

Central East District of OhioMTA

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From the President

Happy New Year! Our District has some fine events in store for members in 2011. Check the newsletter, handbook and website for information on workshops, recitals & competitions. The Spring Conference will be held at Otterbein University this year (see the article on page 3). Plan to attend!

Congratulations to our district's 25 year members who were honored at the Annual Members' Luncheon in Cleveland on November 13: **Caryl Palmer, NCTM; Leta Mason; Diane Slagle; and Stanton's Sheet Music, Inc.**

Susan Treer, President Central East District, OhioMTA

Solo and Ensemble Recitals

The next Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for **Sunday, February 6, 2011**, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by *Thursday, January 27, 2011 (postmarked)*. The recitals are open to students of all members who have studied for at least one year. They are a great performance opportunity for any well-prepared student, and the perfect chance for them to hear other fine students from our district.

Detailed information can be found on pages 27 and 28 of the Activities Guide & Membership Directory. Please contact **Dr. Caroline B. Salido**, chair, at 614-751-9665 or thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com, for additional questions.

IMTF Forum Features a "Must Read" Book

Grand Obsession by Perri Knize is a must read book for all piano teachers. Not only does the book contain much interesting information on pianos and what makes them "tick", there are also some chapters that offer keen insight into the musical growth of an "adult beginner" piano student.

In preparation for the Independent Music Teachers' Forum, I am reading the book for the second time and am still finding it interesting and informative. I hope you can join the discussion on:

Friday, February 4, 2011...10 a.m.

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(Home and Studio of **Sharon Walton, NCTM**)



Books are available at some libraries and are also available in paperback. At one time Amazon had some discounted copies. This book should be in every piano teacher's library!

Hope to see you on the February 4 at 10 a.m.. There is still time to get the book and read it!

**Buckeye Auditions Registration
Deadline: Friday, February 18, 2011**

SCALE OLYMPICS 2010

407 students from the greater Columbus area registered for Scale Olympics 2010. The level of mastery was so high this year, we ran out of Blue Rosettes!

This is a huge event to administer, and it is only successful because of the support received from our community and our members. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Otterbein University for once again being our host. And my personal thanks go to the 70+ teachers, parents and friends who helped the day of.

I am thrilled to report that the students who participated in all 8 events finished in less than two and a half hours, with the majority finishing in an hour and a half. It was an exciting, fun and very busy day. Congratulations, Olympians!

LOST & FOUND

The following items were left behind. Please contact me by February 15 to make arrangements to pick them up. Otherwise, they will be recycled.

- 1) a dark gray ski hat with skull and cross-bones
- 2) the book "Piano Playing Made Easy"
- 3) Nintendo DS game card/chip (you tell me the game to confirm ☺)

Thank you again!

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Piano Workshop III

Professor Daniel Shapiro of Cleveland Institute of Music will present a piano workshop on *The Piano Music of Franz Schubert*, at 10:00 am on Friday, **March 11, 2011** at Graves Piano & Organ Company. For detailed information, please visit <http://www.ceomta.com/conferences-workshops/piano-workshop-iii>; or p. 40 of the Activities Guide.

Certified Teacher of the Year Nominations

Each year our district has the opportunity to honor two members, one collegiate teacher and one independent teacher, as Certified Teachers of the Year. Any member may nominate a colleague by submitting a letter of recommendation to the district certification chairman. Consider the members who serve our district and the music education community with excellence and dedication, then take the time to compose a letter on behalf of someone you believe deserves the recognition.

The members who are chosen to represent our district as Independent Certified Teacher of the Year and Collegiate Certified Teacher of the Year will then be nominated by our district for Ohio Certified Teacher of the Year. Those who have represented our district in previous years may be nominated again.

The deadline for nominations is **February 14**. Contact **Carol Rein, NCTM** CEOhioMTA Certification Chairman, at 614 888-3157 or crein@columbus.rr.com if you have questions.

Welcome, New Members!

Central East District Spring Conference

The annual Central East Spring Conference will take place on Monday April 11, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and is being cosponsored by the Otterbein University Music Department. The conference will feature Dr. Robert Duke from the University of Texas, Austin, as keynote speaker and will be attended by students and faculty of the Otterbein Department of Music as well as our Central East membership.

The conference will take place in Battelle Fine Arts Center on the Otterbein campus in Westerville, Ohio.

Due to the necessity of providing parking passes for conference attendees, pre-registration for the conference will be required, but, as always, members and others may attend free of charge.

Plan now to attend this exciting event and look for more information in coming weeks.

Contact **Tim Huffman, NCTM**, if you have questions about the conference. He may be reached by email at tim88@columbus.rr.com, or by phone at 614-268-0220.

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The ***Evening Musicale*** on **February 13** has **been cancelled**. Though we had a couple of teachers interested in performing, we need more performers to make this a full-length concert. We will try to reschedule for next year.

The ***Monday Morning Musicale*** scheduled for **February 7** at 10:00 AM will still be held. Please come and join us as either a performer or an audience member. This is a great opportunity to perform in a friendly, informal setting on a wonderful piano.

Congratulations to our district's winners and their teachers in the 2010 MTNA Composition Competition (State of Ohio): Eric and Amanda Killian—teacher **Janice Cook, NCTM**; and Francis Lin—teacher **Amy Laurence**. These winners will advance to the division level.

Upcoming Events

- February 4 Independent Music Teachers Forum
- February 6 Solo & Ensemble Recitals; Out & About
- February 7 Monday Morning Musicale
- February 18: Buckeye Auditions Registration Deadline
- February 26 District Festival
- February 27: Out & About Registration
- March 2: Summer Music Study Scholarships Applications Due
- March 5-6: OhioMTA/Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Contest; Out & About
- March 11: Piano Workshop III
- March 22: Monday Morning Musicales Registration Deadline

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Dated Material: Do Not Delay