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Enjoy the State Conference



Pictured left: Chapter members with Wendy Stevens from ComposeCreate.com at the 2025 State Conference.

Picture below: Chapter members and friends at the Cultural Event for September at Abravanel Hall.

Come to the next Cultural Event, January 19, 2027--5:30 pm featuring violinist, Gil Shaham.
Reserve your spot! Send \$30 Venmo @Diana-Portzline.

This Month

Annual State Conference, "Key Connections"
October 23-24, 2026 @ Thanksgiving Point,
Ashton Gardens
Keynote Speaker: Jenny Oaks Baker, violinist
Guest Presenters: Dr. Jensina Oliver & Dr. Kay Zavislak.

Visit www.utahmta.org to register.

Register by October 10 for EARLY BIRD pricing and hotel rooms. If this is your first time joining UMTA, you get to attend conference for FREE!

Extra Events

Book Club, November 2, 2026 @10:00 am - 11:00 am, Jennifer Jackson's Studio.
58 West 1950 North, West Bountiful

RSVP by Oct. 30 to Jennifer
801-718-3682

Book: Learn Faster, Perform Better
by Molly Gebrian



Club LP (Listen & Play Every Day) is a teacher challenge for 75 & 120 days!

Keep track on paper or an app for each day you listen to music and each day you play music. (Playing during teaching is excluded).

Each month submit your stats on the Google form [HERE](#). If you miss it, record it the following month for each month's days. When you reach 75 & 120 days you'll sign the board.



MORE EVENTS

State Performance Evaluations

Evaluations held **October 10, 2026**

Region Honors Recital (Piano Gallery, Riverdale)

October 17, 2026

MTNA Competitions held at Steinway Gallery

1. Instrumental (String & Woodwind)

Performance Competition, October 9-10, 2026.

2. Piano Performance Competition

October 15-17, 2026.

3. Composition Competitions.

The Composition Competitions are submitted online.

Becoming a **Nationally Certified Teacher of Music** can build your credibility, increase your visibility, and may improve your profitability. **Most of all, it will make you a better teacher.** Certification addresses the following five standards: Professional Preparation, Professional Teaching Practice, Professional Business Management, Professionalism and Partnerships, and Professional and Personal Renewal

As the new **Certification Chairperson for the Davis Chapter, Barbara Shelton Taylor** will help anyone who is interested in becoming certified. Talk to Barbara if you have aspirations in this direction, or questions about the process. 801-706-1092

Monthly Certification Classes: The Jordan River, Salt Lake, and Sandy Chapters of UMTA are holding monthly certification classes via Zoom to guide applicants through this process. These classes will be held generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Barbara Taylor so you can be added to the list of teachers receiving the Zoom link. The next class is October 28, 2026 @11:00 am.



COME TO CONNECT



Photo: Heather Smith honored by RCM at the UMTA 2025 Conference.

AIM & RCM

AIM (Achievement in Music) exam registration is happening this month!

Please check umtadavis.org for the dates and deadlines.

Registrations and fees will be accepted up through October 17.

Be sure to check out our state's new music testing program using the links found on our website. There are theory, ear training, and keyboard skills workbooks, available at no extra cost for UMTA members! Take advantage of your membership and check out the resources, then consider enrolling a student or two this year! Students learn a lot and we have lots of fun.

Please direct any questions to **Angela McBride, Davis AIM Chair**, angelamcbride88@gmail.com or 801-295-4668. Thanks!



UMTA Davis

2026-2027
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SEP

08

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

"Recitals that Rock"
Bridget Johansen

OCT

23-24

ALL DAY

UMTA State Conference
Thanksgiving Point

NOV

10

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

***"Musically: Looking
Beyond the Notes"***
Gretchen Tanner

DEC

08

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

***Holiday Party &
Luncheon***

JAN

12

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

"Caring For Your Piano"
Tiffany Bailey

FEB

09

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

The "Once and For All"
Cafe
Rosemary Olsen

MAR

TBD

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

***Dr. Yu-Jane Yang
Masterclass***

APR

13

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

***"The Ensemble Experience:
Unexpected Lessons from
Playing Together"***
Dr. Christie Sowby

MAY

12

10:15 AM - 11:30 AM

***One Size Fits Some:
Exploring the Benefits of
Smaller Sized Keys***
Valarie Beer

Be part of a network of music teachers: local, state, and national membership.
Student Programs, Honors Recital April 2027, Achievement in Music (AIM) & more!

Meetings held at Centerville Library & Heather Smith's Studio.
Holiday social location TBA.

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