

Hi, I am Denise Pugliese, President of NCMTA. We are a vibrant and talented group of music teachers - from beginners to collegiate and beyond. North Carolina Music Teachers Association strives to educate and encourage our members as well as our students.

For our members:

Annual Conference. Held in the fall of each year the Conference is filled with opportunities to listen to performances and continuing education. We are fortunate to have world renowned performers and pedagogues to headline our conference as well as a myriad of excellent presenters for numerous sessions.

Piano Workshop. Available on the website. The extensive list for the Piano Performance Festival is presented with notes and teaching tips.

Certification. Our Certification Chair works with members interested in achieving National Certification.

Commissioned Composer. Every other year a Commissioned Composer is chosen to compose and present their composition at the Annual Conference. This is then entered into the MTNA Composer of Distinction.

For Students:

Performance Festivals for Piano, Voice and Concert Instrument. Each student is judged at the District level with the possibility to move on to the State level.

Young Composers Contest. Students of all ages enter their own compositions to be judged. First place and those of Merit have the opportunity to perform at the Annual Conference in the fall.

MTNA Competitions take place each year at the location and time of the Annual Conference.

In addition to these activities listed NCMTA is fortunate to have many local associations with their own performing opportunities.

NCMTA is proud to be the first state to development a Virtual Local Association. For members in remote areas this association meets by zoom only.

I encourage you to explore our website for more information. And please feel free to contact me with any questions!

*Denise Pugliese, 2024-2026 President NCMTA*