

## 2024 VMTA Fall Conference

September 28, 2024

Location: Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge Street, Richmond, VT 05477

**9:30-10:30      Workshop 1 for Teachers**  
**Motivation: What Really Works with Kids and Music Practice**

How do you motivate a child to practice their instrument? The reality is that most children struggle with practice and some actively resist it. In this workshop, music educator Barbie Wong will explain how motivation actually works, what drives a child to make music with joy, and how you can create the right environment for that to happen. The result is a child who is more eager to play their instrument and stronger connections between the teacher, parent and child.

**10:30-11:00      Break**

**11:00-12:00      Workshop 2 for Teachers & Parents**  
**Parents and Teachers in Harmony: The Key to Student Motivation and Success**

Both parents and teachers play a vital role in the success of the student. But they are sometimes unclear about who should be doing what and how to motivate students. This workshop for parents and teachers clarifies their respective responsibilities, eliminating the confusion and frustration that can result in students who quit. Join music educator and parent Barbie Wong to learn how parents and teachers can work together to dramatically and positively impact the student's motivation and musical development. She will identify which tasks belong to the parent, teacher, and student, and how they can negotiate and work together most effectively. The result is students who flourish, enjoy their lessons, practice more consistently, and develop into adults with a deep love for music.

**12:00**            No formal luncheon is planned. But a reservation has been made at a nearby establishment (Stone Corral) for those that would like to meet afterwards.

### **About Our Clinician:**

#### **Barbie Wong:**

Barbie Wong is a music educator and speaker who teaches parents and music teachers how to inspire kids to make music. With music degrees from Stanford University and Smith College, Barbie believes that everyone has the capacity to learn music. Through her extensive research into the lives of musicians, Barbie has discovered simple, practical ways for parents to raise kids who love music. She has worked with thousands of parents and music teachers worldwide to help them understand motivation, effective practice, and joyful music-making. When she is not teaching or making music, Barbie loves to rock climb, eat chocolate and hang out with her teenage kids.

**2024 VM TA FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Location: Richmond Free Library, 201 Bridge Street, Richmond, VT 05477**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Fee: (please check appropriate category)**

_____ VM TA Member	\$30
_____ MTNA Member from other states	\$40
_____ Non-Member	\$50
_____ College Student (with ID)	Free
_____ Parent from a non VM TA studio	\$25
_____ Parent from a VM TA studio	Free, donations accepted

Fee includes registration for live event or on zoom. A recording of the zoom will be available following the event.

**Do you plan to attend virtually? If so, please provide the information below.**

User name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to join us for lunch at the Stone Corral? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
(answering yes does not obligate you to attend - for information only)

Please complete the above form and **enclose a check for the total amount** payable to the Vermont Music Teachers Association.

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