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Looking to the Future

Since I was a child, I always knew I would someday be a member of MTNA. This was only one of the many important things my teacher, a member of KansasMTA, taught me by example. Years later, I am honored to find myself serving as Ohio's president.

Some of the goals I hope to accomplish during my tenure are:

- ♦ meet with each district to create and develop relationships with many of you (I met with the NW district on Nov. 21 at their fall retreat and we exchanged many excellent ideas about programming, recruiting, etc.)
- ♦ recruit new and retain current OhioMTA members,
- ♦ make our website a vibrant resource that you will want, and need, to check regularly,
- ♦ continue to increase involvement on the MTNA discussion boards (check them out on the left side of the MTNA homepage,
- ♦ find ways to publicize the professionalism of our organization so that parents of potential students will make sure their teacher is a (hopefully certified) member of OhioMTA.

Our 2008 conference in beautiful Cuyahoga Falls was excellent with wonderful workshops and performances by Marvin Blickenstaff, Father Sean Duggan, Chris Barden, Renée Jackson, Donald Morelock, and students from the ME district. Thank you and congratulations to Lori Carlson and her outstanding committee for planning such a well-organized conference!

For the 2009 conference we will move from the rolling hills and waterfalls of the northeast part of the state to the beautiful Niswonger Performing Arts Center rising above the flatlands and cornfields of Van Wert, in west central Ohio. The conference committee is committed to providing a stimulating and educational conference with clinicians Martha Mier, Lori Rhoden, and a special guest performer. In these trying fiscal times, we all welcome the economically attractive hotel and banquet rates.

I hope you will be able to attend the 2009 MTNA conference in Atlanta, it's a priceless investment in your profession. Check out details at www.mtna.org. The OhioMTA state dinner is tentatively planned for Sunday evening, March 29, 2009.

It is my hope that together:

- ♦ we can make the public aware of OhioMTA and MTNA,
- ♦ we can make other music teachers aware of the benefits of MTNA and OhioMTA membership,
- ♦ we can encourage independent teachers and college faculty to pursue certification,
- ♦ we can be advocates for the benefits of music study, and
- ♦ we can support each other and collaborate in beautifying the world with music.

Mark it on your calendar!

Nov. 5 - 7, 2009
OhioMTA State
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MTNA Foundation Fund

OhioMTA Executive Committee Meeting



Rebecca Grooms Johnson

Rebecca Johnson has been nominated as Ohio's choice for MTNA fellow because of her outstanding contributions to the music profession. In order to make the nomination official, Ohio must raise \$1000 for the MTNA Foundation Fund by February.

When considering your end of the year donations, please consider giving something to the MTNA Foundation Fund in honor of Rebecca. Some money was raised at the Ohio State Convention. Thanks to all who donated gift items and to those who purchased raffle tickets. If you would like to help honor Rebecca, donations can be made by credit card online at

www.mtnafoundation.org

Please mention the donation is for the Ohio fellow-Rebecca Johnson (bottom of form). Checks (with "Rebecca Johnson—Ohio Fellow" on the memo line) can also be mailed to:

MTNA, Suite 3100
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The Foundation gives grants to music students and teachers to promote the world of music.

November 6, 2008 9:00 am
Sheraton Suites — Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Present: Kate Young, President; Lucia Unrau, President Elect; Christine Steiner, Immediate Past President; Brent Schloneger, Treasurer; Christopher Fisher, VP for Conferences; Natasha Fondren, VP for Student Activities; Mary Blazer, VP for Affiliated Associations; Gail Berenson, MTNA President; Katie Fisher, Laura Benson, Judy Bede.

Kate Young called the meeting to order.

The June 6th, 2008 minutes were approved as printed in the September 2008 OhioMTA News.

Brent Schloneger reported a checking account balance of \$116,428.59 excluding conference-related expenses. A dues increase will be voted on during the following OhioMTA Board meeting with increments as follows: 2009-2010 - \$35, 2010-2011 - \$38, and 2011-2012 - \$40.

Kate Young reported that Rebecca Johnson was chosen as the MTNA Foundation Fellow. Money for Rebecca should be sent in by January 15th, 2009.

