachers pay for their own meal.

February 17/18

February 17

AIM Level 3-12 Theory Examinations held at **SWIC**

AIM Level 3-12 Theory Examinations held at **SIUE**

Spring 2024 TBD

A masterclass will be scheduled shortly before the AIM Performance Exams. More details to come.

March 16-20

MTNA Conference, Atlanta Georgia

April 20

AIM Performance Examinations (all levels) at **SIUE**

April 27/28

AIM Performance Examinations (all levels) at **SWIC**

May 4 TBD

Student Recital – Venue and time TBD

May 10

End-of-Year Luncheon Meeting

Business, Elections, Member-of-the-Year selection, etc.

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GAE POLICIES

General Policies

EXPENSES

- Program presenters are paid a minimum of \$150.00.
- The GAE President will be reimbursed \$100.00 for conference expenses.
- The GAE Member of the Year will be awarded \$100.00 to go towards conference expenses.
- A teacher's assistance fund is available to help pay part of new member fees (50% of the total MTNA dues) to first-time members. This fund will also reimburse 25% of MTNA Certification fees to anyone who is working on their certification after they complete the process and obtain their MTNA Certification.
- Executive Board approval is needed for any unbudgeted expenses or for any expense more than \$25.00 over the budgeted amount.
- A minimum balance of \$500 shall be kept in the GAE checking account to cover any unexpected expenses.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Member of the Year is to be selected annually based either upon service within GAE for that year or upon general musical accomplishments.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A \$25.00 donation will be made to the MusicLink Foundation in honor of a current or former member's death; a card will be sent to the respective family.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GATEWAY ARCH EAST CHAPTER OF THE ISMTA

Adopted: 1981

Revised: 2023

PREAMBLE

In compliance with its status as an affiliate, the Gateway Arch East Chapter shall be subject to the rules of the Music Teachers National Association and the Illinois State Music Teachers Association.

ARTICLE I- NAME

The name shall be Gateway Arch East Chapter, Illinois State Music Teachers Association.

ARTICLE II- OBJECT

The object of the Association is the advancement of musical knowledge and education; the promotion of the general welfare and standards of music teachers; the recognition and encouragement of musical ability and instruction of the general public in matters pertaining to music instruction.

ARTICLE III- OFFICERS

The officers of this association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV- EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers named in Article III, and members appointed for specific responsibilities.

ARTICLE V- BYLAWS

The Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the group by a two-thirds vote of the members present. These amendments shall be presented in writing and mailed to each member in good standing at least two weeks before the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

BYLAWS OF THE GATEWAY ARCH EAST CHAPTER OF THE ISMTA

BYLAW I – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I – ACTIVE MEMBER = Any person having reached the age of 21, who is actively engaged in any branch of the music profession, and is committed to the objectives of this association as stated in the constitution, shall be eligible for active membership.

SECTION II – COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP = Open to any undergraduate or graduate college music student who is not over the age of 26. Such membership does not include the right to vote or hold office.

SECTION III – SENIOR MEMBER = Any active member who is 70 years of age or older.

BYLAW II – FINANCES

SECTION I – PAYMENT OF DUES: Annual local dues shall be \$10.00 for active membership and \$5.00 for collegiate and senior membership. All members pay local dues along with state and national dues by submitting payment to MTNA for the coming year no later than July.

SECTION I.1 – Transfer members who have already paid state and national dues pay local dues only, made payable to Gateway Arch East M.T.A. New member applications for the current year submitted between January 1 and June 30 are half price for state and national dues.

SECTION II – DUES POLICIES: Local dues shall be determined by the Executive Board with the approval of the general membership.

SECTION III – FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30.

BYLAW III – MEETINGS

SECTION I – Executive Board meetings shall be held at the discretion of the president or any two other officers. Members present shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II – A minimum of six general meetings shall be held each year from September through May, subject to the decision of the Executive Board of the Association.

SECTION III – A quorum at general meetings shall consist of five members.

BYLAW IV – OFFICERS

SECTION I – OFFICERS AND DUTIES

PRESIDENT: to preside at meetings; to appoint chairmen of standing committees; and to perform such other duties compatible with the office.

VICE PRESIDENT: to assume duties in the absence of the President; to be responsible for organizing and coordinating the programs for the year.

SECRETARY: to maintain records of the minutes of all Executive Board and general meetings; to notify the members of monthly meetings and special events, unless already listed in the newsletter.

