

OhioMTA Central East District

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From the President

Greetings!

You will see from this newsletter how busy our district has been during the last three months.

Members at the Annual Meeting approved the 2009-2010 budget. The use of "Ohio MTA" to replace "OMTA" in all print and verbal communication was also approved.

Congratulations to **Tamara Morris, NCTM**, our district's **Independent Certified Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010**.

The Ohio MTA News (May 2009) can be read online at www.ohiomta.org.

Have a fantastic summer!

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Membership Reminder

Make sure to renew your membership for the 2009-2010 season which begins on July 1. Mail your dues with the statement sent out recently by MTNA, or visit www.mtna.org and renew online. Be sure to double check your contact information on the application; this information goes directly into our membership directory. To guarantee that your information is included in our next directory, you must renew before July 31. Call Paula O'Green, Vice President of Member Services (614-836-7753) with any questions.

Buckeye Audition Winners

The District Preliminaries were held on Saturday, March 21 at Capital University. Our appreciation goes to **Beth Owen, NCTM** for serving as chairman for this event. Congratulations to the winners:

Elementary Piano

Winner - **Vivian Williams** (Nina Polonsky)
Alternate - **Brian Lee** (Mary Craig Powell)
Honorable Mention - **Katherine Guan** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM); **Raymond Truong** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM); **Vincent Dong** (Ida Goldberg, NCTM))

Junior Piano

Winner - **Iris Jang** (Nina Polonsky)
Alternate - **Loren Dombirer** (Donna Kurtz)
Honorable Mention - **Shiao-Huang Liu** (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

Senior Piano

Winner - **Jolyn Tsai** (Nelson Harper)
Alternate - **Jillian Frost** (Donna Kurtz)
Honorable Mention - **Kasun Waidyaratne** (Sally Sansbury, NCTM); **Matthew Schwan** (Donna Kurtz)

Elementary Strings

Winner - **Andrew Zhang** (Anna Svirsky, NCTM)
Alternate - **Charles Pei** (Mary Irwin)
Honorable Mention - **Camille Howes, Caroline Stevanus & Adam Klim** (Ginny Christopherson, NCTM)

Junior Strings

Winner - **Miki Okuyama** (David Edge)
Alternate - **Joy Lee** (Ginny Christopherson, NCTM)
Honorable Mention - **Oscar Lisa** (Ginny Christopherson, NCTM)

Senior Strings

Honorable Mention - **Kevin Zhang** (Shilin Zhou);
Grant K. Yang (Oleg Pavlov)

Junior Woodwinds

Honorable Mention - **Julia Warton** (Beth Owen)

Senior Woodwinds

Honorable Mention - **Heather Wang** (Beth Owen)

The **State Competition** was held on Saturday, June 6 at Bowling Green State University. Congratulations to students from our district (and their teachers) who won at the state level:

Winner - Elementary Piano

Vivian Williams (Nina Polonsky)

Honorable Mention - Junior High Piano

Iris Jang (Nina Polonsky)

Honorable Mention - Senior High Piano

Jolyn Tsai (Nelson Harper)

Honorable Mention - Elementary Strings

Andrew Zhang (Anna Svirsky, NCTM)

Honorable Mention - Junior High Strings

Joy Lee (Ginny Christopherson, NCTM)

**Congratulations to the 2009
Ohio MTA Central East District/Graves
Piano Solo & Ensemble
Competition Winners**

Elementary Solo

1st - Vincent Dong (Ida Goldberg, NCTM)
2nd - Michael Qui (Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff)
3rd - Dasha Bruyako (Nina Polonsky)
4th - Alan Ding (Nina Polonsky)

Honorable Mentions:

Isabelle Derrenberger (Peng-Hsin Chen)
Abhik Mazumder (Donald Clark)

Elementary Duet/Duo

1st - Sarah Wang/Alan Dong (Nina Polonsky)
2nd - Kelley Long/Jenny Zhang (Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff)

Junior Solo Division

1st-Iris Jang (Nina Polonsky)
2nd-Vivian Williams (Nina Polonsky)
3rd-Raymond Truong (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)
4th-Katherine Guan (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)

Honorable Mentions:

Kathy Zhang (Sally Sansbury, NCTM)
Winnie Li (Nina Polonsky)
Anastasia Vertianova (Dora Levenstein)
Alexandra Neverow (Nina Polonsky)

Junior Duet/Duo Division

1st Place Tie:

Winnie Li/William Li (Nina Polonsky)
Alex Wang/Cassidy Wang (Lucy Chu)

Senior Solo Division

1st-Pamela Yau (Sergei Polusmiak)
2nd-Jolyn Tsai (Yu-Hua Tsai/Nelson Harper)
3rd-Tim Ledger (Brent Schloneger, NCTM)
4th-Karen Zhang (Benita Leung)

Honorable Mentions:

