

North Carolina Music Teachers Association
2019 Call for Proposals for the 61st Annual NCMTA Conference
RESOURCE, REFRESH, RETAIN
Held at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
October 31 – November 2, 2019

Introduction

North Carolina is an impressive state beaming with musical talent as demonstrated through outstanding educators, performers, and composers. Your students and their performances continue to represent the best fruits of your labor. The spirit of entrepreneurship has never been higher for our independent studios and our academic halls are filled with remarkable musicians from near and far. Our NCMTA State Fall Conference is an annual event where we can all gather and explore multiple networking opportunities, hear some of the finest musicians and pedagogues, and become MORE...more inspired, more insightful, and more enlightened.

Conference Theme

This year's conference theme is RESOURCE, REFRESH, RETAIN. We are seeking proposals that will offer attendees critical thinking insights on new and "renewed" repertoire along with resources that will enhance both individual lessons and group classes. Teaching aids, performance practices, and leveling of repertoire are just a few ideas that could be explored. The refreshing experience of musical performances through lecture recitals, demonstrations, and visual interests are sure to intrigue our listeners. And, our third concept comes from an urgent need to offer a targeted approach to attaining and retaining our student enrollment. Proposals that explore important trends, marketing directives, and advertising could assist teachers and music departments with their outreach to the community. Your experience with successful (and maybe the "not so successful") studio strategies may impact a broad range of attendees.

The goal is always to stimulate discussion and offer tangible resources that will be both inspired and practical. Allow the conference theme to spur ideas that will bring purpose and focus to our time together this fall.

Invitation

Are you interested in presenting a session for the 2019 NCMTA State Conference? We welcome the expertise and insights of our members and guests. Presentations can assume a number of formats, such as a lecture, demonstration, panel discussion, a lecture-recital, etc. Proposals which address the conference theme will be given priority.

Proposal deadline NCMTA: Midnight, May 13, 2019
(Early birds are welcomed!)

Please send all information in one email.

When sending your proposal, be sure that all information is exactly as you would like it to appear in print for the website and conference bulletin. Be mindful that presentations will be limited to 50 minutes. Not all proposals will be accepted. *Incomplete proposals will not be considered.*

Send the following proposal in one document to:
Jeanine Skinner at presidenclect@ncmta.org

- 1) Name(s) as they will appear in print (**please include “NCTM” if it applies to any presenters**)
- 2) Email address
- 3) Phone number(s)
- 4) Title of Presentation
- 5) Summary of presentation (250 words or less)
(Within the summary, include how your topic is related to the conference theme)
- 6) Equipment and/or technology needs, including piano
- 7) Short description for print copies (35 words or less)
- 8) Short bio to be included on the NCMTA website (150 words or less)
- 9) Jpeg Photo to be used on the NCMTA website

Important Information for NCMTA Members Making Conference Proposals

- NCMTA members who present are expected to register for the full conference. If this is not possible, please register for a single day (the day of your presentation). All meals for presenting members must be paid by the member.

Important Information for Non-NCMTA Members Making Proposals

- Presenting faculty, staff, and students of the host institution do not receive a stipend. The registration fees are waived for host school presenters, but they are required to pay for all conference meals per their interest.

- Travel costs will not be reimbursed except under unusual circumstances.