

OMTA Central East District

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From the President

What an interesting month September was! Who would have thought that a hurricane would come through Columbus, OH? I hope that those of you who were without power for days have recovered and are back to a regular schedule.

It was great to see so many members at the Fall Conference on September 8. A big thank you is due to **Suzanne Burg** for organizing a fine program.

Stay informed of our district's activities by checking the Activities Guide and our web site www.ceomta.org. (Thanks to **Paula O'Green** for her hard work on the Activities Guide.) Contact the chairman of an event and volunteer your help. We need your assistance to maintain the quantity and quality of events for our district.

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Congratulations to **Jane Bell**, who received her national certification in May.

Correction to the July Newsletter

The teacher of Summer Scholarship Winner Andrew Zhang is **Anna Svirsky**.

Scale Olympics

Scale Olympics is Saturday, December 6, 2008 with a November 8 registration deadline. Registration is first-come, first-served and is limited to 450 participants. We already have over 90 registrations, so if you are planning on entering students, don't delay! The registration form is only available online through our web site.

Teachers who agree to judge must attend one training session. Two sessions are being offered: Thursday, November 20 and Friday, November 21. Both sessions are from 10:30-12:00 noon and will be held at Graves Piano & Organ Company.

Please contact chairman Cynthia Adams with any questions (614) 327-1395 or AdamsPiano@sbcglobal.net.

New Date for the Woodwind Master Class



The Woodwind Master Class, originally scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2009, has been changed.

New date: Sunday, March 8, 2009
Time: 2:00 p.m.

See the Activities Guide or visit the web site for additional information.

Sound of Mind and Body

The Sound of Mind and Body program has begun its third year at Riverside Hospital. On the first Sunday of every month (October-May), our students play three times: in the hospital lobby, the Cancer Care Center, and the Acute Rehab ward. These performances provide a public service and are not recitals, so patients, their loved ones and hospital staff may be coming and going rather than always listening appreciatively. However, we have received many positive responses from people in the adjacent hospital chapel or patients' rooms who have heard our students play. We have had vocal, guitar, piano, violin, cello, and viola students perform from classical, contemporary and popular repertoires. We don't bring many friends or family members to hear us because seating is limited and we wish to serve the hospital.

Please choose music appropriate for a hospital setting. It can be upbeat but not bombastic, as other hospital volunteers in the lobby need to be able to hear phone messages. Please avoid music such as "Oh Happy Day" that might offend or sadden people with loved ones in the hospital.

We prepare programs to attest to your student's volunteer service, and Riverside provides complimentary parking passes.

Participants should assemble in the hospital lobby at 1:15 p.m. on their performance day for an orientation to the program, which runs from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Any teacher may nominate one or more students by using the registration form on our web site. (We have had as many as 23 students participate in a program.) The participants are divided into three groups and rotate among the three locations to make the most of the performance time allotted.

This event is free to students of Central East District members. There is a \$5.00 charge for students of non-member teachers. (We do not charge duet partners of our students.) On occasion we have even enjoyed CEOMTA teachers playing to round out some programs (no fee for teachers).

Independent Music Teachers Forum Friday, October 10 at 10 a.m.

"Off to a Good Start!" is the topic for the fall IMTF. Amy Rucker of Musikgarten will discuss preschool music skills needed prior to starting piano lessons. Come and share some of your favorite ideas for teaching music skills to beginners. The IMTF will meet at the home of Sharon Walton (2290 Walhaven Court in Upper Arlington).

State Conference

The OhioMTA State Conference, coordinated by the Middle East District, is November 6-8 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. The featured clinician is Marvin Blickenstaff and the Conference Artist is Father Sean Duggan, a two-time winner of the Johann Sebastian Bach International Competition for Pianists.

The Conference registration form, schedule, and other information can be found at www.ohiomta.org.



The next Monday Morning Musicale is November 3, 10:00 a.m., at Graves. See the Activities Guide (p. 36) or go to the district web site www.ceomta.org for registration information.

WELCOME, NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS!

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Have you read the September 2008 OhioMTA News?

The state newsletter can be found on their web site, www.ohiomta.org. This newsletter is no longer mailed to every member, so make sure you go online to read it. If you want to receive a copy by regular mail, complete the request form found in the May 2008 issue and mail it as instructed in the newsletter.



From the Web Master...

If you're reading this newsletter, you probably accessed our web site, www.ceomta.org. It contains up-to-date information about all of our events and a complete member directory. If you haven't subscribed to web site announcements (and more than half of you have not!), you're missing important member updates and reminders. Just type your name in the "email subscription" box at the bottom of the home page. Then remember to verify when we send you a confirmation email. It's the best way to stay in the loop with the Central East District of OhioMTA!

-Suzanne Newcomb, DMA, NCTM

Solo and Ensemble Recitals Coming Soon

The next Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2008, at Graves Piano & Organ Company. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, November 6 (postmarked). The recitals are open to students of all members who have studied for at least one year. These recitals provide a great performance opportunity for any well-prepared student, and the perfect chance for them to hear other fine students from our district.

Detailed information can be found on pages 26-27 of the Activities Guide & Membership Directory or on the district web site (www.ceomta.org). Please contact Dr. Caroline B. Salido Richardson, chair, at 614-751-9665 or thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com with additional questions.

GRANTS FOR 2008 PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT RECIPIENTS

Available grants were awarded to the following members:

Donna Kurtz - \$350 to complete exams at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto

Carol Bernhardt - \$350 to attend the Montana Chamber Music Workshop at Montana State University

Suzanne Burg - \$150 to attend a graduate level course in research methods at The Ohio State University

Emily Moll (student/freshman music major) - \$150 to enhance her music library

CONGRATULATIONS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 10 IMTF

October 10-12 MTNA Student Competitions - Ohio Preliminaries - at Otterbein College

November 3 Monday Morning Musicales

November 6-8 State Conference

November 9 Lancaster Student Recital

November 14 Piano Workshop I

November 16 Solo & Ensemble Recitals

December 6 Scale Olympics

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Dated Material: Do Not Delay