

2026 MMTA Convention Schedule			
Wednesday, June 10			
Time	Grand Facile Ballroom		
1:00-2:00	Hotel set up- Foundation Used Book sale and Wine Raffle in Hearth and Home		
2:00-3:00			
3:00-4:00			
4:00-4:50			
5:00-5:50	Members Recital		
5:50-7:30	Dinner on your own		
7:30-9:00	Foundation Recital		
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Thursday, June 11			
Time	Facile I & II	Facile III	Heritage
8:15-8:45	Check-in/shopping		
8:45-9:00	President's Welcome/Introduce Keynote		
9:00-10:30	Keynote Speaker - Catherine Rollin		
10:45-11:35	Four Hands, One Keyboard: The Pedagogical Power of Piano Duets in the Private Studio - Dr. Julia Elkina and Dr. Irina Elkina	Ice Cream Master Class - Melissa Holm-Johansen	Hurray! You've joined MMTA - now to learn about the events! - Katie Johnson
11:35-11:50	shopping during lunch set up		
11:50-1:00	LUNCH (New Members Table, Voice/Instrumental Program, Local Associations)		
1:00-1:50	Developing Students' Imagination: Using Tchaikovsky - Anton Melnichenko	Pedagogy tips and tricks for Voice Teachers - Melissa Holm-Johansen	Getting for MMTA Programs: Back to the Basics - Kris Olson
1:50-2:00	Break/Shopping		
2:00-2:50	Getting the Bach Inventions - Rebekah Richards	Sprinkling Movement Magic into your Musicians: implementing an early childhood piano program in your studio! - Sarah McCaffrey Ritchie	Introducing the Updated Voice Syllabus and comprehensive Tests - Lori McCauley & Diane Jordan
2:50-3:00	Break/Shopping		
3:00-3:50	Performance Preparation: Strategies for Consistency and Confidence - Dr. Darryl Friesen	Sound Before Sight: Developing the Musical Ear - Emily Rudquist	Let's Explore Theory 1 and Theory 2 - Rebekah Richards
3:50-4:00	Break/Shopping		
4:00-4:50	From Compliance to Curiosity: Reimagining Student Motivation - Mindy Peterson	Creative Education: Teaching Diverse Composers to Kids with Allegra Sparkle - Dr. Lillie Gardner	Kinds of Fun! A Closer Look at MMTA Contests - Camille Buddecke & Jean Krinke
5:00-6:00	Break/Shopping		
6:00-7:00	Dinner - Buffet		
7:30-9:00	Catherine Rollin Lecture Recital		
Friday, June 12			
Time	Facile I & II	Facile III	Heritage
7:45-8:30	Check-in/Continental Breakfast/shopping		
8:30-9:30	MMTA Annual Meeting (Heritage Hall)		
9:30-9:50	Break/Shopping		
10-10:50	Catherine Rollin Masterclass: <i>Intermediate</i> (45 minutes)	Hand Scales: Physically Orienting Pianist to the Key - Siri Calvedt	Organizing Your Studio (Physical and Digital Workspaces) - Laura Harding
11-11:50	Catherine Rollin Masterclass: <i>Late Intermediate</i> (45 minutes) with Q&A	Swing Groove: Building a Joyful Relationship with the Piano - Grace Bunday	Teaching in a Different key: Our experience as diverse teachers - Mitch Grussing & Rachel Revennaugh
12pm-1:30	LUNCH and MMTA Birthday Celebration		
1:30-2:20	Creative Concert Programming: Utilizing Interdisciplinary Art Forms in Piano in Motion: Where Sound Becomes Movement and Color - Tina Park	Let's Do Composition - Ann-Marie Graffunder	So Little Time, So Much to Do: Integrating MMTA Programs into Piano Lessons - Rebekah Richards
2:30-3:20	First Look: The 2027 MMTA Piano Contest and Solo Festival List - Dr. Sara Langmead	Music Education Moving Forward: Jump Aboard - Michael Buck	Music Bridges: The Tool You Can Use - Mary Goetz
3:30-4:20	Break/Shopping/Committee Meetings		
4:30-5:10	Practice Smarter: Brain-Based Strategies for Faster Learning and Confident Performance - Suzanne Greer	Who Taught the Robin to Sing? (Teachers - LESS TALKING allows the child to EXPERIENCE new material.) - Dr. Grant Manhart	Why "Johnny" (Still) Can't Read: Ideas & procedures to boost reading skills - Jill Robinson Kilzer
5:30	Composition Recital		
5-7pm	Final Shopping; Pack up/clean up		
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