Anchin Liaw (Benita Leung)
Jessica Hoffmann (Mary Craig Powell, NCTM)
Poon Ho Suet (Jackson Leung, NCTM)
Jenny Lu (Benita Leung)
Siyu Liu (Tianshu Wang)

Senior Duet/Duo Division

1st-Karen Zhang/Emily Pham (Benita Leung & Jackson Leung, NCTM)
2nd-Benjamin Leung/Jenny Lu (Benita Leung)

Honorable Mention:

Chelsea Peng/Ellen Chuang (Christina Choy, NCTM)

Young Artist Division

1st-Qian (YoYo) Liu (Tianshu Wang)
2nd-Steffin Johnson (Jackson Leung)

Honorable Mentions:

Xue Snow Jiang (Tianshu Wang)
Lau Pui Kei (Jackson Leung)

Thank you to Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff for her hard work in making the 2009 competition a success.

STARS

Students and Teachers Supporting the Arts

The Out and About Committee suggests that not only can our students use their own growing artistry to encourage people, such as in our hospital program, but they can also support professional artists among us. The goal of our new STARS program can be loosely paraphrased as "they also serve who sit and listen".

In brief, we invite students during the next school year (September-May) to attend seven public musical performances that provide programs from either a professional or collegiate performance or any special performance at their temple or place of worship. The concerts can be free or not: all performers need audiences. However, it is our hope that our students will augment the audiences for stellar performances by the Columbus Symphony, the Columbus Jazz Orchestra, and many other fine musical groups among us.

Students give their teacher a complete packet of seven programs plus a postcard completed with their personal data. Teachers send the Postcards to Out and About chair Melissa Robol. The Postcards are then entered into a drawing for additional complimentary tickets from our participating sponsor organizations. The drawing will take place at our Spring Conference, and certificates will be distributed to attending teachers; (remaining certificates will be mailed).

Chris Webster, a graphic artist, has designed a professional logo to use on all STARS paperwork. (The logo was not displayed in the newsletter due to software problems.)

The main goal of STARS is to encourage our students to be "out and about" not only as performers, but in audiences appreciative of the efforts of others. Ancillary goals are to support our many fine musical organizations, and to expose our students to the potentially life changing impact of cathartic music.

Submitted by Melissa Robol, Out and About Chairman
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Summer Study Scholarship Winners

Auditions were held at Otterbein College on Saturday, April 18. Thanks to **Meredith Needham** for her work as the chairman of this event, as well as the businesses who provided scholarship money .

\$600 Graduating Senior Scholarship Christine Lee (Mark Rudoff)

\$400 Scholarships

Jennifer Zhou (Beth Owen, NCTM) - Allie R. Jensen Memorial
James Hettinga (Cora Kuyvenhoven) - Michael Davis Memorial
Alex Hettinga (Mary Irwin) - Roger Jamison Memorial

\$200 Scholarships

Micah Thomas (Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM)
Jolyn Tsai (Nelson Harper)
Iva Casian-Lakos (Pansy Chang)
Vivian Williams (Nina Polonsky)
Camille Howes (Ginny Christopherson, NCTM)
Justina Chen (Mary Irwin)
Guozhen Xie (Hengwei Ma, NCTM)

\$150 Music-Go-Round Scholarship Katherine Wenner (Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM)

**\$100 The Loft Violin Shop Scholarship
Matthew Hettinga (Mary Irwin)
Joy Lee (Ginny Christopherson, NCTM)**

**\$100 Columbus Piano Leasing Scholarship
Ashley Tan (Susan Frost)**

**\$100 The Baroque Violin Shop Scholarship
Kevin Zhang (Shilin Zhou)**

Congratulations!



Welcome, New and Renewed Members!

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Congratulations to Lee Ann Forgrave, NCTM
and Ashley Wise and their families on the
birth of their baby boys in May!



Pianorama Update

Pianorama registration/information was sent to members in March.
New this year: All students must audition for Pianorama
(September 26) and should be preparing now. The registration
information and repertoire list is posted on the district web site:
www.ceomta.org.

Due to the failure of the Southwest City Schools levy, Pianorama
cannot be held at Pleasant View Middle School. A new location is
needed and will be announced upon confirmation. If you have any
suggestions, contact Lee Ann Forgrave, NCTM at
laforgrave@juno.com.

Upcoming Events

September 13: Woodwind Workshop
September 14: District Fall Conference
September 21: Board Meeting
September 26: Pianorama Auditions
October 4: Sound of Mind and Body
October 9: Independent Music Teachers Forum
October 10 & 17: Pianorama Rehearsals
October 24: Pianorama concerts
November 2: Monday Morning Musicale
November 5-7: OhioMTA State Conference in Van Wert
November 13: Piano Workshop I
November 15: Student Solo & Ensemble Recitals
See the 2009-2010 Activities Guide (to be mailed in August) for
specific information on these events.

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Dated Material: Do Not Delay