TREASURER: to maintain records and custody of funds and dues; to discharge expenses; to present a financial statement at each meeting of the Executive Board and at general meetings; to be responsible for the preparation of the annual report to members and for filing the E-postcard for tax exempt status; to prepare an annual budget, to be approved by the Executive Board and general membership.

SECTION II – ELECTIONS: Officers of this Association shall be elected for a two-year term. The President and Vice President may serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same office, unless a suitable replacement cannot be found. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. All officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee of three members appointed by the President. Additional nominations may be made from the meeting floor. The retiring President will serve as Parliamentarian. All active members shall be notified of the slate one month in advance. Vacancies shall be filled by the nominating committee upon the approval of the membership.

BYLAW V – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all matters not covered by special provisions by Bylaws.

Approval date: July 6, 2023

MTNA NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

(For those teaching in a studio or college/university setting.) Membership year begins July 1, 2023, and ends June 30, 2024.

Join online at www.mtna.org.

Name (Dr./Mr./Ms./First/Middle Initial/Last) _____
 Street _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____ Birth Date _____
 Teaching Field(s) _____ Gender: Male Female Prefer not to Answer

MTNA Website: MTNA lists members in our Find a Teacher search. Would you like to be listed? Yes No
 Primary Teaching Situation: Independent College* Student* Other* At which institution? _____
 If student, current year of study: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Master's Doctor's Other: _____

Highest Degree Attained:
 High School Associate Bachelor's Master's
 Doctor's Performance Diploma

Membership Dues Enter correct amounts below
 Active Member (Join between 7/1-12/31/23) \$900
 Active Member with Senior discount (70+ years of age) (Join between 7/1-12/31/23) \$72.75
 International Member (State and local dues not applicable) \$900
 Patron Member (State and local dues not applicable) \$900

MTNA National Dues: _____
 State Association Dues (Must be included; see right):
 State: _____
 Local or District Dues (if applicable):
 Local: _____
 Total Amount Enclosed:

Credit Card:
 MasterCard Visa American Express Check (U.S. funds)
 Card Number: _____
 Expiration Date: _____ CVC: _____
 Signature/Date: _____

Billing Information:
 Billing Address Same As Above
 Credit Card Billing Information (if different than above)
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

2023–2024 State Dues			
+ Also requires local/district dues Contact MTNA national headquarters at (888) 512-5278 or (513) 421-1420 for information.			
State	State Dues	State	State Dues
	Join between 7/1-12/31/23 New Members only		Join between 7/1-12/31/23 New Members only
Alabama +	\$26.00	Nebraska	35.00
Alaska	25.00	Nevada	35.00
Arizona	48.00	New Hampshire	20.00
Arkansas	25.00	New Jersey	25.00
California +	60.00	New Mexico	55.00
Colorado	45.00	New York	2100
Connecticut +	25.00	North Carolina	35.00
Delaware	20.00	North Dakota	35.00
District of Columbia	35.00	Ohio +	40.00
Florida +	45.00	Oklahoma	40.00
Georgia	50.00	Oregon +	52.00
Hawaii	40.00	Pennsylvania	50.00
Idaho	25.00	Rhode Island	25.00
Illinois	35.00	South Carolina	30.00
Indiana	25.00	South Dakota	25.00
Iowa	40.00	Tennessee	35.00
Kansas	35.00	Texas	50.00
Kentucky	30.00	Utah +	15.00
Louisiana	28.00	Vermont	20.00
Maine	25.00	Virginia	35.00
Maryland	45.00	Washington +	53.00
Massachusetts	45.00	West Virginia	30.00
Michigan	46.00	Wisconsin	32.00
Minnesota	53.00	Wyoming	25.00
Mississippi	35.00		
Missouri	26.00		
Montana	45.00		

Please forward this completed form along with your payment to:
 MTNA, 600 Vine St., Ste. 1710, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

FYI: Local dues for Gateway Arch East Chapter are \$10.00, or with Senior Discount (age 70+), \$5.00. Illinois dues are Active Members: \$35.00*; Senior: \$17.50, 70 years of age and held MTNA membership for the last 5 consecutive years; Collegiate: \$1.00; Prorate: \$17.50, for new members only if joining between Jan. 1- June 30. *50% discount on state dues for collegiate members upgrading to active membership. National Dues are listed above. Membership may be processed online at www.mtna.org by clicking "Join & Renew."



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