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## From the President

Hello everyone! As I write this, our district has reached a high of 212 members! We credit this to our loyal membership, strong collegiate chapters, and valuable programming.

Be sure to renew your membership with MTNA for next year, so you will receive your fall newsletter as well as your *American Music Teacher* magazine and many other benefits. See the reminder on page 3. All new and renewed members will receive their comprehensive Activities Guide for the 2007-08 year in August. A preview of next year's dates is on page 4 of this newsletter.

We hope you have been a frequent visitor of our website, www.ceomta.org. Most of the content comes straight from our Activities Guide. The event details and contact information make it a great resource for members and non-members alike. Email subscribers receive notification for each periodic update. This is separate from the familiar email tree. The website is a new work-in-progress, so comments and suggestions are welcome. Best summer wishes to you all!

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## State Conference 2007

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2007 OMTA State Conference held **November 15-17** at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel. With Central East District hosting the conference, we are anticipating a great turnout. Featured clinicians include **Dr. William Westney**, author of *The Perfect Wrong Note*, and Frederick Harris composer, **Stephen Chatman**. Dr. Westney will present a lecture/demonstration based on his book, an "UnMasterclass," and will be the featured conference artist in a Friday evening recital. Dr. Chatman will lecture on the compositional process of his pedagogical works for piano. Other clinicians include **Dr. Jerry Wong, Rachel Kramer, Dr. Kenneth Williams, Julianne Miranda and Dr. Suzanne Newcomb**. A fun evening is planned for Thursday, with dinner and jazz at the North Bank Park Pavilion in downtown Columbus.

For more information about clinicians and sessions, see the May OhioMTA News. Conference and hotel registration information will be in the September newsletter and on the website, www.ohiomta.org.

## Pianorama

**Saturday, October 27, 2007**

Registration for Pianorama is well under way. If any of the levels reach capacity, you'll be informed by email-tree. Otherwise, just keep those registrations coming. It would be great to have every level filled up!

There is an important correction on the Pianorama Music list. On the list, the level 5 selection by Czerny originally showed the wrong movement of the Sonatina. The list should read:

### Level 5:

**Sonatina, Opus 156, Number 2, Czerny  
Movement I. Allegro con brio**

Please make sure your level 5 students are learning the correct movement.

If you have students who want to participate but you do not have a partner for them within your own studio, call or email me and I will send your information out to other teachers on the Pianorama Partner email tree. Many successful partnerships have already been arranged that way.

After you register your students, you will receive a teacher update, parent information, a complete schedule of rehearsals and concerts, maps and directions, plus conductor notes for each level in which you have students. If you have email, I will send everything as attachments. Otherwise, you will receive the mailing in the regular mail.

If you have students registered to participate, Janet Reale will be calling to schedule some time for you to help during rehearsals on October 6, 13, or 20. Please plan to come for at least a few hours on one or more days to assist the conductors.

I hope you and your students are enjoying the preparation for Pianorama 2007! Together we will make this the most awesome Pianorama yet!

**Carol Rein, NCTM**  
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# Winners List

## OMTA/Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Competition

Thanks to **Suzanne Burg** and **Brenda Curie** for chairing another successful statewide event, held at Graves the weekend of March 3-4, 2007. Please join us in congratulating the following winners from our district:

### *Elementary Solo*

- 1<sup>st</sup> • **Katherine Guan** (Mary Craig Powell)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> • **Alexandra Neverov** (Nina Polonsky)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> • **Vivian Williams** (Nina Polonsky)  
 4<sup>th</sup> • **Brian Lee** (Mary Craig Powell)  
 Hon. Mention • **Connie Zhang** (Nina Polonsky)

### *Elementary Duet/Duo*

- 1<sup>st</sup> • **Connie Zhang & Vivian Williams** (Nina Polonsky)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> • **Yili Wu & Kathy Zhang** (Bella Volkova)

### *Junior High Solo*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> • **Shine Wu** (Bella Volkova)  
 4<sup>th</sup> • **Iris Jang** (Nina Polonsky)  
 Hon. Mention • **Kasun Waidyaratne** (Sally Sansbury)

### *Junior High Duet/Duo*

- 1<sup>st</sup> • **Brook Zhang & Shine Wu** (Bella Volkova)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> • **Winnie & William Li** (Nina Polonsky)

