

# OhioMTA Central East District

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## From the President

Greetings Members of the Central East District! I hope your summer is off to a great start. I would like to thank every member, parent, student, friend, spouse and board member who donated their time and talents to this fantastic organization. You are truly a dedicated group of teachers and music-lovers, and it is an honor to serve with you.

This newsletter wraps up our Spring events with announcements of awards recipients. It also previews our Fall events.

If you were not able to help with any of the events this year, please consider volunteering for something this fall. Pianorama, in particular, takes a crew of dozens of volunteers over the course of one month. Helping with an event is a great way to get to know other members and to make your professional image known to the membership. From a short one-hour shift, to co-chairing an event, any amount of assistance is appreciated and valuable to Central East Ohio MTA. Contact Susan Treer, VP of Membership, or the Chair of an event that interests you.

Best wishes for a great summer!  
**Laura Flowers Benson, NCTM**  
[flowben@hotmail.com](mailto:flowben@hotmail.com)

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## Pianorama 2013

We are excited and privileged to be performing Pianorama 2013 at OSU this year. Both Pianorama performances will be professionally recorded by the OSU School of Music. Only 100 CDs each of the 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. concerts will be produced. All other audio or visual recording of the performances is prohibited by law. Thus you and your students may wish to reserve CDs in advance. You can preorder the CDs for your students, families and friends on the registration form. They will be distributed via teachers AFTER Pianorama 2013 – in time for holiday gifts. Orders will also be taken at rehearsals and performances.

Please visit <http://www.ceomta.org/pianorama> for registration forms and information about Pianorama. If you do not have internet access and did not receive a mailing, contact Amy (614-899-2711) or Melissa (614-425-9909).

-Amy Girvin & Melissa Robol, NCTM, Co-Chairs

## Matching Contribution Increased to \$2500 This Year!

In 2012, Central East met the challenge to raise \$1000, which was matched by an anonymous donor. This year, the matching contribution has been increased to \$2500. An anonymous patron will match all NEW contributions through December 2013. See p. 5 for details.

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## MEMBER NEWS

## Certified Teacher of the Year

At the District Conference in April, our colleague, **Bruce Piper**, was presented with a plaque in recognition of being chosen as our district's Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year. Bruce has served our district well as Treasurer for seven years, helping to assure financial well-being and security for our organization with his keen knowledge and wise leadership. He has been an MTNA member for almost 30 years and in that time, has gained a reputation for fine musicianship and teaching. Many of us know Bruce as the positive, kid-friendly Pianorama conductor with the big smile and contagious laugh. He has led many of our events and programs, including the Graves Competition, Summer Scholarships, Buckeye Auditions, Grants for Professional Development, Certification and Advertising with a judicious level head and ever-positive demeanor.



Bruce holds a BA in piano performance from Otterbein University and teaches voice and piano at his home studio in Johnstown. He has served the Johnstown and Northridge high school and middle school choral programs as piano accompanist for many years, playing for concerts, solo and ensemble contests, and special events. He also has a love of musical theater and works for the Johnstown High School drama department as musical director, rehearsal accompanist, orchestra director and piano conductor for their musicals, including most recently in productions of Les Miserables and Footloose. He also served the Johnstown Choir Boosters in the area of budgeting and assistant to the Treasurer.

Bruce is president and owner of a small sod farm corporation operated by his family in Johnstown. He serves his church by teaching a financial training course called Financial Peace University. He enjoys singing in the Chorale Union at Capital University. Bruce and his wife Karen love to travel, and are going on a "graduation cruise" this month with their son, Austin, in celebration of Austin's recent graduation from Johnstown High School.

Thank you Bruce, for exemplifying the highest standards of our profession and so willingly sharing your talents with our music community!

## Renew Your Membership

You can renew online at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org) or submit the renew form you received via U.S. mail. Please double-check all information when renewing to insure that the district directory lists your current address, phone number, email address and teacher information. **You must renew no later than June 30 to be listed in the 2013-2014 directory.** If you have questions, contact **Susan Treer**, Membership Chairman [caribou06@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caribou06@sbcglobal.net) or 614-316-1019.

