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# OMTA CENTRAL EAST DISTRICT

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## From the President...

### Greetings!

Every two years our district pulls together for our popular **Scale Olympics** event held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Otterbein College. This year's event was a huge success, thanks to chair **Laura Chu Stokes**, the judges, her committees and volunteers who made it all possible. Over 360 students participated, earning hundreds of ribbons and rosettes. Special thanks to our 45 teachers who entered students and ably prepared them in the eight important piano skills.

We had many other events this past fall, including two successful piano workshops. More than 60 people attended the workshop led by **Virginia Marks**. This past Martin Luther King Day, six pianists participated in a masterclass with **Haewon Song** as the clinician. See the calendar of events in this newsletter or on the website for more upcoming workshops. Thanks to **Seymour Fink, NCTM**, for organizing these informative and inspirational workshops. For more on Seymour's latest honor, see page 3 of this newsletter.

Other good news is that our website is up and running! If you haven't visited [www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org) lately, there have been some changes and improvements. We now have continuing professional assistance. Members may sign up directly for email notification of new posts that include reminders, concert announcements, as well as other communication to members. The entire Activities Guide is accessible under "General Information." Until we appoint a webmaster from the membership, please send suggestions and submissions for the website directly to me. Thank you!

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## Pianorama 2007 Literature is Unveiled!

The Pianorama Music Selection Committee was hard at work last fall choosing quality literature for the October event. Thanks to Don Clark, Lindy Clark, and Cynthia Adams who joined me in this effort. Thanks also to Christine Crook and Lynette Wahl at Graves for working with us during the selection process and to Paul Graves for allowing us access to the music and the use of the recital hall for our meetings.

There is a nice variety of styles represented and, of course, many levels of difficulty so that the teacher can choose the perfect level for each student. The new 2007 literature is listed on the blue insert in this newsletter. Scores will be available by mid-February at both Graves and Stanton's.

The Advanced Ensemble is open to all teachers and to their advanced students. The performance of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" for one piano/four hands will be featured at both the end of the first concert and the beginning of the second concert. The rehearsal schedule for the Advanced Ensemble will be different this year. Instead of three 8 a.m. rehearsals, there will be one at 8:00 and two others at different times of the day. I hope this will encourage many of you to sign up for a great experience performing the "Rhapsody."

Further information about Pianorama will be sent to each of you in a special mailing in late March. For basic information about Pianorama, look in your directory on page 24 or on the website, [www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org).

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## JOIN US FOR THE FIRST EVER COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE IN TORONTO, ONTARIO! March 23-27, 2007

Register before February 14, 2007, to receive special reduced rates.

The Collaborative Conference will bring together members of Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Associations, Music Teachers National Association, and The Royal Conservatory of Music in a five day event to explore the similarities and differences in teaching methods across the two countries. The conference includes master classes presented by Marvin Blickenstaff, Jane Coop and David Wehr, Pedagogy Friday, and evening concerts featuring Yefim Bronfman, and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. For more information, or to register, visit [mtna.org](http://mtna.org).

## Calendar of Events

*More details available in the  
2006-07 Activities Guide and at  
[www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org)*

**Solo & Ensemble Recitals** • February 4  
**Monday Morning Musicales** • February 5  
**Independent Music Teachers Forum** •  
February 9 (see article)  
**Woodwind Workshop I** • February 11  
**District Festival** • February 24  
**OMTA/Graves Competition** • March 3-4  
**Piano Workshop III** • March 9  
**String Workshop III** • March 10  
**MTNA National Conference** • March 23-27  
**OMTA/Graves Winners Recital** • March 25  
**Buckeye Auditions** • March 31

## Independent Music Teachers Forum

Do you need some fresh ideas for teaching? Join us for the Independent Music Teachers' Forum ...10 a.m., Friday, February 9, 2007 at the *home of Sharon Walton 2290 Walhaven Ct., Columbus, Ohio, 43220. (Note the change of location for IMTF. Walhaven Ct. is in the vicinity of Fishinger Rd. and Mountview in Upper Arlington. Call Sharon Walton at 451-4820 for more directions)*

Part of our program on February 9 has been titled, "Grin and Share It." Our meeting is called a forum ...its very definition implies group discussion and exploration of ideas. Several teachers have been asked to share on the 9<sup>th</sup>, but we hope that each teacher attending will bring some small idea that has made teaching more productive, more effective, more organized, or even more fun! If your ideas will take more than 3 or 4 minutes to present, please call Sharon ahead of time. Join us! We guarantee that you will go home with at least one new idea.

Also on the program will be an overview discussion on insurance plans offered through MTNA by the Robert H. Clarkson Insurance Company. We will review some interesting plans for liability, instrument damage, and health. Even if you have insurance, you might be surprised what MTNA is doing for teachers through the insurance plans.

Join us on February 9 for a fun and stimulating morning. The coffee will be on at 9:45!

**Sharon Walton, NCTM**, Chairman IMTF, 451-4820, or [skrwalton@hotmail.com](mailto:skrwalton@hotmail.com).

## Membership Updates

### Welcome New and Renewed Members:

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### Are You Accepting Students?

Our VP of Membership is developing and maintaining a list of OMTA teachers with room for students throughout our Central East District. If you are interested in being included, please contact Paula O'Green at 614-836-7753 or [paulaogreen@columbus.rr.com](mailto:paulaogreen@columbus.rr.com) and list your teaching location. Any students needing assistance finding a teacher should also contact Paula.

## \$\$\$ Available for YOU

**Attention Teachers and College Students:** Feed your musical intellect—take a summer workshop, study with an artist teacher, enroll in a college pedagogy course. Grants for Professional Development are available for all OMTA Central East members. Whether you are a new teacher or a 25-year veteran, consider applying for a grant for your professional growth. High School Seniors are also eligible to apply for the Student Grant. For more information, consult your Activities Guide or contact the Chair, **Laura Benson, NCTM**, [flowben@hotmail.com](mailto:flowben@hotmail.com).

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### All-Ohio Piano Ensemble

June 8-10, 2007  
Columbus Marriott North

We are pleased to have AOPE return to Columbus this spring. There are three important deadlines:

1. registration by **February 1** to state chair Kathy Jendrusik
2. audition tapes following state guidelines by **April 1** or before.
3. last fee and sheet due by **May 1** to state chair.

Our goal is to have the Central East District represented with 25 teams. Remember, if your student is in Advanced or Advanced Plus, they can also be a Dream Player.

Even if your students are not involved, you may attend the ensemble concert Sunday, June 10, at 1:00 at Columbus Marriott North. Come and see first-hand what this long tradition is about. You can read more details in our September OhioMTA News.

If you are willing to house some students or families coming a distance let Sue Ellen know ASAP. This would save a family nearly \$200. We would not want a student to miss out on this piano orchestra experience because of lack of funds beyond the \$90 they must pay. Thank you!

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## Membership Updates (continued)

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### Welcome! Collegiate Members:

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### Seymour Fink Named OhioMTA Collegiate Certified Teacher of the year

**Seymour Fink, NCTM**, was honored at the 2006 OhioMTA Conference as the Collegiate Certified Teacher of the Year. Seymour is presently an Adjunct Professor of Piano in the Conservatory of Music at Capital University. He holds degrees from the Peabody Conservatory and Yale University. He has authored the highly acclaimed book and video Mastering Piano Technique and contributed to A Symposium for Pianists and Teachers. Seymour is a well-known authority on piano technique, musicality, and pedagogy and we are proud to have him in our teaching community. Congratulations, Seymour!

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**Dated Material: Do not Delay**