

Central East District of OhioMTA

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Pianorama 2011

From the President

Do you feel as though you never have time to socialize and/or discuss teaching ideas with other teachers? *Teacher Talk* is an informal venue being created to provide such opportunities. See page 5 (online subscribers) or the insert (if you receive a copy of the newsletter via US mail) for information regarding our first Teacher Talk on June 30.

Susan Treer, President
Central East District, OhioMTA

In case you missed it....

The district Spring Conference was held on April 11, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Battelle Fine Arts Center on the Otterbein University campus in Westerville, Ohio. This year's conference was co-sponsored by the Otterbein Department of Music and featured Dr. Robert Duke from the University of Texas at Austin who presented the keynote address "The Upside of Confusion" drawn from his many years of research in the area of music and memory. The presentation was informative and entertaining and those in attendance were very engaged by Dr. Duke's erudite comments and his easy-going personality. Along with CEOMTA members, several members of the Otterbein Department of Music faculty were in attendance along with music students who were required by the department to attend. Following the keynote address, there was a brief question and answer session and then refreshments were served. The conference concluded with the annual membership meeting led by president Susan Treer.

Watch for news this summer regarding our 2011 Fall Conference, to be held on Monday, September 12, at Graves Piano & Organ Company.

The dates for Pianorama are:

Auditions Oct. 8, 2011

Special Auditions (for performances between groups) Oct. 15, 2011

Rehearsals Oct. 22 and 29, 2011

Dress Rehearsals and Concerts Nov. 5, 2011

Pianorama is a fun and motivational experience for the students as well as a fundraiser for our district. Begin planning now so your students will have the music learned by the audition date. You should have received registration information either through the mail or through the district emails as an attachment. The information is also available on the district website: www.ceomta.org.

Preparing the duets for Pianorama makes a great summer project for students! We look forward to working with you.

Lee Ann Forgrave, NCTM and Melissa Robol, NCTM, Chairmen



Congratulations to **Dr. Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM**, who was chosen by her peers in the Central East District as the Independent Certified Teacher of the Year for 2011. Suzanne richly exemplifies high standards in teaching and dedicated service to our organization. She has served our district in many capacities, including two terms as president, and is currently on the state board as Vice President for Student Activities. She has been an independent teacher for 26 years and is a professor and staff accompanist at Otterbein University, as well as being an active solo and collaborative performer. The Central East District now proudly nominates Dr. Suzanne Newcomb for Ohio Independent Certified Teacher of the Year!

2011 OhioMTA of the Central East District/ Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Contest Winners

Listed below are the winners and their teachers from our District:

Elementary Solo:

2nd Place: **Taylor Wang** (Nina Polonsky)

3rd Place: **Ryan Ho** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

Honorable Mentions: **Alice Lo** (Kathleen Sadoff); **Alex Van Bibber** and **David Wang** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

Elementary Duet/Duo:

1st Place (tie): **Ashley Au & Connie Song** (Ida Goldberg, NCTM); and **Abhjit Devalapura & Brian Truong** (Kathleen Sadoff)

2nd Place: **Emmy Shao & Minjue Wu** (Tianshu Wang)

Junior Solo:

1st Place: **Alan Ding** (Nina Polonsky)

2nd Place: **Brian Lee** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

3rd Place: **Vivian Williams** (Nina Polonsky)

Honorable Mentions: **Katherine Guan** and **Raymond Truong** (Mary Craig Powell); **Benjamin Cheng** (Sally Sansbury, NCTM); **Daniel Hong** (Susan Frost, NCTM); **Vickie Wang** and **Alexandra Neverov** (Nina Polonsky)

Junior Duet/Duo:

1st Place: **Vickie Wang & Kelly Pan** (Nina Polonsky)

2nd Place: **Connie Zhang & Alexandra Neverov** (Nina Polonsky)

Senior Solo:

1st Place: **Iris Jang** (Nina Polonsky)

3rd Place: **John Ha** (Nina Polonsky)

Honorable Mentions: **Winnie Li** (Nina Polonsky); and **Allison Castile** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

Senior Duet/Duo:

2nd Place: **Arthur Ding & Adeline Ding** (Lucy Chu)

Honorable Mention: **Ying Lin & Tracy Lin** (Gulimina Mahamuti)

Young Artist Solo:

2nd Place: **Wenjie Lu** (Tianshu Wang)

Young Artist Duet/Duo:

2nd Place: **Xue Jiang & Wenjie Lu** (Tianshu Wang)

Congratulations to the winners and their teachers!