A detailed job description has been created for the future Executive Assistant position. A committee will be formed to list exact expenses that will be paid by OhioMTA. The addition of the Executive Assistant will eliminate the PR and Secretary positions. A vote was taken and the Executive Committee agreed to pursue the hiring of an Executive Assistant.

Lucia Unrau reported that there is a blast e-mail service available to all members of OhioMTA. If you would like

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to send out information to the membership about a particular event in your district, please send the details to Brent Schloneger. The possibility of turning the newsletter into a monthly e-mail update was also mentioned. The majority (520 out of 684) of OhioMTA members have e-mail addresses.

Chris Fisher announced that Katherine O'Connell has been selected as the 2009 OhioMTA Composer of the Year. He also mentioned that the next OhioMTA State Conference will be held from November 5th-7th at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert. It will be coordinated by Middle West district, Annette Hoverman, chair. West Virginia MTA and Pennsylvania MTA have both expressed interest in collaborating with OhioMTA for the 2010 conference.

Andrea McAlister is unable to attend today due to the birth of her baby girl. Congratulations, Andrea! Kate Young announced in her place that there are currently 684 members of OhioMTA, newly certified members get free conference registration, and Baldwin-Wallace College has a new student chapter.

A decision must be made regarding the continuation of AOPE. It was suggested that a committee be formed to reevaluate this event and find a way to make it financially viable. Christine Steiner moved that we form a committee and Natasha Fondren seconded. The committee consists of Judy Bede, Kate Young, Lucia Unrau, and Maryann Blazer.

The Executive Committee will address district chairs and let them know that members of their district cannot establish or eliminate events without the approval of the Executive Committee.

A question was raised about the Graves Piano Competition: does the Central East District run it, or is it an official OhioMTA event? This needs to be clarified. It was suggested that the Executive Committee contact Graves to see what their expectations are.

AOCD needs to be run through proper channels to be called an OhioMTA event. This event will not take place until the Board and Executive Committee receive adequate information.

Brent Schloneger stated that it was a successful year for scholarships to East Central District and MTNA Competitions.

Christine Steiner has updated job descriptions for members of the Executive Committee.

Kate Young nominated Judy Bede to be part of the nominating committee.

New Business:

It was discussed whether or not State Conference should be moved to June rather than November. This issue will be discussed further at the Board meeting. It was proposed that an e-mail survey be sent to the membership.

Kate Young adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Fisher

OhioMTA Board Meeting

November 6th, 2008 – 10:30 am
Sheraton Suites, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Kate Young called the meeting to order.

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Chris Fisher announced that Katherine O'Connell has been selected as the 2009 OhioMTA Composer of the Year. He also mentioned that the next OhioMTA State Conference will be held from November 5th-7th at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert. This is a new facility and is in close proximity to hotels and the banquet hall.

West Virginia MTA and Pennsylvania MTA have both expressed interest in collaborating with OhioMTA for the 2010 conference.

Andrea McAlister is unable to attend today due to the birth of her baby girl. Congratulations, Andrea! Kate Young announced in her place that there are currently 684 members of OhioMTA, newly certified members get their next conference registration fees waived, and Baldwin Wallace has a new student chapter.

Natasha Fondren announced that AOCD needs to be

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run through proper channels to be called an OhioMTA event. This event will not take place until the board and Executive Committee receive adequate information.

Ted Shure gave a report on the composition competition. There were six elementary, five junior, and 3 senior entrants. He suggested this competition needs better marketing, perhaps by the future Executive Assistant. A special commendation was given to Amy Immerman and Amy Laurence, who have each had many winning students.

Sheila Vail gave a report on NMCP and OhioMTA's participation. The second three-year trial will be over in 2009. A vote to officially adopt this program may take place at the Executive Committee meeting in January. She suggested awarding medals to winners and creating a winners showcase recital to be held in a central location such as Columbus. She also reported that RCME is under new leadership and is seeking to expand their program globally. As a result of this transition period, funds that OhioMTA was receiving for student scholarships are currently on hold.

Kate Young mentioned that the Certification Chair position is still vacant and needs to be filled.

