Archived UMTA Conferences 2008 - 2014

The 2014 UMTA Conference was held at the Utah Valley Convention Center in Provo Utah. Our Theme was "All in Good Time. and our marvelous presenters were Peter Mack, Martha Hilley, Wynn-Anne Rossi and Ralph van der Beek. This year's Legacy Awards were given to Mary Key Harper and Cheryl Rytting. Our MTNA Foundation Fellow was Lezlee Bishop.

The 2013 UMTA Conference was held at the newly remodeled University Marriott Hotel in Salt Lake City. The theme was "Measure for Measure" and the guest clinicians were Jody Graves, Jane Magrath, Martha Hilley, Brandon Bascom, Pamela Jones, and Ken Foster. Another great feature to this years conference was "Flex-time" which gave participants time to observe other teachers, visiting the exhibit hall and technology room, as well as asking questions at the "Genius Bar." Legacy Award recipients included Barbara Elison and Lezlee Bishop. The 2013 Foundation Fellows were Geri Gibbs and Cheryl Norman.

The 2012 UMTA Conference was held at Weber State University, Weber, Utah October 26-27, 2012. The theme was "Music...and the Beauty Within" with guest presenters including Marvin Blickenstaff, Kevin Olson, and Scott McBride Smith. We had MANY excellent presentations throughout the conference. Friday evening's Awards Banquet was well-attended where Legacy Awards were presented to Carolee Eriksson, NCTM; Sandra Preysz, NCTM; and Dr. Lynn Dean, NCTM. The MTNA Foundation Fellow Award was awarded to Dr. Lynn Dean, much to his surprise. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all in attendance.

The UMTA/MTNA Piano Performance Competitions were held in conjunction with the conference, in the Wildcat Theater. Amazing performances by very talented students were heard over the three days of competition. Congratulations to these students and their wonderful teachers. Utah is a great place to live and to be a part of the musical culture that is so prevalent!! Thanks, also to our out-of-state judges, who listened to hours and hours of incredible music. Their decisions were hard to make at times, but they were amazed at the talent in our small state! The Piano Performance Competition Judges included: Stewart Gordon, Nancy Weems, and John Olsen

All in all, the 2012 UMTA Conference was a huge success!! Thanks to our President-Elect, Rosemary Olsen, and her committee, for putting together such a great conference!!

The 2011 UMTA Conference took place at Salt Lake Community College Miller Campus in Sandy, Utah October 14-15. The featured presenters included Ingrid Clairfied and Gail Smith.

Performance Competition Judges were: Caio Pagano, Giorgi Latsabidze, and Mykola Suk.

The 2010 UMTA Conference took place at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. Featured presenters included William Westney and Robert Vandall.

Judges for the Performance Competitions were Bill Westney, Jane Abbott-Kirk and Fei Xu

The 2009 UMTA Conference took place at the Davis Convention Center in Layton, Utah. Our main Presenter was John Weems. The Utah-MTNA Piano Performance Competitions were held at the Davis Convention Center as well, making it possible for many conference attendees to hear some remarkable piano performances! The judges for this competition were John Weems, Jack Winerock, and Kirill Gliadkovsky.

The 2008 UMTA Conference was held at South Towne Convention Center and featured Guest Presenter Nelita True! There were many excellent workshops held in addition to the general meetings. Some of these included:
Dr. Paul Pollei: Essential Technique for the Pianist
Lezlee Bishop, NCTM: The Magic of Musical Memory
Geri Cheney Gibbs NCTM: Maximizing Your Most Valuable Resource: TIME

The Performance Competitions were held at Daynes Music. Judges for the three days of competition were: Nelita True, Frank Wiens, and Karen Maison