Building Legacy
in Performance and Mentorship
SRMTA CONFERENCE 2026

August 10th, 2026

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As part of our upcoming convention this October - *Building Legacy in Performance and Mentorship* - we would like to invite you to share a personal thought on the impacts of teaching, mentorship, or legacy as it has affected you in your career (either as a student or as a teacher, or both!).
We all started as students of music and have received the influence and guidance of many different individuals along the journey towards becoming teachers ourselves. Considering your role (past, present or future) within this 'circle of musical life' please give us a comment or two on your thoughts.

Some ideas to get you started:

Legacy is:

- creating enduring value that outlasts your lifetime
- mentoring and nurturing the unique gifts of others
- passing down core principles and memories

Some questions you might choose to reflect on could include:

- What does the word legacy mean to you as a teacher?
- Is it important to you that some elements of how you were taught are passed down to your own students?
- What does being part of a student's upbringing mean to you?

Format:

We would love to collect video submissions with your response (captured via smartphone), but if you prefer to write a small blurb instead that's ok too! Responses can be short - just a sentence or two is sufficient, and if you have more to say, then great - but please aim to keep videos under 2 min.

Specifics:

- Please shoot your video in landscape/horizontal format
- Submit videos to the following google drive:
  SRMTA VIDEO SUBMISSIONS
- Please email any written responses to laurien.gibson@gmail.com
- Deadline to submit is: Sept 15th, 2026
- You can look at this short video for ideas:
  https://youtu.be/XRuddmPqDOE

Thank you in advance for your contributions! Please feel free to reach out to Laurien or Anastasia with any questions you may have.

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