

# **Welcome to MMTA's Winter News! January, 2017**

## **MTNA's Eastern Division Competitions at Boston University January 7-8, 2017**

For more information: <http://eastern.mtna.org>

Thank you to Vivian Tsang, ED Competition Chair, for coordinating volunteers for this!

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## **MTNA's National Conference – Baltimore in March**

Plan to join a large group of MMTA members in Baltimore on March 18- 22. This is very exciting and SO close to us! Your professional life is sure to be reinvigorated beyond belief!

For more information:

<https://members.mtna.org/conference2017/index.html>

And please let me know if you are going and I'll keep you informed on the festivities:

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Alison Barr, Newsletter Editor

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**MTNA's Eastern Division Student  
Composition Competition Winners  
Many MMTA Students!**

**Elementary:**

Winner: Ian Lin, Student of Alla Cohen, MA

*Honorable mention:* Ania Szczeszynski, Student of  
Cindy Hayes, NH

**Junior:**

Winner: Aadhitya Raam Ashok, Student of Kaori  
Tanioka, NJ

*Honorable mention:* Ethan Chaves, Student of John  
Lister, MA

*Honorable mention:* Jennalyn Stuart, Student of  
Michele Millington, PA

**Senior:**

Winner: Jason Brauer, Student of Debra Perkins, PA

*Honorable mention:* Camilo Gonzalez-Sol, Student of  
Frances McKay, DC

*Honorable mention:* Jess Larsen, Student of Martin  
Boykan, MA

**Young Artist:**

Representative: Ryan Carraher, Student of Alla  
Cohen, MA

This year, the Eastern Division judges were:  
Faye Chiao

Nicole DiPaolo  
Scott Stinson

The winning compositions automatically advance to the national competition as national finalists. The results of that competition will be announced by the end of January.

Congratulations to all of the participants in the competition! We hope that the comments you receive from the judges will be helpful to you and your teacher. Your efforts are to be commended, and we hope that you will continue to learn and grow as a composer. Good luck with your musical studies!

Warren Magid, Eastern Division Composition  
Coordinator  
Christopher Goldston, National Composition  
Coordinator  
Submitted by Chair Leslie Hitelman

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## **Judged Festival**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 - 8:30am-5:00pm**  
**Gordon College**  
**255 Grapevine Rd, Wenham, MA 01984**

Theme is Romantic repertoire.

View repertoire list and event details here:

[http://www.mmta.net/event\\_details.aspx?event\\_id=1207](http://www.mmta.net/event_details.aspx?event_id=1207)

Registration is open until February 1.

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## **Exciting News from our Colleague, Caroline Ly**

Dear Friends,

Our baby boy Milo was born on Dec. 20th at 10PM at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

He's 20 1/8 inches (51.12 cm) long and weighs 6.14 lbs. (2.78kg)

Everyone is doing well so far, mom, dad and baby :)

Congratulations to Caroline and Philip!

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## **MTNA Performance Competition Results (see following page)**

[http://www.mmta.net/user\\_images/MTNA State  
Competition Results 2016.pdf](http://www.mmta.net/user_images/MTNA_State_Competition_Results_2016.pdf)

## MTNA PERFORMANCE 2016 COMPETITION RESULTS

The MTNA State Performance Competition was held on November 6th at Brandeis University.

|   | <u>Student</u>   | <u>Teacher</u>   |
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| <b>Massachusetts Chamber Music Woodwind</b><br>Representative: UMass Saxophone Quartet              | David Morris<br>Nicholas Suosso<br>Nicholas Biagini<br>Javier Torrens  | Jonathan Hulting-Cohen   |
| <b>Massachusetts Junior Performance Piano</b><br>Winner<br>Alternate<br>Honorable mentions          | Natalie Zhang<br>Danika Dai<br>Justin Wang<br>Justin Gu                | Nilly Shilo<br>Nilly Shilo<br>Helena Vesterman<br>Niva Fried   |
| <b>Massachusetts Junior Performance String</b><br>Winner<br>Alternate<br>Honorable mention          | Sophia Xie<br>Kaitlyn Kaminuma<br>Friedrich Liu                        | Fudeko Cohler<br>Fudeko Cohler<br>Mark Lakirovich  |
| <b>Massachusetts Junior Performance Woodwind</b><br>Representative                                  | Andy Du  | Melissa Laurencio  |
| <b>Massachusetts Senior Performance Piano</b><br>Winner<br>Alternate                                | Amir Siraj<br>Kyle Chen  | Helena Vesterman<br>Niva Fried   |
| <b>Massachusetts Senior Performance String</b><br>Winner<br>Alternate                               | Eugenia Zhang<br>Suwon Kim   | Peter Zazofsky<br>Fudeko Cohler  |
| <b>Massachusetts Senior Performance Woodwind</b><br>Representative                                  | Noah Stone   | Melissa Laurencio  |
| <b>Massachusetts Young Artist Performance String</b><br>Representative                              | Oh Hyun Kwon   | Mai Motobuchi  |
| <b>Massachusetts Young Artist Performance Woodwind</b><br>Winner<br>Alternate<br>Honorable mentions | Daniel Phipps<br>Lily Kaufman<br>Brandon Nowakowski<br>Nicholas Suosso | Jonathan Hulting-Cohen<br>Jonathan Hulting-Cohen<br>Jonathan Hulting-Cohen<br>Jonathan Hulting-Cohen |