

OhioMTA Central East District

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From the President

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

Our District's Annual Membership Meeting will be held in conjunction with our Spring Conference on Monday, April 14, 2014. There are several items being voted on this year.

PROPOSED OFFICER RESTRUCTURING

This is being presented by the Jurisprudence Committee. To read about the changes, click here: [2014 Proposed Officer Restructuring](#)

PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET

This is being presented by the Budget Committee. To read the proposed budget, click here: [2014-15 Central East District Budget Proposal](#)

2014-2016 SLATE OF OFFICERS

We are still recruiting volunteers to be on our Executive Board. Please check the website for a Slate of Officers.

This meeting is also a forum where members are encouraged to bring forward items for consideration. Due to time constraints, please notify the president by **April 7, 2014** of any items you want to address.

Laura Flowers Benson, NCTM
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Calendar

March 20, 2014

Piano Workshop III

March 22-26, 2014

National Conference, MTNA student Competition Finals

March 23, 2014

OMTA/Graves Winners' Recital

April 1, 2014

Re-enroll in Kroger Rewards Program

April 5, 2014

Summer Music Scholarships Auditions

April 14, 2014

Spring District Conference/Annual Membership Meeting

April 19, 2014

Buckeye Auditions - District

April 27, 2014

Solo & Ensemble & Honors Recitals

May 5, 2014

Spring Board Meeting

May 5, 2014

All Members Luncheon

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Solo & Ensemble Recitals & Honors Recital

The next Solo and Ensemble Recitals & the Honors Recital are scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2014, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees (fees only for the Solo & Ensemble Recitals) in by Thursday, April 17, 2014 (postmarked). The recitals are open to students of all members who have studied for at least one year. They are a great performance opportunity for any well-prepared student, and the perfect chance for them to hear other fine students from our district. The Honors Recital features the winners of the OhioMTA scholarships and Buckeye Auditions competition winners. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear them all perform in this setting.

Details can be found in the Directory and on our website, www.ceomta.org/student-events/student-solo-ensemble-recitals:

. Please contact **Dr. Caroline B. Salido-Barta**, Chair, at 614-751-9665 or thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com, with additional questions.

Grant \$\$ Available

The Central East District is offering professional development grants for 2014, including new funding donated by the Beverly A Rawles Fund. Applications are due by May 30, and awards will be announced the following week. Consider what you need to take your teaching to the next level and put together a plan. Grants can cover fees for workshops and educational conferences, or the cost of studying with a master teacher or expert in an area of special interest. Highest consideration is given to applicants who show how their teaching will be directly enriched through their proposed plan.

The Directory includes detailed requirements and suggestions for submitting your application. Be sure to take advantage of this important opportunity! Questions may be directed to **Naomi Hoyt**, Chairman of Grants for Professional Development. (614) 558-3548 or naomibhoyt@yahoo.com.

SPRING LUNCHEON

SPRING MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON - **ALL MEMBERS INVITED!**

The luncheon will be held on Monday, May 5. We will meet at 12 noon in the Global Cafe at Westerville Christian Church (471 East College Avenue in Westerville). New members and retired teachers will be recognized during the luncheon; if you are retiring or know a member that is, please let Susan Treer know. Non-member guests are welcome to attend, so bring a friend. Two things you need to do to prepare for the luncheon: 1) RSVP by Monday, April 28 to Susan Treer caribou6@sbcglobal.net or 614-316-1019; and 2) Sign up to bring a salad or dessert.

- **Susan Treer**, Membership Chairman

Piano Workshops

CEOMTA Piano Workshop III and OWU Solo Piano Recital & Master Class

As one of the laureates in the 1992 National Piano Competition of China, **GUAN Chang-xin** has launched a nation-wide concert tour, including appearances with orchestras and multi-disciplinary collaborations. Mr. Guan entered the Music School of Texas Christian University with scholarship and served as Departmental Artistic Assistant. After winning the 8th Martin Memorial Piano Competition, Mr. Guan earned another master's degree in piano performance. Not only is Mr. Guan a gifted soloist, he is also an enthusiastic ensemble musician. As an experienced instructor, Mr. Guan has been invited to teach and perform at different music institutions and festivals in China, the U.S. and in Europe. Many of his students have won national and international piano competitions and scholarships to study at world-class institutions. He has also served as adjudicator in competitions such as Kawai, Yamaha, Steinway. Mr. Guan is currently an associate professor of piano and the foreign exchange coordinator in piano department at the China Conservatory of Music in Beijing.