- **Susan Treer**, Membership Chair

## BUCKEYE AUDITIONS

The Buckeye Auditions 2013 for Central East District were held on Saturday, March 30, 2013, at Otterbein University in the Battelle Fine Arts Center. There were a total of 26 participants in 8 categories: 6 Elementary Piano, 5 Junior Piano, 4 Senior Piano, 2 Elementary Strings, 5 Junior Strings, 2 Senior Strings, 1 Junior Woodwind and 1 Senior Woodwind. The judges were: **Jackson Leung**, **Michael Benson** and **Lucia Unrau** for the Piano Division; **Mark Rudoff** and **Frederick Ripley** for the Strings / Woodwinds Divisions. Every year the level of competition is high, and the judges are always impressed by the quality of playing by the contestants. Below is a list of all the award recipients, including the teachers. The winners of this district level competition will go on to compete at the State Finals on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at Bowling Green State University.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Dr. Sally Sansbury, NCTM**  
 Buckeye Auditions District Chair

Central East Buckeye Finalists		
<u>Elementary Piano</u> ** Winner: <b>Abhik Mazumder</b> (Newcomb) Alternate: <b>Ryan Ho</b> (MC Powell) Honorable Mention: <b>Virginia Ma</b> (Matsuda) Honorable Mention: <b>Erin Kim</b> (Kaneda)	<u>Elementary Strings</u> * Winner: <b>Christine Shih</b> (Niwa) Alternate: <b>Daniel Tai</b> (Stevanus)	
<u>Junior Piano</u> ** Winner: <b>Charles Zhang</b> (N Polonsky) Alternate: <b>Chloe Shang</b> (MC Powell) Honorable Mention: <b>Sophia Luk</b> (MC Powell)	<u>Junior Strings</u> * Winner: <b>Rebecca Park</b> (L Polonsky) Alternate: <b>Yoonsu Kim</b> (Chao) Honorable Mention: <b>Angela Yang</b> (Ma)	<u>Junior Woodwinds</u> * Winner: <b>Anne Zou</b> (Owen)
<u>Senior Piano</u> ** Winner: <b>Raymond Truong</b> (MC Powell) Alternate: <b>Brian Lee</b> (MC Powell) Honorable Mention: <b>Wooju Lee</b> (V Ripley)	<u>Senior Strings</u> Winner: <b>Linda Qin</b> (Svirsky) Alternate: <b>Caroline Stevanus</b> (Schulte)	<u>Senior Woodwinds</u> * Winner: <b>Julia Warton</b> (Owen)

\* State Buckeye Auditions Winner

\*\* State Buckeye Auditions Honorable Mention

## Summer Study Scholarship Competition Winners

<i>Name</i>	<i>Inst.</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Amt</i>	<i>Teacher</i>
Winnie Li	piano	OhioMTA Graduating Senior	\$500	Nina Polonsky
Erin Kim	piano	Music-Go-Round	\$150	Mariko Kaneda
Sarah Wang	piano	OhioMTA Memorial Award (in memory of Letitia Jones)	\$300	Nina Polonsky
Andrew Zhang	violin	OhioMTA	\$200	Leonid Polonsky
Daniel Woo	violin	OhioMTA	\$200	Ginny Christopherson
Rebecca Park	violin	OhioMTA	\$200	Leonid Polonsky
Minjue Wu	piano	OhioMTA	\$200	Nina Polonsky
Cecilia Martin	piano	OhioMTA	\$200	Kathleen Sadoff
Dana Dirksen	piano	OhioMTA/Columbus Piano Leasing	\$200	Sally Sansbury
Linda Qin	violin	OhioMTA	\$200	Anna Svirsky
Whitney Anderson	piano	OhioMTA Piano Technicians Guild	\$200	Janice Cook
Caleb Koo	violin	The Loft Violin Shop	\$150	Ginny Christopherson
Ji-Yong Shim	violin	The Loft Violin Shop	\$150	Ginny Christopherson

## Honors Recital Performers

The final of three Solo & Ensemble Recitals, the Honors Recital, was held on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at Graves Piano & Organ Co. This recital presented the 2013 winners from two of our most prestigious events, Buckeye and Summer Study Scholarship Competitions. It was an amazing afternoon of great performances by these young artists! Congratulations to the following students!

