

OMTA Central East District

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From the President

In the April/May edition of *American Music Teacher*, there was an article entitled "Being Connected". Clinton Pratt wrote about explaining the cost of an MTNA national convention: "When I explain that since I'm self-employed (and) it's my expense, they wonder why I have to go. I don't HAVE to go, I GET to go".

As the 2008-2009 membership year begins, I think about the district activities which have been of benefit to me and my students. No one made me attend these activities - I got to go! Teaching ideas and inspiration were received from at least four conferences, and Pianorama and District Festival were real student motivators.

The Central East District offers great opportunities for us, but these activities could not happen without the efforts of so many talented and resourceful members. If you were an officer or chairman, or helped with any OMTA events during the past year, thank you!

Plan to get involved during this new year - not because you *have* to, but because you *get* to!

Have a great summer!

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Reminders

If you have not renewed your membership dues for the new year which began July 1, do so right away by registering at www.mtna.org, or mail your paperwork to the national office.

The e-tree will be discontinued this summer, but announcements will be sent to District website subscribers. To continue to receive announcements, go to www.ceomta.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and follow the prompts.

Newsletter Change

This is the last full membership mailing of the Central East District newsletter, as the newsletter will be posted on the website (website subscribers will be notified of the posting). If you do not have a computer and want to continue to receive the newsletter via U.S. mail, you must contact Susan Treer at (614) 882-8064, or send a note to her at 358 Hampton Park North, Westerville, OH 43081.



Due to the blizzard of 2008, the OMTA/Graves Piano Solo and Ensemble Contest was cancelled. The contest will return March 7-8, 2009.

Congratulations to **Carol Rein**, chosen as the Central East District 2008 Independent Teacher of the Year.

Buckeye Audition Winners

The District Buckeye Auditions were held at Capital University on Saturday, April 5, 2008. A big thank you is due to Beth Owen for chairing this event.

Winners at the District Level are:

Elementary Piano

Winner - Brian Lee (MC Powell)
Alternate - Serena Lee (MC Powell)
Honorable Mentions - Miranda Chao (MC Powell); Vivian Williams (N Polonsky)

Elementary Strings

Winner - Camille Howes
(G Christopherson)
Alternate - Charles Pei (J McCullough)
Honorable Mention - Laura Iacobellis
(J McCullough)

Junior Piano

Winner - Brook Zhang (N Polonsky)
Alternate - Trisha Tee (P Radzynski)
Honorable Mentions - Allison Castile (MC Powell);
Loren Dombirer (D Kurtz); Shiao-Huang Liu (MC Powell)

Junior Strings

Winner - Rebekah Lee (G Christopherson)
Honorable Mention - May Kodama (J van Voorhis)

Junior Voice

Winner - Kelsey Storer (P Hickfang)

Senior Piano

Winner - Kasun Waidyaratne (S Sansbury)
Alternate - Shawn Wang (S Fink)

Senior Strings

Winner - Lay Kodama (L Polonsky)
Alternate - Seth Franke (J McCullough)
Honorable Mention - Elizabeth Mandic-Nowak (R Steig)

Senior Voice

Winner - Kara Lewis (P Hickfang)

Senior Woodwinds

Winner - Nicholas Capaldo
(C Berhardt)



Congratulations to Lay Kodama, Brook Zhang, and Kara Lewis, winners at the State level.

Congratulations to Nicholas Capaldo, Camille Howes, and Brian Lee, who were given honorable mentions. The State competition was held on June 7 at Bowling Green State University.

Tentative Calendar of Events 2008-2009

See the Activities Guide (to be mailed later this summer) or the District website (www.ceomta.org) for more details.

District Conferences - September 8; April 6
Monday Morning Musicales - November 3; February 2;
March 30
OMTA/Graves Competition - March 7 & 8
Piano Workshops - November 14; January 19; March 6
Student Solo & Ensemble Recitals - November 16;
February 8; May 3
Scale Olympics - December 6
District Festival - February 21
Summer Scholarship Auditions - April 18
Independent Music Teachers Forum - October 10;
February 13
Woodwind Workshop - February 15
Board Meetings - September 15; January 12; May 11
Buckeye Auditions - March 21
OMTA State Conference - November 6-8
All-Ohio Competition Duettists - 2009 State Convention

In Memory

The Central East District sadly announces the passing of member **Michael Davis** on March 2, 2008.

A donation in Michael's honor was made to the state scholarship fund.

Summer Scholarship Winners

The 2008 Summer Study Scholarship auditions were held on Saturday, April 5 at Otterbein College. We are grateful for the businesses that have provided funding for this year's scholarships. Special thanks to **Meredith Needham** for her work as chairman of this event.

Congratulations to the winners and their teachers!

\$600 Graduation Senior Scholarship

Phyllis Faieta (S Sansbury)

\$400 OMTA Memorial Scholarships

Brook Zhang (N Polonsky)

Vickie Wang (N Polonsky)

\$300 Columbus Piano Leasing/OMTA Scholarships

Iris Jang (N Polonsky)

\$200 OMTA Scholarships

Ilana Bergelson (I Goldberg)

Angela Deng (S Frost)

Kendall Fugate Laus (G Christopherson)

Serena Lee (MC Powell)

Sarah Moll (J Cook)

Tyler Moll (J Cook)

Jolyn Tsai (N Harper)

Andrew Zhang (A Svirsky)

\$200 The Loft Violin Shop Scholarship

Elizabeth Chiu (A Svirsky)

\$150 Music Go Round Scholarship

Leslie Wu (J Cook)

\$100 Sam Ash Music Stores Scholarship

Rebekah Lee (G Christopherson)

\$100 The Baroque Violin Shop

Kylynne Johnson (G Christopherson)

Rita Roberts was honored at the May luncheon, as she has retired from many years of teaching. Congratulations, Rita!



State Conference 2008

The State Conference will be held at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls on November 6-8, 2008. Featured speakers are Marvin Blickenstaff, Father Sean Duggan, Chris Barden, Renee Jackson, and Donald Morelock. Father Duggan, who is currently recording the complete keyboard works of J.S. Bach, will present the Friday evening concert.

Details regarding the conference, as well as hotel information, can be found in the OhioMTA News May 2008 edition, or online at www.ohiomta.org.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!



Scale Olympics 2008

Mark your calendars now for Scale Olympics on Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. at Otterbein College. Scale Olympics is an excellent opportunity to motivate piano students to work and set goals in the areas of theory and technique. Students may enter any number of the following events: Scales, Cadences, Arpeggios, Triads, Transposition, Sight Reading, Harmonization, and Theory. Each event has 8 levels of difficulty so all students - not just the advanced - can participate. The Scale Olympics Handbook has all of the specific information pertaining to this event.

The complete 2008 Scale Olympics Handbook is now available online!

The 2008 updates have been mailed to all members. **However, the registration form will ONLY be available online!** For both the handbook and the registration form, please visit www.ceomta.org. If you do not have internet access, contact Cynthia Adams (614) 327-1395 .

MAJOR CHANGES MADE TO SCALE OLYMPICS 2008

- 1) Teachers enrolling students in this event will be required to volunteer for a full half-day "the day of" Scale Olympics. Teachers unable to spend a half-day working the event will not be allowed to register students.
- 2) Students entering 1-4 events will pay a \$20 registration fee; students entering 5 or more events will pay a \$25 registration fee.
- 3) Scales, cadences, triads, and arpeggios will be separated into 4 individual score sheets and rooms/judges.

Contact Cynthia Adams, Scale Olympics Chairman, with any questions.

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Dated Material: Do Not Delay