BUCKEYE AUDITIONS 2011

The Buckeye Auditions 2011 for Central East District were held on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at Otterbein College in the Battelle Fine Arts Center. There were a total of 31 participants in 7 categories:

6 Elementary Piano, 13 Junior Piano, 2 Senior Piano, 4 Elementary Strings, 4 Junior Strings, 1 Senior Strings and 1 Junior Woodwinds. The level of competition was high and the judges were impressed by the quality of playing by the contestants. Below is a list of all the winners, including the teachers:

Elementary Piano

Winner: **Alan Ding** (Nina Polonsky)

Alternate: **Ryan Ho** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

Honorable Mention: **Kelley Long** (Kathleen Sadoff)

Junior Piano

Winner: **Winnie Li** (Nina Polonsky)

Alternate: **Brian Lee** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

Honorable Mentions: **Daniel Hong** (Susan Frost, NCTM); **Charles Zhang** (Nina Polonsky); **Raymond Truong** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

Senior Piano

Winner: **Shi Yun Wang** (Nina Polonsky)

Elementary Strings

Winner: **Isabelle Durrenberger** (Jun Kim)

Alternate: **Daniel Woo** (Ginny Christopherson, NCTM)

Honorable Mentions: **Katherine Ji** (Anna Svirsky, NCTM); **Sam Browning** (Ginny Christopherson, NCTM)

Junior Strings

Honorable Mentions: **Camille Howes** (Ginny Christopherson, NCTM); **Elissa Burack** (Jim McCullough)

Senior Strings

Winner: **Trevor Thompson** (Jim McCullough)

Junior Woodwinds

Honorable Mention: **Julia Warton** (Beth Owen, NCTM)

Congratulations to all the winners and their teachers!

Submitted by Dr. Sally Sansbury, NCTM

Buckeye Auditions District Chair

Welcome, New Member!

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Violin

**Summer Music Study Scholarship Winners**

Twelve students competed for scholarships this year. There were 6 pianists, 5 violinists and 1 cellist. Auditions were held on April 2 at The First Congregational Church. Congratulations, winners and teachers!

\$500 Graduating Senior Award
Vivian Williams (Nina Polonsky)

\$350 OhioMTA/The Loft Violin Shop
Matthew Hettinga (Leonid Polonsky)

\$300 Ruth Rieppel Memorial Award
Sarah Wang (Nina Polonsky)

\$300 OhioMTA/Columbus Piano Leasing
Charles Zhang (Nina Polonsky)

\$300 OhioMTA/Piano Warehouse
Katherine Guan (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

\$200 Ohio MTA Scholarships
James Hettinga (Cora Kuyvenhoven)
Linda Qin (Anna Svirsky, NCTM)
Elisabeth Hettinga (Tatiana Hanna)

The Loft Violin Shop \$150 Scholarship
Katherine Ji (Anna Svirsky, NCTM)

Music-Go-Round \$150 Scholarship
Kelley Long (Kathleen Sadoff)

Piano Technicians Guild \$100 Scholarship
Alice Lo (Kathleen Sadoff)

2011 State Conference

Plan now to attend the State Conference Sunday through Tuesday, October 9-11, in Bowling Green, Ohio. See the May issue of *OhioMTA News* or log onto www.ohiomta.org for more information.

Certification Study Group Forming

Have you ever thought about pursuing National Certification but felt you needed help and guidance to get through the process? The Central East District is forming a Certification Study Group to address some of your concerns.

MTNA certification is the perfect credential for the independent music teacher to establish and verify his or her qualifications, but some members have expressed a desire for support in their endeavor to complete the required projects. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the district certification chairman, Carol Rein, at crein@columbus.rr.com. This will put you in the loop to receive further updates and information about the group.

In the meantime, please consider taking the following actions:

1. Go to the MTNA web site www.mtna.org and click on "Certification". Read the Projects Workbook for your area of teaching.
2. Complete the Self-Assessment portion of *The Assessment Tools for the Independent Teacher* booklet, also found on the web site.

It is not necessary to pay fees or make formal application to begin working on the projects or to get involved with the study group.

The schedule and structure of the study group will be driven by the needs of the members of the group. There may be more than one group created, depending on the number of people who are interested.

This may be the perfect time in your professional life to become a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music!

Susan Treer

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Teacher Talk

Teacher Talk is an informal gathering of teachers for the purpose of socializing, sharing teaching ideas, networking and meeting teachers in the Columbus area.

The first ***Teacher Talk*** will be held on Thursday, June 30, at the Music & Arts store located in uptown Westerville (43 North State Street). The event will begin at 10 a.m. and end at noon. Come and visit for a short time, or stay for 2 hours. Music & Arts is providing coffee and donuts, as well as publicizing this event for us. As an added perk, books and sheet music will be offered at a 30% discount.

Please join us on June 30!