Maryann Blazer gave a reminder that District Chairs are responsible to distribute the newsletter to members who do not have e-mail. Joe Licitri suggested that we start a subscription program for members who would like a hard copy of the newsletter.

A dues increase has been proposed with increments as follows: 2009-2010 - \$35, 2010-2011 - \$38, and 2011-2012 - \$40. The Executive Committee recommended this, it was seconded. The recommendation passed.

Two more people are needed for the Nominating Committee. Judy Bede, Kate Young, Chris Fisher was nominated, and Ted Shure is interested.

New business: should the conference be moved to June rather than November? Attendance has been the essentially the same during both time periods. It was proposed that an e-mail survey be sent to the membership. Joe Licitri volunteered to coordinate the survey. He was asked by Kate Young to work with Andrea McAlister, who will be serving as the new VP for Conferences. They will present something to the Executive Committee at the January meeting. Lucia Unrau suggested that the survey be finalized by a neutral person who can view the issue objectively.

Kate Young adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Fisher

OhioMTA General Membership Meeting

November 8th, 2008 – 12:30 pm
Sheraton Suites, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Kate Young called the meeting to order.

The November 2007 minutes were approved as printed in the January 2008 OhioMTA News. Carole Syracuse moved to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded and passed.

Brent Schloneger reported a checking account balance of \$116,428.59 excluding conference-related expenses. He also announced that the OhioMTA Executive Committee approved a fee increase that will take place over the next three years.

Kate Young gave an official thank you to the 2008 conference committee, exhibitors, and presenters for a wonderful conference.

Rebecca Johnson was chosen as the MTNA Foundation Fellow. Money for Rebecca should be sent in by January 15th, 2009.

Michael Benson will resume the Certification Chair position.

Lucia Unrau presented Kate Young with a gift to thank her for her excellent job as President.

Chris Fisher announced that Katherine O'Connell has been selected as the 2009 OhioMTA Composer of the Year. He also mentioned that the next OhioMTA State Conference will be held from November 5th-7th at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center. Middle West District with Annette Hoverman chairing the committee, announced that the 2009 conference will feature Martha Mier, Lori Rhoden, and Alpin Hong.

Kate Young recognized the board members and district chairmen.

Lucia Unrau recognized newly certified members, STAR recipients, and twenty-five year members.

Ted Shure gave a report on the composition competition. There were six elementary, five junior, and 3 senior entrants. A special commendation was given to Amy Immerman and Amy Laurence, who have each had many winning students.

Sheila Vail gave a report on NMCP and OhioMTA's participation. She announced the names of teachers who had winning students. More information can be found on the website.

Maryann Blazer gave a reminder that District Chairs are

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responsible to distribute the newsletter to members who do not have e-mail.

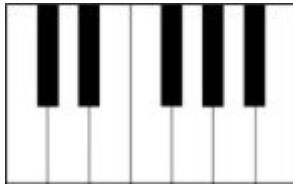
Kate Young installed the new officers for 2008-2010. She also announced that the Executive Committee agreed to pursue the hiring of an Executive Assistant.

Lucia Unrau gave remarks as the newly installed President.

Gail Berenson gave an update on the 2008 MTNA conference to be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Fisher



Membership

During the State OhioMTA Conference in November, the following members were recognized for their 25th year of membership in MTNA:

Helen Anderson
Suzanne Gillespie
Barbara Harris
Annette Hoverman
Betty Nelson
Eunsoon Park
Carolyn Small

There were no 50-year honorees. Congratulations to these long-standing members and thank you for your contributions to excellence in music education!