### *Senior High Solo*

- 1<sup>st</sup> • **Aiko Kondo** (Nina Polonsky)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> • **Richard Jeric** (Sally Sansbury)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> • **Jolyn Tsai** (Nelson Harper)  
 4<sup>th</sup> • **Sophia Chen** (Sylvia Eckes)  
 Hon. Mention • **Hanna Bae** (Nina Polonsky)

### *Senior Duet/Duo*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> • **Irene Tsai & Jolyn Tsai** (Nelson Harper)

### *Young Artist Solo*

- 1<sup>st</sup> • **Fan Zhang** (Tianshu Wang)  
 Hon. Mention • **Chuhan Wang** (Tianshu Wang)  
 Hon. Mention • **Xue Jiang** (Tianshu Wang)

*Both of the competitions on this page, along with the Summer Study Scholarship Auditions, require the coordination of many judges and volunteers. We sincerely appreciate the amazing efforts of our chairmen, teachers, and students who contributed to the success of these events. Please consider volunteering this coming year! We need you!*



## Buckeye Award Recipients

The 2007 District Buckeye Auditions were held on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at Graves Piano & Organ. Special thanks go to **Beth Owen, NCTM**, for chairing this event. Congratulations to these winners!

- Elem Piano Winner • **Brian Lee** (Mary Craig Powell)  
 Elem Piano Alternate • **Miranda Chao**  
 (Mary Craig Powell)  
 Elem Piano Hon. Mention • **Vivian Williams**  
 (Nina Polonsky)

- Jr Piano Winner • **Shiao-Huang Liu** (Mary Craig Powell)  
 Jr. Piano Hon. Mention • **Hannah Polster**  
 (Mary Craig Powell)  
 Jr. Piano Hon. Mention • **Kasun Waidyaratne**  
 (Sally Sansbury)

- Sr Piano Winner • **Richard Jeric** (Sally Sansbury)

- Elem Strings Winner • **Joy Lee**  
 (Ginny Christopherson)  
 Elem Strings Alt. • **Charles Pei** (Oleg Pavlov)  
 Elem Strings Hon. Mention • **Kendal Fugate-Laus**  
 (Ginny Christopherson)  
 Elem Strings Hon. Mention • **Oscar Lisa**  
 (Ginny Christopherson)  
 Elem Strings Hon Mention • **Hopen Yang** (Oleg Pavlov)  
 Jr Strings Winner • **Rebekah Lee** (Ginny Christopherson)

- Senior Strings Winner • **Iva Casian Lako**  
 (William Conable)

- Senior Voice Winner • **Kara Lewis** (Paul Hickfang)

- Senior Woodwinds Winner • **Frances Hogan**  
 (Beth Owen)

# Summer Study Scholarship Auditions

The 2007 OMTA Summer Study Scholarship Auditions were held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at Otterbein College. Special thanks go to the businesses that gave us financial support for these scholarships, and to **Meredith Needham** for chairing this successful event. Congratulations to this year's recipients and their teachers!