CEOMTA Piano Workshop

Care About the Grade of Your Performance? Then Grade Your Own Practice

Thursday, March 20, 2014, 10 am – 12 noon

Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall

For more information, visit:

<http://www.ceomta.org/teacher-events/piano-workshops/piano-workshop-with-guan-chang-xin>

OWU Guest Solo Piano Recital and Master Class

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at 7:30 (piano recital)

Thursday, March 20, from 4:15 to 6:15 (piano master class)

Ohio Wesleyan University, Department of Music, Jemison Auditorium

Solo Recital program will feature Schubert's *Four Impromptus, D.899/Op.90*, Chopin's *Four Scherzi*, and music by Copland and Chinese composer Wang-hua CHU

All events are free to the public

Submitted by Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti, NCTM

Part-time Assistant Professor of Piano at Ohio Wesleyan University

Piano Workshop Chair of CEOMTA

2014 OhioMTA Central East District/Graves Solo and Ensemble Competition Winners' List

ELEM. SOLO	STUDENT	TEACHER	ELEM. DUET	STUDENT	STUDENT	TEACHER
1st Place	Alex VanBibber	Mary Craig Powell	1st Place	Jonathan Luo	Ashley Cai	Benita Tse-Leung
2nd Place	Cecilia Martin	Kathleen Sadoff	2nd Place	Danna Long	Cecilia Martin	Kathleen Sadoff
3rd Place	Ashley Cai	Benita Tse-Leung	HM	Rikki Claire Kahn-Yee	Kevin Wang	Tianshu Wang
4th Place	Jonathan Luo	Benita Tse-Leung				
Honorable Mention	Ihsan Akkus	Ella Karasik				
Honorable Mention	Alan Wang	Nina Polonsky				
JR. SOLO	STUDENT	TEACHER	JR. DUET	STUDENT	STUDENT	TEACHER
1st Place	Ashley Au	Ida Goldberg	1st Place	Alan Ding	Minjue Wu	Nina Polonsky
2nd Place	Minjue Wu	Nina Polonsky	2nd Place	Meiyan Timberlake	Andrew Xiao	Gulimina Mahamuti
3rd Place	Abhijit Devalapura	Kathleen Sadoff	HM	Jason Lin	Emily Ghazarian	Gulimina Mahamuti
4th Place	Sarah Wang	Nina Polonsky				
HM	Emily Qian	Ella Karasik				
HM	Asya Akkus	Ella Karasik				
SENIOR SOLO	STUDENT	TEACHER	SENIOR DUET	STUDENT	STUDENT	TEACHER
1st Place	Xinzhu Ma	Tianshu Wang	1st Place	Maksym Mahlay	Isabel Wang	Sean Schulze
2nd Place	Joseph Vaz	Richard Van Dyke	2nd Place	Derek Shu	Michael Shu	Jackson Leung
3rd Place	Josiah Talampas	Pamela Yarnell	HM	Allison Kao	Elizabeth Ye	Ella Karasik
4th Place	Katherine Guan	Mary Craig Powell				
HM	Charles Zhang	Nina Polonsky				
HM	Sophia Sobolev	Nina Polonsky				
YOUNG ARTIST	STUDENT	TEACHER	ADULT DUET	STUDENT	STUDENT	TEACHER
1st Place	Rui Wang	Tianshu Wang	1st Place	Yoonsook Song	Eunhye Lee	Youmee Kim / Christopher Fisher
2nd Place	Liguang Zhou	Christopher Fisher	2nd Place	Rui Wang	Yuan Wang	Tianshu Wang
HM	Karen Zhang	Eugene Pridonoff				
HM	Ho Tung Poon	Jackson Leung				

Also...

Abhik Mazumder (Suzanne Newcomb) received an Honorable Mention at the MTNA East Central Division Competition in the Junior Piano Solo category.