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Central East District – Suzanne Newcomb
www.ceomta.org

On December 6th, we hosted over 400 students for our biennial Scale Olympics at Otterbein College.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 19 Piano Master Class at Graves with Peter Takacs of Oberlin
- Feb 2 Monday Morning Musicale
- Feb 8 Solo & Ensemble Recitals
- Feb 13 IMTF - "Keeping the Spark Alive"
- Feb 21 District Festival at Capital University
- Mar 6 Piano Workshop with Kenneth Williams
- Mar 7-8 OhioMTA/Graves Solo & Ensemble Contest
- Mar 8 Woodwind Workshop with Barbara Kallaur
- Mar 21 Buckeye Auditions District Preliminaries
- Mar 29 OhioMTA/Graves Winners Recital
- Mar 30 Monday Morning Musicale
- Apr 6 Spring Conference with Benita Tse Leung and Annual Membership Meeting
- Apr 18 Summer Music Study Scholarship Auditions

conference committee: Nancy Bachus, Kim Bakkum, Claudia Bolek, Karen Campo, Ron Corbin, Ann Eckman, MJ Huskonen, Renee Jackson, Barb Porter, and Corrinne Rohrbacher.

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 6 Corrinne Rohrbacher - "Beautiful Teaching"
- Feb 8 "International-themed" Student Recital
- Mar 6 Member Recital
- Mar 14-15 Ribbon Festival
- Apr 3 Nancy Bachus - Introducing her new Alfred Repertoire/Technique Series

Northeast District – Connie Gardner
www.neomta.org

Our November Fall Ribbon Festival was a huge success with 218 performances at Cleveland State University. Thank you to all of our participating teachers, adjudicators, and volunteers.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 25 Young Artists' Recital
Beck Center for the Arts
2:00 p.m.
- Feb 27 Monthly meeting:
Speaker: Andreas Klein
"A Postcard from Italy"
Cleveland State University
10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
- Mar 1 Cleveland Orchestra Concert
Severance Hall
3:00 p.m.
- Mar 15 Spring Ribbon Festival
Baldwin-Wallace College
1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Mar 27 Monthly Meeting:
Speaker: Angelin Chang
"A Potpourri of Musical Gems"
Home of Heidi Began
9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
- Apr 25 Buckeye Auditions & Scholarship Competition
Cleveland State University

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Middle East District – Claudia Bolek

Stark County

Congratulations to Janelle Phinney for receiving her National Certification.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 12 Breakfast Meeting: Claudia Bolek, hosting
- Jan 18 Honor's Recital at Mt. Union: Charlotte Mathias, Chair
- Mar 14 Ribbon Festival
- Apr 26 Elementary/Middle School Honor's Recital at Mt. Union: Darlene Lilienfield, Chair
- May 8 Membership Luncheon

Summit County

The 2008 OhioMTA State Conference was November 6-8 in Cuyahoga Falls, hosted by the Middle East District. 100 people came to hear featured clinician Marvin Blickenstaff and conference artist Father Sean Duggan. A good time was had by all at the opening night Soiree, planned and hosted by Kim Bakkum, where local artists performed

Chair Lori Carlson would like to give a heartfelt thanks to the following people for all their work and support: Kate Young, Chris Fisher, Brent Schloneger, and the

Southeast District – Marie Mallory
www.seomta.org

On Friday, March 6, Southeast District's Spring Conference will feature Dr. Michelle Conda, who will present "The Art of Teaching Adults" and "So They Can't Count." Dr. Michelle Conda is the Coordinator of Secondary Piano and Piano Pedagogy and Professor of Piano at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM). Dr. Conda is Associate Editor for *Keyboard Companion* magazine, for which she heads the "Adult Study" column. Other writings can be found in *Soundpost*, *Piano Forum*, and *American Music Teacher*. She is one of the founding members of GP3—*National Group Piano/Piano Pedagogy Forum*, which held its fifth event in August 2008.

The following weekend will be the District's annual Music Fair, scheduled to be held Saturday, March 14 at Ohio University. Mini-lessons and duet mini-lessons will be offered, and scale olympics and theory tests will be offered as well. A recital celebrating the "Year of the Organ" will be held at Galbreath Chapel, and students will be able to attend enrichment sessions entitled "Inside the Piano" and "The Rhythm Within."

On Saturday, April 25, District Pentathlon will be held at Ohio University. Students will complete five events - Performance, Sight-Reading, Keyboard Musicianship and a Theory test, which includes Ear-Training.

