2026 PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 22

1:00 p.m.	Welcome *(Margery Whatley and MTNA CEO Brian Shepard)*
1:15 p.m.	Teaching Beginners to Read Music, *Keith Snell, Featured Clinician, Presenter*
2:35 p.m.	IMTF: A Musician's Wellbeing -
	An exploration into how music learning & performance affects physical & mental health
	Amelia Sears, Missoula Music Teachers Association President, Presenter
3:30 p.m.	How to Choose Repertoire (And a Few of My Favorites!)
	Keith Snell, Featured Clinician, Presenter
4:35 p.m.	Conversations with Anton Nel: Stories, Inspiration, and a Life in Music
	Anton Nel, Guest Artist, Presenter
6:00 p.m.	Conference Reception
6:45 p.m.	**Group Picture!**
7:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet

Friday, October 23

9:00 a.m.	"New Music" Showcase, *Keith Snell, Featured Clinician, Presenter*
10:20 a.m.	*University of Montana/Montana State University Collegiate Chapter Presentation*
11:10 a.m.	The Trilogy - Op. 17-18-19 - Rachmaninoff's Burst of Inspiration!
	Steven Hesla, MSMTA member and former NW Division Director
12:00 p.m.	Lunch "on your own" for Conference Attendees, Local Presidents' Luncheon
1:30 p.m.	Piano Masterclass, *Keith Snell, Featured Clinician*
2:40 p.m.	*Premiere of 2026 MSMTA Commissioned Work by Bryan Curt Kostors*
3:20 p.m.	Preparing Successful Performances
	Keith Snell, Featured Clinician, Presenter
4:20 p.m.	MTNA Foundation Raffle
5:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own
7:30 p.m.	Conference Recital: *Anton Nel, Piano*

Saturday, October 24

9:00 a.m.	So You Want to be a Note Groupie?
	Mark Neiwirth, Piano Adjudicator, Presenter
10:00 a.m.	Piano Masterclass, *Anton Nel, Guest Artist*
11:10 a.m.	General Meeting of the Association (All Members) and Closing Remarks