## ***\$600 Graduating Senior Scholarship*** **Richard Jeric** (Sally Sansbury)

### ***\$400 Scholarships***

**Jennifer Zhou** (Beth Owen) • James Somerville Memorial Scholarship

**Iva Casian Lakos** (William Conable) • Marshall Barnes Memorial Scholarship

### ***\$300 Scholarship***

**Miranda Chao** (Mary Craig Powell) • Music-Go-Round

### ***\$200 Scholarships***

**Joy Lee** (Ginny Christopherson) • OMTA Scholarship

**Vivian Williams** (Nina Polonsky) • OMTA Scholarship

**Irene Tsai** (Nelson Harper) • OMTA Scholarship

**Loren Goodman** (Leslie Maaser) • OMTA Scholarship

**Katrina Gingerich** (Laura F. Benson) • OMTA Scholarship

**Kristen Peters** (Heng Wei Ma) • OMTA Scholarship

**Caroline Stevanus** (Ginny Christopherson) • The Baroque Violin Shop & OMTA

**Camille Howes** (Ginny Christopherson) • OMTA Scholarship

**Stephen Watkins** (Joyce Ward) • OMTA Scholarship

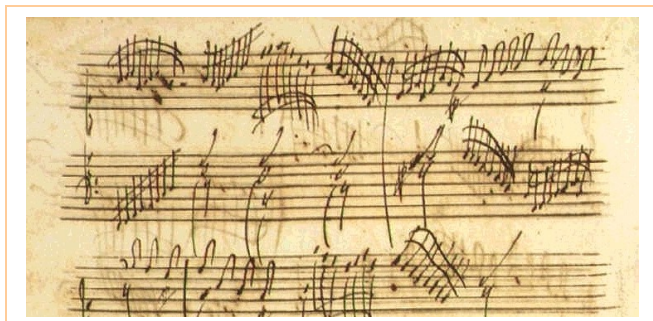
### ***\$100 Scholarships***

**Emily Moll** (Janice Cook) • Columbus Piano Leasing

**Lu Bai** (Heng Wei Ma) • The Loft Violin Shop

**Stellar Chong** (Anna Svirsky) • The Loft Violin Shop

**Jessica Stevanus** (Susan Frost) • OMTA Scholarship



## Welcome New and Renewed Members!

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Audrey Gordon • piano  
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Marina Arishina • piano  
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### Welcome to the following new members from Prestige Music Studios:

Kristin Arnold

Thomas Davis • piano, guitar, composition  
Terri Diamond

Elizabeth Elliot • voice, Suzuki piano, piano

Maya Diann Krivchenia • voice, Suzuki piano, piano

Mary Reed-Farris

Noah D. Taylor • brass, piano, theory, composition

*The seven teachers above may be contacted at  
614-764-4000, or*

*first name.last name@prestigemusicstudios.com*

### New email:

Elizabeth Fleisher, NCTM • [efleishe@gmail.com](mailto:efleishe@gmail.com)

Peggy Hodson • [pmhart7652@yahoo.com](mailto:pmhart7652@yahoo.com)

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## Membership renewal 2007-08

Make sure you've renewed your membership for next year by sending in your dues with the statement sent out by MTNA this past spring or by visiting [www.MTNA.org](http://www.MTNA.org). Time is running out if you want to be included in our directory, so renew today! Please be sure to double-check your contact information on the application, since this goes directly into our membership directory. Call Paula O'Green, Vice President of Member Services (614/836-7753), with questions.

## Tentative Calendar of Events 2007-2008

*details available soon in  
our upcoming Activities Guide*

**District Conferences** • Sept. 10, Apr. 7  
**Solo & Ensemble Recitals** • Nov. 18, Feb. 3,  
May 4  
**Monday Morning Musicales** • Nov. 5, Feb. 4,  
Mar. 31  
**Independent Music Teachers Forum** • Oct. 5  
Feb. 8  
**District Festival** • February 24  
**OMTA/Graves Competition** • March 8 + 9  
**Piano Workshops** • Nov. 2, Jan. 21, Mar. 7  
**Buckeye Auditions** • April 5  
**District Festival** • February 23  
**Scholarship Auditions** • April 5  
**Board Meetings** • Sept. 17, Jan. 7, May 5  
**OMTA State Conference** • Nov. 15-17

## Teacher News

Our district has chosen **Dr. Kenneth Williams, NCTM**, and **Mary Craig Powell, NCTM**, as our 2007 certified teachers of the year (collegiate and independent, respectively). Congratulations to these valued members of our district!

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### The following members have received professional development grants:

**Ashley Wise**, to attend the Suzuki Teacher Training Institute at Capital University.

**Meredith Needham**, to attend the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy hosted at the France Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy in Oak Brook Ill.

**Christine Lent**, to study Alexander Technique and Jazz Piano this summer.

**Rachel Mauricio**, to purchase pedagogy materials for her personal teaching library.

Thanks to Laura Benson, chair, Melissa Robol, and Carol Rein, who served on the review committee.

The **Columbus Piano Literature Study Group** meets monthly to listen to and discuss the characteristics, performance practices, and pedagogical merits of piano literature. The group takes the summer off, but when meetings resume in the fall, the focus will be on the piano music of Edvard Grieg, then leading into Edward MacDowell and a comparison of the two composers. All are welcome and encouraged to come. Join us for a meeting or two and find out what we're all about! The Study Group is *not* affiliated with OMTA. Meetings are on the last Friday of each month beginning at 9:30 am at Singleton Piano Studio, 3244 N. High Street. For more information, contact Lynn Singleton at (614) 263-9390 or [lynn.singleton@singletonpianostudio.com](mailto:lynn.singleton@singletonpianostudio.com).

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**Dated Material: Do not Delay**