Spring Conference

Date: Monday, April 14, 2014
Location: Graves Piano and Organ Company
Time: 9:15 a.m. - Registration
9:30 a.m. - Program Begins

Program

Annual Membership Business Meeting

Kamile Geist, Guest Speaker

Please check the CEOMTA website for more information about the program.
www.ceomta.org/teacher-events/conferences/district-spring-conference

We Need You!

Your help is needed to continue to make the Central East District a vibrant community for music teachers and students in Central Ohio. Volunteers are still needed to fill positions on the for the 2014-16 term. Please contact Susan Treer, Vice President of Member Services and Chair of the Nominating Committee, for more information. caribou06@sbcglobal.net or 614-316-1019

District Festival Shines!

The 2014 CEOhioMTA District Festival was a great success. The event was held on Saturday, February 23rd at Capital University. There were 178 students of piano and strings performing in 12 recitals throughout the day. District Festival would not be possible without the great help of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you for helping to make this event possible!

- **Jennifer Stadler**, Festival Chairperson

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to
Melissa Robol, NCTM

who has been chosen as
Central East District

2014 Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations to Melissa Robol, the Central East District 2014 Independent Certified Teacher of the Year! Melissa was nominated by fellow members and is being honored for her dedication to teaching as well as her service to the district and to the music community.

Melissa served on the district board as 2009, 2011, and 2013 Pianorama co-chairman. She has also chaired Out and About since 2008, establishing *Sound of Mind and Body*, a public service performance opportunity for students at Riverside Hospital.

Public service through music has been an important theme in Melissa's life. She has performed for many civic and community groups and charitable organizations. She donates her time at the Ohio School for the Blind, teaching piano students and serving as an aid for the marching band. She also started a program called *Heroes in Harmony*, which provides recreational group piano lessons for military veterans.

Melissa is a registered Suzuki piano teacher and taught at the Capital University Community School. Since the school closed in 2007, she has maintained a private studio in her Worthington home and is a church pianist.

We are excited to recognize Melissa Robol for her accomplishments and service.

-Carol Rein, NCTM

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please update your Directory with the following changes as of March 2014. Cut out and paste on the blank page of your Directory. ~ **Susan Treer**,
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Volunteer Corner - Thank you!

Volunteers do not
necessarily have the
time; they just have
the heart.

~Elizabeth Andrew

The Central East District of OhioMTA relies on many volunteers to make events run smoothly. Without their assistance, we could not offer the opportunities for students, teachers and the community that make us an outstanding MTA. This column is dedicated to honoring the teachers, students, parents and community members that have assisted our organization in recent months. Please notify us if your name has been inadvertently omitted. It is our intention to include every volunteer.

The following people have generously donated their time and talents to make our events some of the best Ohio has to offer:

District Festival:

Cynthia Adams
Ejiela Agi
Lizbeth Atkinson
Monica Beatty
Jane Bell
Deborah Bradshaw
Janice Cook
Wallace Kittredge
Linda Lusch
Tanya Matsuda
Rachel Mills
Olena Mladenova
Meredith Needham
Suzanne Newcomb
Caryl Palmer
Bruce Piper
Allan Roth
Jennifer Stadler, Chair
Bernice Tamkin
Carol Thompson
Katherine Wolfe

Graves Competition:

Cynthia Adams
Lizbeth Atkinson, Chair
Sue Ellen Beachler
Laura Benson
Juliana Bibawy
Pauline Fritz
Linda Lusch
Rachel Mills
Caryl Palmer
Bruce Piper
Megan Colleen Rainey
Carol Rein
Liarose Rishell
Allan Roth
Sally Sansbury
Susan Treer
Bernice Tamkin
Trey Willis

Nobody can do
everything, but
everyone can do
something.

~Author Unknown

Support the CEOMTA!

KROGER COMMUNITY CARE REWARDS

OhioMTA Central East District has earned nearly \$400 to put to work towards programming and scholarships from the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Kroger requires that families **re-enroll each year** starting **April 1st**. For more information, see www.ceomta.org/support-us/kroger-rewards-program our website or simply go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

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