

Central East District of OhioMTA

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From the President

A new year for our District is off to a great start! Thanks to **Beth Owen** for her efforts in making the *Woodwind Workshop* happen, and to **Suzanne Burg** for preparing the Fall Conference. Be sure to read through your *Activities Guide* and mark your calendar so that you don't miss events of interest to you. (A huge thank you goes to **Paula O'Green** for her excellent work in preparing the *Activities Guide & Membership Directory*.)

There are no string workshops planned at this time as there is no chairman for string events. If you are interested in becoming the string chairman, please contact me.

Get involved, and make the most of your membership!

Susan Treer, President

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Pianorama—New Location!

Gahanna Middle School West (350 Stygler Road in Gahanna) is the site for the 2009 Pianorama Concerts. There are 193 registered participants for this year's event, with 26 teachers having enrolled students. Rehearsals will be held at Graves on October 10 and 17, culminating in the October 24 concerts at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. **Lee Ann Forgrave** and **Melissa Robol**, co-chairmen, invite you to enjoy an evening of duet music performed in an ensemble setting.

Join Us for the Forum!

The Independent Music Teachers Forum will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, October 9, 2009 at the studio of Lynn Singleton, 3244 N. High Street. Our topic is The Tools of the Trade, and we hope to focus the discussion on teaching scales, arpeggios and chords. Bring your ideas and learn from others as we share ideas on teaching these important skills. Some ideas to consider: What progression do you use in teaching these areas? What technical considerations are important? What practical applications do your students find in learning these skills?

This is your chance to share your ideas and learn from others. Lynn has multiple electronic keyboards in her studio and she will share some ideas about working with chords and chord progressions. Enjoy a cup of coffee and go home with a new idea or two.

See the directory or call Sharon Walton (614-451-4820) for more information.

OhioMTA State Conference

November 5-7, 2009

Niswonger Performing Arts Center

Van Wert, OH

Conference presenters include Alpin Hong; Martha Mier; Katharine OConnell; Lori Rhoden; and **Lynn Singleton**, a member of the Central East District.



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Solo & Ensemble Recitals Coming Soon

The next Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2009, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, November 5, 2009 (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 26 and 27 of the Activities Guide & Membership Directory and on our web site:

www.ceomta.org. Click on *Student Events*, then Recitals. Please contact Dr. Caroline B. Salido, chair, at 614-751-9665 or thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com, for additional questions.

Better Homes and Gardens Magazine Mentions MTNA

In the October 2009 *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine, MTNA is mentioned in a page titled A Month of Music. The reference is on page 8 and pictures a close-up of a keyboard. The article reads: "*Take note... Did you know that playing music reduces stress? Many adults learn (or relearn) piano and guitar. Find a music teacher near you at mtna.org.*" This short article will be noticed because the magazine is very popular. Even though we may sometimes question the stress reduction involved in playing piano, we can be glad that MTNA got some publicity! (Submitted by Sharon Walton, NCTM)

Grants for Professional Development Awarded for 2009

Two of our district members were awarded grants this June, each in the amount of \$350. Congratulations to **Mary Schwinn** and **Jacqueline Stevanus** on their awards! Mary and Jacqueline will tell us how their grants benefited and enriched their teaching at our spring conference.

Be sure to consider submitting a grant application next spring. The Central East District is proud to support its members as we continue to enhance our gifts and skills! Refer to your Activities Guide for details.

News from the Webmaster

If you have been sent a hard copy of this newsletter, most likely you are not subscribed to our district website. Don't wait - sign up today! Just visit www.ceomta.org. Remember to respond to the confirmation email to verify your subscription. You will receive all the latest announcements related to the Central East District of OhioMTA, plus other opportunities around town.

Remember, the State newsletter is now available online, too, at www.ohiomta.org.

Questions? Email Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM, at snewcomb@columbus.rr.com.

Congratulations to Tim Huffman, who recently received his national certification in Piano.

Welcome, New Members

Susan Hutson (Piano)

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Directory Changes

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Membership Renewals

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Out and About

The first "Sound of Mind & Body" event is happening this Sunday, October 4. Register qualified students for the November "Sound of Mind & Body" by visiting our web site to obtain a registration form at www.ceomta.org. You can register students by postal service or e-mail.

Also, get your students involved in the STARS program. Information is available on our web site by clicking on *Student Events*, then *Out and About*.

Calendar of Events

October 4 Sound of Mind & Body

October 9 IMTF

October 9-10 MTNA Student
Competitions— Ohio preliminaries

October 10 & 17 Pianorama Rehearsals

October 24 Pianorama Dress Rehearsals
& Concerts

October 26 Deadline: Monday Morning
Musicale Registration

November 1 Deadline: Registration for
Lancaster Student Recital

November 1 Sound of Mind & Body

November 2 Monday Morning Musicale

November 5 Deadline: Registration for
Solo & Ensemble Recitals

November 5-7 State Conference

November 8 Lancaster Student Recital

November 13 Piano Workshop I

November 15 Solo & Ensemble Recitals

December 7 Sound of Mind & Body

December 18 Deadline: Registration
for Piano Workshop II



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Dated Material: Do Not Delay