Southwest District – Clinton Pratt
www.swomta.org

Fall highlights:

- ◆ Over 40 teachers came to see our featured clinician, Jane Magrath, at the Fall Conference in September
- ◆ The annual Masquerade Musicale in October brought in \$2,400 for our district!
- ◆ 11 of our members attended the State Conference
- ◆ The Showcase Recital at the Aronoff Center for the Arts in downtown Cincinnati was a big success, with 76 students performing in 3 recitals

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 9 Program Meeting
Magda Dawson, CPA
"How to Make Your Business More Profitable"
10:00am, Church of the Saviour
- Jan 16 Morning Musicale
9:30am, Home of Beth Sedgwick
- Feb 7 Joint NKU/OhioMTA SW Winter Conference
8:30am - 4:00pm, NKU Fine Arts Building
Featured clinicians:
> Amy Immerman

- > Cheryl Staats
- > Michelle Conda
- > Richard Van Dyke

- Feb 14,21 Concerto Festival Quartet & Wind Ensemble Auditions
Church of the Saviour
- Feb 21 Ronald McDonald House Piano Play-a-thon
Various Locations
- Feb 22 Teacher Recital/Fundraising event
3:00pm, St. Paul United Methodist Church
- Feb 28 Concerto Festival Open Auditions & Concert
University of Cincinnati CCM
- Mar 6 Program Meeting
10:00am, Church of the Saviour
- Mar 15 Auditions Festival
University of Cincinnati CCM
- Mar 22 Auditions Festival Honors Recital
CCM, Werner Recital Hall
- Apr 3 Executive Committee Meeting
9:00am, Home of Cheryl Staats
- Apr 17,18 Buckeye Auditions
Church of the Saviour
- Apr 26 Showcase Recital
Cincinnati Art Museum
- May 1 Program Meeting
Phil Amalong
"Collaborative Piano"
10:00am, Church of the Saviour

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Ohio 2007-2008 Center Certificates of Excellence Winners

Congratulations to the following students awarded the Ohio Center Certificates of Excellence for 2007-2008 and their teachers!



Center	Instr	Student		Grade	Teacher	
Cincinnati	Piano	Joseph	Collins	PrepA	Eliana	Corredor
Cincinnati	Piano	Anupam	Mishra	PrepB	Minsun	Park
Cincinnati	Piano	Karen	Goldstein	1	Amy Rose	Immerman
Cincinnati	Piano	Alberta	Negri	2	Alex	Thio
Cincinnati	Piano	Lea	Anderson	3	Alex	Thio
Cincinnati	Piano	Catherine	Rojas	4	Daria	Duh
Cincinnati	Piano	Shihui	Guan	5	Inna	Terekhov
Cincinnati	Piano	Tsubomi	Shiba	5	Elaine	Leung-Wolf
Cincinnati	Piano	Anastacia	Taylor	6	Terry	Granick
Cincinnati	Piano	Benjamin	Kovarsky	7	Inna	Terekhov
Cincinnati	Piano	Linda	Yao	7	Cheryl	Staats
Cincinnati	Piano	Erik	Bao	8	Zena	lieberman
Cincinnati	Piano	Alexandria	Wonser	9	Sheila	Vail
Cincinnati	Piano	Stephanie	Zyzak	10	Sheila	Vail
Bucyrus	Piano	Yuna	Kato	1	Donna	Kurtz
Bucyrus	Piano	Lauren	Dombirer	6	Donna	Kurtz
Columbus	Piano	Gideon	Hewitt	PrepA	Lynn	Singleton
Columbus	Piano	Victoria	Chang	PrepB	Amy Rebecca	Lawrence
Columbus	Piano	Maeve	Slife	1	Oksana	Vignan
Columbus	Piano	Rebekah	Cheng	2	Vivian	Lai
Columbus	Piano	Kelly	Pan	3	Amy Rebecca	Lawrence
Columbus	Piano	Benjamin	Cheng	4	Vivian	Lai
Columbus	Piano	Natalie	Mealey	5	Oksana	Vignan
Columbus	Piano	Edwin	Zhang	8	Christina	Choy
Bowling Green	Piano	Madison	Kuhn	PrepA	Andrea	Bartolomeo
Bowling Green	Piano	Indra	Andreshak	1	Jeffrey	Weaver
Bowling Green	Piano	Catharine	Korsnack	1	Luke	Bartolomeo
Bowling Green	Piano	Joseph	Veltri	1	Luke	Bartolomeo
Bowling Green	Piano	Joseph	Schuster	2	Luke	Bartolomeo
Bowling Green	Piano	Solanus	De La Serna	3	Jeffrey	Weaver
Bowling Green	Piano	Sarah	Leong Fern	4	Andrea	Bartolomeo
Bowling Green	Piano	Vickie	Zhang	5	Ming	Xie
Bowling Green	Piano	Warren	Lee	6	Ming	Xie
Bowling Green	Voice	Katherine	Hotz	1	Allison	Esposito
Centerville	Piano	Aeli	Kim	PrepB	Barbara H	Wasson
Centerville	Piano	Alex	Wang	1	Patsy	Rabinowitz
Centerville	Piano	Daniel	Joo	2	Barbara H	Wasson
Centerville	Piano	Lydia	Noh	4	Barbara H	Wasson
Centerville	Piano	Rebecca	Noh	5	Barbara H	Wasson
Lakewood	Piano	Stephanie	Gilbert	PrepB	Connie	Gardner
Lakewood	Piano	Brianna	Dombo	1	Janice Kay	Kelly
Lakewood	Piano	Anna	Ling	7	Christina	Choy
Lakewood	Piano	Carson	Weingart	10	Nicole	Lee

