

# VERMONT MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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## VMTA Composer of the Year History

The Vermont Music Teachers Association commissions a new work every two years for a Quad State Convention that is held jointly with the ME, MA, and NH Music Teachers Associations.

The Quad State commissioning process began in 1989 when the presidents of the ME, MA, NH, and VT Music Teachers Associations decided that it would be a worthwhile venture to have new works commissioned for an event which would attract more people than just a state convention. These presidents felt that it was important for new American works to be heard by their members and to provide additional opportunities for composers. At each Quad State Convention, there is a concert given which consists of the 4 pieces commissioned individually by the Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont Music Teachers Associations. Each of these commissioned works is then eligible to be considered in the MTNA-Shepherd Distinguished Composer of the Year selection process. The MTNA award includes the performance of the commissioned piece at the MTNA Convention of that year as well as a \$3,000 check.

Listed below are the Vermont Music Teachers Association Composers of the Year.

	<u>Composer</u>	<u>Composition Title</u>	<u>Performance Medium</u>
<u>2011</u>	Sara Huff	<i>Beecher Variations</i>	Violin & Piano
<u>2009</u>	Robert Singley	<i>Between the Winooski &amp; Walloomsac Rivers</i>	String Quartet
<u>2007</u>	Michael Hakim	<i>Sonata</i>	Two Violins & Piano
<u>2005</u>	Matt Clancy	<i>While We're Young</i>	Jazz Quartet
<u>2003</u>	Jorge Martin	<i>A Cuban in Vermont, Five Simple Songs</i>	Mezzo-Soprano (or Soprano) & Piano
<u>2001</u>	Kenneth Langer	<i>Four Vermont Folk Songs</i>	Unaccompanied Chorus
<u>1999</u>	Su Lian Tan	<i>The Eternity Ring</i>	Cello & Piano
<u>1997</u>	Stanley Charkey	<i>October Musings</i>	String Quartet
<u>1995</u>	William Mayer	<i>Distant Playing Fields</i>	Tenor, Voice, Flute, Piano, Clarinet, French Horn
<u>1993</u>	Gwyneth Walker	<i>Shaker Tunes</i>	Brass Quintet
<u>1991</u>	Erik Nielsen	<i>Christina's Song (Musings III)</i>	Clarinet & Cello
<u>1989</u>	James Grant	<i>Quintet 1989</i>	Wind Quintet

Past selection committee members have included James Grant, Pierre Jalbert, Brian Webb, Margaret Meachem, Edwin Lawrence, Stanley Charkey, Sara Huff Krohn, Erik Nielsen, Steven Klimowski, and Troy Peters.