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Dear MTSNYS Members:

It is with gratitude and humility that I write to you as your president. I wish to extend a well-deserved thank you to Charity Lofthouse, who led us through the challenges of social distancing, remote conferences, and the ever-changing aspects of the past two years as MTSNYS President. I also wish to thank those who have completed their terms on the Board this year: Jessica Barnett-Moseley (Secretary), Mariusz Kozak, Michèle Duguay, and Lissa Reed.

The 2021 Annual Meeting took place online this year, with pre-recorded presentations available from June 15 through September 15 and a series of synchronous Q&A Zoom sessions with presenters on August 11.

Michael Buchler (Florida State University) delivered the keynote address, “The Unionist Hero and the Capitalist Anti-Hero: Alan Menken’s Collectivist Fantasy and Harold Rome’s Entrepreneurial Satire.”

Jennifer Snodgrass (Appalachian State University) led the graduate student workshop, “Teaching Musicianship in a Pandemic: What I’ve Learned, What I’m Keeping, and What I Hope Never Happens Again.”

Congratulations to the winner of the 2021 Patricia Carpenter Emerging Scholar Award: **Anna Yu Wang** (Harvard University), “Perceiving *banyan*: Temporal Syntax Unbeholden to Periodicity.”

Thank you to the program committee: Táhirih Motazedian (Vassar College), chair; Christopher Bartlette (Binghamton University), Nicole Biamonte (McGill University), Brian Edward Jarvis (University of Texas at El Paso), Catrina S. Kim (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), William Marvin (Eastman School of Music), Crystal Peebles (Ithaca College), and Charity Lofthouse (ex officio, Hobart & William Smith Colleges).

The next annual meeting, at the Eastman School of Music on April 9-10, 2022, will coincide with the 2022 Chapter Meeting of AMS-New York State-St Lawrence. Zack Bernstein is the local arrangements coordinator, and Brian Moseley (University at Buffalo, SUNY) will chair the program committee. Due to the scheduling of the previous meeting and the election of officers and board members — all of which

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occurred later this year when compared to past years — the timeline for the assembly of the 2022 program committee and their subsequent work has also been shifted later. Our goal is to have the Call for Papers published before the end of the year and to announce the keynote speaker and workshop leader soon afterward.

The 2022 Annual Meeting will mark the debut of the 50th Anniversary Award, given to the best paper presented at the meeting that critically engages with issues of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, disability, or nationality. Scholars at any career stage are eligible for the award, which joins the Patricia Carpenter Emerging Scholar Award as two ways MTSNYS recognizes outstanding work in the field of music theory.

Volume 45 (2020) of *Theory and Practice*, edited by Jason Hooper (University of Massachusetts Amherst), will be published early in the new year. Work continues on Volume 46 (2021), an invited volume with co-editors Rachel Lumsden (Florida State University) and Ellie Hisama (University of Toronto).

Many thanks to Michael Vitalino (SUNY Potsdam) for managing our website, mtsnys.org, during the past three years. Sam Reenan (Miami University) has graciously agreed to be the new Web Manager, and Noah Lapidus (Assoc. Director of Web Services, Eastman School of Music) provides technical support as needed.

In conclusion, past presidents' letters typically have noted that our society relies and thrives on your membership. This is certainly the case at this moment: We have had a drop in active membership during the recent remote and isolated times; if the trend continues, it will have a considerable impact on the function of the society. I strongly encourage you to renew your membership, participate in our upcoming meeting, and reach out to myself and/or members of the Board if you wish to discuss where we are and where we will go next.

I look forward to seeing all of you in person next year!

Warmly,



Christopher Bartlette
President



Graduate Student Conference Grants

Music Theory Society of New York State (MTSNYS) Graduate Student Conference Grants help graduate students defray the costs of attending annual MTSNYS conferences. Up to eight grants of up to \$200 each are awarded yearly, to be used to reimburse travel, lodging, and meal expenses. Each grant also includes a waiver of the conference registration fee.

Any student currently enrolled in a graduate program is eligible to apply. Applicants need not be members of MTSNYS. Awardees will be selected by lottery; students awarded a grant will be ineligible to receive one the following year. All decisions made by MTSNYS regarding conference grants are final.

The 2022 conference will be held at the Eastman School of Music on April 9-10.

To apply for a 2022 conference grant, send an email with your name, mailing address, email, phone, name of institution and degree program, and proof of enrollment (scan of student ID or other documentation) to:

Ben Baker, MTSNYS Treasurer
<bbaker@esm.rochester.edu>

The application deadline is **March 15, 2022**.

Awardees must submit all conference-related receipts (travel, lodging, meals) by **May 10, 2022**. Grants will then be paid by check in US funds.

MTSNYS MEMBERSHIP 2022

* Includes purchase of *Theory and Practice* Volume 47



Last Name	First Name
Last Name (for joint membership)	First Name (for joint membership)

Please provide the information below only if you are a **new member** or if your contact information has **changed**. Otherwise, leave the following blank.

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Individual	<input type="radio"/> 1 year \$30	<input type="radio"/> 2 years \$60	\$ _____
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Foreign postage (for memberships outside the US) \$5			\$ _____
Total Enclosed			\$ _____

Membership dues also can be paid via Paypal on the MTSNYS website: www.mtsnys.org.

MTSNYS Election Notice for Spring 2022
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The election of officers and members-at-large shall be held by electronic ballot prior to the annual meeting of the Society each year. The Secretary will oversee the nominating process this year. The Secretary will distribute ballots to all members in good standing of the Society and set a deadline for their return that will allow sufficient time for them to be counted prior to the annual meeting. Results will be announced at the annual meeting.

We will hold elections for the following positions, terms to begin in Spring 2022:

Vice President (two-year term)

...shall discharge the functions of the President in case of the latter's disability or absence, or, at the latter's request, serve in various capacities which may be appropriate to the office and Society. (Article IV, Section 2)

Two Members-at-Large (two-year term)

...shall assist, advise, and otherwise cooperate with the officers heretofore designated, and who shall maintain general contact with the members of the Society. (Article IV, Section 5)

The By-Laws are available at <https://mtsnys.org/>

Please e-mail nominations (self-nominations accepted) to Sarah Marlowe by 1 March 2022: smarlowe@esm.rochester.edu

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The **Music Theory Society of New York State (MTSNYS)** proudly announces the

50th Anniversary Award

which will be given for the first time in conjunction with the 2022 annual meeting (April 9-10, 2022) celebrating the 50th anniversary of the society's founding.

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