To commend and recognize their accomplishments, each year the National Music Certificate Program awards the Center Certificates of Excellence to those students with the highest practical exam score who have completed all requirements for their grade in their center.



Ohio 2007-2008 State Certificate of Excellence Winners

Congratulations to the following students awarded the Ohio Certificate of Excellence for 2007-2008 and their teachers!

Instrument	Student		Grade	Teacher	
Piano	Joseph	Collins	PrepA	Eliana	Corredor
Piano	Anupam	Mishra	PrepB	Minsun	Park
Voice	Katherine	Hotz	1	Allison	Esposito
Piano	Karen	Goldstein	1	Amy Rose	Immerman
Piano	Rebekah	Cheng	2	Vivian	Lai
Piano	Alberta	Negri	2	Alex	Thio
Piano	Joshua	Segaran	2	Keli	Xu
Piano	Kelly	Pan	3	Amy Rebecca	Lawrence
Piano	Catherine	Rojas	4	Daria	Duh
Piano	Melissa	Eng	4	Elaine	Leung-Wolf
Piano	Shihui	Guan	5	Inna	Terekhov
Piano	Tsubomi	Shiba	5	Elaine	Leung-Wolf
Piano	Angela	Lee	5	Patricia	Wood
Piano	Rebecca	Noh	5	Barbara Hickam	Wasson
Piano	Natalie	Mealey	6	Oksana	Vignan
Piano	Linda	Yao	7	Cheryl	Staats
Piano	Benjamin	Kovarsky	7	Inna	Terekhov
Piano	Edwin	Zhang	8	Christina	Choy
Piano	Alexandria	Wonser	9	Sheila	Vail
Piano	Stephanie	Zyzak	10	Sheila	Vail

To commend and recognize their accomplishments, each year the National Music Certificate Program awards the State Certificate of Excellence to those students with the highest practical exam score who have completed all requirements for their grade in Ohio.

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OhioMTA Balance Sheet
As of December 1, 2008



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Checking Account - Other	94,952.83
Total Checking Account	97,967.83
Scholarship Funds	
Vanguard Group	
Principal	37,617.00
Interest	966.01
Total Vanguard Group	38,583.01
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Total Checking/Savings	136,550.84
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TOTAL ASSETS	136,550.84
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	18,818.28
Retained Earnings	123,902.11
Net Income	-6,169.55
Total Equity	136,550.84
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	136,550.84

Teaching Tip . . .



"The short lesson time each week has always kept me from incorporating all aspects of a balanced music education into each lesson. This year, I made a bunch of cards with specific activities related to general objectives: sight reading, listening, rhythm, keyboard skills, written theory, improvisation, composition and crazy stuff. At the top of each card is a little graphic symbolizing to which area it pertains. To start off the lesson each week, the student gets to draw an "action card" from the container on the piano and do whatever it says. It may be something new, or it may be an opportunity to reinforce something the student already knows. Either way, it's a lot of fun, and so far everyone loves it!

