

# OhioMTA Central East District

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## From the President

Happy New Year! This year promises to be a year of challenges with the economy in its current condition. Now more than ever we need to help people realize that music education is a sound investment (no pun intended) and help our students to make the most of their music studies.

Our gratitude goes to **Sharon Walton** for hosting a well attended IMTF in October; **Marge Seeley** for her work with the November recital in Lancaster; and **Caroline Salido** for organizing the Solo & Ensemble Recital in November. Thanks to **Seymour Fink** in preparing the piano workshop featuring Dr. Claudia Macdonald, and the Beethoven Piano Master Class led by Professor Peter Takacs. **Cynthia Adams** did an outstanding job in handling Scale Olympics - over 400 students participated! Thanks to Otterbein College for the use of their music facilities.

This district is blessed with having so many capable individuals that provide quality opportunities for members and our students.

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## Bonus Piano Master class!

### Joel Fan, Pianist

Friday, February 27, 2009 4-6 p.m. at Graves  
We have added a master class to the regular piano workshop schedule. Joel Fan will be in Ohio for a recital on Saturday in Troy. Our district is fortunate to have a visiting artist of this caliber. Get the most out of your membership by joining us for an interesting and educational afternoon. Learn more about Joel at [www.joelfanmusic.com](http://www.joelfanmusic.com).

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jennifer Zhou**, flute, and **Brooke Zhang**, piano, who won the East Central Division Semi-finals in the MTNA competition at Oberlin on January 17. We also congratulate their teachers, **Beth Owen**, NCTM (Jennifer) and **Nina Polonsky** (Brooke). Jennifer and Brooke will compete at the MTNA conference in Atlanta next month.

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**Nominations** for our district's **Independent Certified Teacher of the Year** and **Collegiate Certified Teacher of the Year** will be accepted until Monday, February 16, 2009. This state-wide program has a two-fold goal: To recognize excellence in music teaching and to measure dedication to OhioMTA/MTNA. Any Central East District member may nominate any peer who is a nationally certified teacher of music and has gone through at least one renewal period. The nominee must also be or have been actively involved in OhioMTA/MTNA at the local, state or national level and must be known for distinguished service and devotion to the cause of music. Anyone who has received this award in the past cannot be nominated again (see p.11 of the activities guide for past nominees). Please take advantage of this opportunity to nominate a teacher who you believe deserves this recognition. Please send a letter with supporting information about the teacher being nominated to Annette Suhovecky, 7642 Glanmore Court, Dublin, OH, 43017 or submit by e-mail to [Annette@brierhill.net](mailto:Annette@brierhill.net). Call 889-5348 for more information.

## Keeping the Spark Alive

Your student is now past the crucial first years of piano. How do you keep them going through the teen years? Contest? Group lessons? Performances? The Independent Music Teachers Forum was designed as a platform to discuss problems and challenges facing each of us teaching in a private studio setting. Please join us, ready to share what has worked for you. All of us will benefit!

Date: Friday, February 13, 2009

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Meadowbrook Christian Fellowship (*\* the building does not look like a church - it's a storefront*)  
6008 Dublin Center Drive in Dublin (43017)

This is a new location for the forum. If you have any questions or difficulty finding the building, please call Christine or Sharon.

The directions in the OhioMTA district activities guide contain an error. Please use the directions as given below:

From 161 (Dublin-Granville Road): turn North on Dublin Center Drive (1 light West of Sawmill Road). Proceed North. The church is on the right just past the light at Village Center Drive.

From 270: exit at Sawmill Road and go South. Dublin Center Drive is the first street on the right. Turn right and proceed about 1/4 of a mile. The church is on the left just past the car dealer's parking lot.  
Any questions?

Christine Lent 804-9079  
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## District Festival

District Festival will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Capital University. A total of 266 piano, strings, flute and vocal students have registered. Recitals begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue through the day.

## Out and About

The Out and About Committee welcomes your students' participation in our "Sound of Mind and Body" program at Riverside Hospital. Any student you recommend with a concert ready piece or two (not to exceed 5 minutes) will be included on the program. The first Sunday of each month we meet in the Riverside lobby for an orientation, then play in 3 locations (the lobby, Cancer Care Center, and Acute Rehab ward) from 1:30-2:30.

Thanks to **Amy Rebecca Laurence, Christine Lent, Elizabeth Parent, Sally Sansbury, and Tanya Matsuda** whose well-prepared students have recently participated. The program was cancelled in January when the minimum of 3 students did not volunteer. Registration forms are available at our web site under "Student Activities", or from **Melissa Robol** at [mrobol8654@wideopenwest.com](mailto:mrobol8654@wideopenwest.com) or (614)844-6544.

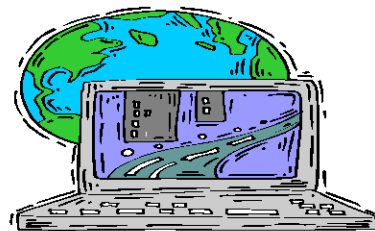
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**Did you know...** that our district web site not only contains the entire updated Activities Guide and Directory, but many other informational items, too? If you're not currently subscribed to email announcements through the web site, you're missing out on:

- \*Reminders of district events and their deadlines
- \*Announcements of winners and their teachers
- \*Job listings for both professionals and students
- \*Instruments for sale
- \*Upcoming concert announcements, frequently featuring OhioMTA members
- \*And much more!

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**Pianorama Update**

The dates for Pianorama rehearsals have changed since the printing of the directory. The correct dates are:  
September 26 - Auditions for all interested performers  
October 10 & 17 - Rehearsals  
Pianorama registration/information will be sent to members in a few weeks.

Thanks to the music selection committee for their work on Pianorama repertoire: **Lee Ann Forgrave, Melissa Robol, Larissa Shepherd and Lynn Singleton**. The repertoire list is posted on the district web site: [www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org).

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**SEE THE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES  
GUIDE OR WEB SITE FOR UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

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