**Daniel Woo**, violin  
OhioMTA Scholarship Award

**Caleb Koo**, violin  
The Loft Violin Shop Scholarship

**Christine Shih**, violin  
Buckeye Elementary Strings Winner

**Rebecca Park**, violin  
Buckeye Junior Strings Winner  
OhioMTA Scholarship Award

**Annie Zou**, flute  
Buckeye Junior Woodwinds Winner

**Abhik Mazumder**, piano  
Buckeye Elementary Piano Winner

**Cecilia Martin**, piano  
OhioMTA Scholarship Award

**Julia Warton**, flute  
Buckeye Senior Woodwinds Winner

**Whitney Anderson**, piano  
OhioMTA/Piano Technicians Guild  
Scholarship Award

**Dana Dirksen**, piano  
OhioMTA/Columbus Piano Leasing  
Scholarship Award

**Winnie Lee**, piano  
OhioMTA Graduating Senior  
Scholarship Award

**Minjue Wu**, piano  
Ohio MTA Scholarship Award

## Patron Pledges Matching Contribution

Members of OhioMTA Central East District,

In 2012 we received a matching contribution of \$1000 by an anonymous patron. This year, the patron has increased the amount to \$2500! For every dollar we raise in new contributions by December 31, 2013, the patron will match it, up to \$2500.

Qualifying donations: cash/check contributions (tax-deductible), Kroger Community Rewards program and Meijer Rewards. Contact **Bruce Piper** ([bpiper0378@gmail.com](mailto:bpiper0378@gmail.com)) for assistance in setting up your Rewards program.

The matching dollar funds are unrestricted may be used for any purpose deemed appropriate by the board. This is a great incentive to help us bring in new donations to support our musical mission in Central Ohio.

Consider helping in this fund raising challenge.

Contributions can be mailed to:

Bruce Piper, Treasurer  
7018 Nichols Lane  
Johnstown, OH 43031

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## Previews of Fall Events

### PIANO WORKSHOP I

Thursday, October 24, 2013  
10 am – noon  
Graves Piano & Organ Co.

**Mary Craig Powell,  
NCTM**

“Teaching Techniques for  
Teachers”  
and  
“The Joy of Teaching  
Creatively”

Save the Date!

Sept. 9

Fall Conference

**Dr. Kenneth Williams,  
NCTM**, coordinator of  
class piano and piano  
pedagogy at The Ohio  
State University. Dr.  
Williams will be  
presenting a program on  
Schubert Lieder.

### SOLO AND ENSEMBLE RECITAL

The next Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2013 at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, October 10, 2013 (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.

Detailed information can be found on our website: <http://www.ceomta.com/student-events/recitals-solo-ensemble>. Please contact Dr. Caroline B. Salido-Barta, chair, at 614-751-9665 or [thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com](mailto:thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com), for additional questions.

**STATE CONFERENCE**

Plan to attend the  
OhioMTA State Conference held in Cincinnati!

***September 26-28, 2013***  
**Cincinnati Conservatory of Music**

Look for details in the OhioMTA Newsletter or  
on the State website at [www.ohiomta.org](http://www.ohiomta.org).

**Calendar**

**June 30, 2013**

Dues Renewal Deadline for Directory

**September 9, 2013**

Fall District Conference

**September 16, 2013**

Fall Board Meeting, 9:30 am.

**September 21, 2013**

Deadline for Pianorama Registration

**October 24, 2013**

Piano Workshop I

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President, Central East District, OhioMTA  
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Worthington, OH 43085

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## Volunteer Corner - Thank you!

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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:

### **Buckeye Auditions:**

Philip Cordell, NCTM

Brenda Curie

Phyllicia Faieta

Amy Laurence, NCTM

Hengwei Ma, NCTM

Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM

Beth Owen, NCTM

Nina Polonsky

Vivian Ripley, NCTM

Elizabeth Schulte

Susan Treer

Anna Svirsky, NCTM

Nobody can do  
everything, but  
everyone can do  
something.

~Author Unknown

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## Newsletter

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*Are you receiving emails from our District? If the answer is NO, read this!*

To receive emails from our district with information about upcoming events, concerts and member news, you must become a *subscriber* to our website. This is very easy to do! Simply go to our website at [www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org).

- 1) On the Home page, in the upper right hand corner, is a box that says "Enter your email address". Do this, then click on the subscribe button directly underneath.
- 2) You will then be sent an email. Follow the steps outlined in this email to confirm your subscription.
- 3) That's it! You are now a subscriber and will receive emails when they are sent.

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