**—Submitted by Natalie Wickham
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(Teaching tips can be found on the MTNA website)

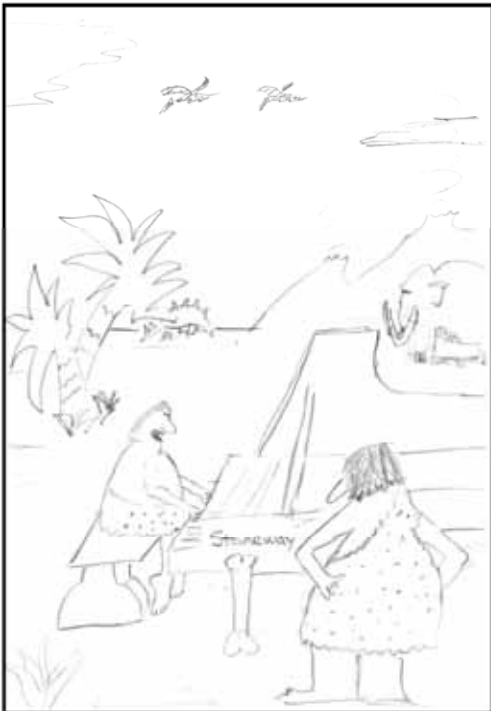
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<p>Kent State University</p> <p>Jan 25 Washington Garcia, guest pianist Kent Keyboard Series 5 p.m. in Ludwig Recital Hall</p>	<p>Ohio University</p> <p>Jan 21 David Korevaar, pianist (University of Colorado-Boulder) 7:30 PM Recital Hall</p> <p>Feb 27 Matthew Morris, bassoon Alison Brown Sincoff, flute Christopher Fisher, piano 7:30 PM Recital Hall</p> <p>Mar 3 Thomas Rosenkranz, pianist (Bowling Green State University) 7:30 PM Recital Hall</p> <p>June 5-6 OU Keyboard Pedagogy Seminar Featuring Barbara Lister-Sink, Kathleen Riley, and OU Keyboard Faculty Recital Hall (Contact Dr. Christopher Fisher for more information: fisherc@ohio.edu)</p>

Collegiate Chapter Activities

Bowling Green State University

Rachel Mauricio, Chapter President

Thomas Rosenkranz, Chapter Advisor

- ◆ Held an informational meeting in October for all music students in order to increase membership and let the student body learn more about the benefits of membership
- ◆ Hosted their annual Fall Piano Festival in November. Local students had the opportunity to perform in Bryan Recital Hall and were treated to an organ presentation and performance. The Festival serves as a fundraiser for the chapter—currently, members are working to raise funds so that members can attend the MTNA National Conference in Atlanta.

The Ohio State University

Ken Williams, Chapter Advisor

- ◆ Members of the OSU student chapter attended a meeting of the Central East OMTA district on October 10 for a special presentation on Kinder Musik.
- ◆ Members of the chapter will be assisting as monitors and graders for the Scale Olympics event on Saturday Dec. 6 at Otterbein College.

Otterbein

Tim Huffman, Chapter Advisor

- ◆ OFMT (Otterbein Future Music Teachers) proudly boasts their largest membership in its history to date! Congratulations!
- ◆ This year, the Chapter hosted an old movie night for students in the Department of Music
- ◆ Involvement with the local MTNA district auditions is central to OFMT's work; they assist with Scale Olympics, the Graves competition, and the summer scholarship auditions
- ◆ The chapter holds a quarterly candy sale for music students, a Valentine's Day promotion, and a Spring Carnival in association with the College Choir. The goal of this year's fund raising is to help the band program at Independence High School in Columbus.

If you are interested at starting a Collegiate Chapter at your school, please contact Mary Dobra-Grindahl at: mdobrea@bw.edu

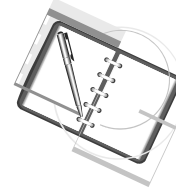
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