

Central East District OhioMTA

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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 volunteered 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.

If you were not able to help with any of the events this year, please consider volunteering for something this Fall. Scale Olympics, in particular, takes a crew of dozens of volunteers. Helping with an event is a great way to get to know other members and to make your professional image known to the membership. Contact Susan Treer, VP of Member Services, or the Chair of an event that interests you.

This newsletter wraps up our Spring events with announcements of awards recipients. It also previews our Fall events. I hope you will take a moment to add these dates to your calendar.

Best wishes for a great summer!
Laura Flowers Benson, NCTM
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Scale Olympics 2014

Summer is a great time to start your students training for the olympics - CEOhioMTA's own Scale Olympics, that is! Eight events are available including Scales, Cadences, Arpeggios, Triads, Sight-reading, Harmonization, Theory, and Transposition. See our website for more information: <http://www.ceomta.org/student-events/scale-olympics>

See p. 2 of this newsletter for information about free Training Sessions for Teachers offered in June.

-**Rachel Mills, NCTM and Katherine Bede, Co-Chairs**

Calendar

September 8, 2014
 District Fall Conference

September 22, 2014
 Board Meeting

October 11, 2014
 Scale Olympics

October 24, 2014
 Piano Workshop I

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SCALE OLYMPICS WORKSHOPS

SCALES • CADENCES • ARPEGGIOS • TRIADS • SIGHT-READING • TRANSPOSITION • HARMONIZATION • THEORY

How do you prepare your students to enter all eight events? Are you curious about the judging guidelines for each event? Do you have questions about the lead sheet harmonization option? Are you new to OhioMTA and would like more information about this event? Find answers to your questions at these two workshops, FREE for OhioMTA members! You must register to participate.

DATE

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 13, 2014

TIMES

10:00-11:30am – General Information (Recital Hall)

11:45am-1:15pm – Lead Sheet Harmonization (Keyboard Lab)

LOCATION

Graves Piano & Organ Company
5798 Karl Road • Columbus, OH 43229

Workshop #1: General Information about Scale Olympics

Location: Recital Hall

Scale Olympics co-chairs Rachel Mills and Katherine Bede will answer your questions about this huge event. Other veteran teachers will be present to share tips, resources, and materials (books, worksheets, websites, apps, etc.) used to get organized and prepare students to enter each event. NEW: we will address the updates made to the Theory test guides and levels 6-8 score sheets for Scales, Cadences, Arpeggios and Triads. To learn more about Rachel Mills, visit RachelMillsPiano.com

Workshop #2: Lead Sheet Harmonization

Location: Keyboard Lab

Are you afraid of the Lead Sheet Harmonization track? Not sure what all those accompaniment styles mean, or how to have your students play them? Having trouble finding lead sheet harmonization material to train your students to be Olympians? Then you need to attend this hands-on workshop!

Cynthia Adams and Liz Atkinson will walk you through Levels 1-5 of this Scale Olympics event. They will demonstrate how to play the accompaniment styles successfully - by level - with an emphasis on how the judges score student performance. You will be given supplemental materials for levels 1-5 that your students can use to practice and prepare for this event.

This workshop is not designed for teachers to learn the fundamentals of harmonization. It is designed to help teachers succeed in programming this event for their students.

To learn more about Cynthia Adams, visit CynthiaAdamsPianoStudio.com

To learn more about Liz Atkinson, visit TheAtkinsonPianoStudio.musicteachershelper.com

Space is limited for the lead sheet harmonization workshop. Registration is first come, first served.

To register, contact Rachel Mills at rmauri47@gmail.com

You may attend one or both workshops – please specify which workshop(s) you would like to attend. Once you register, you will receive an e-mail confirmation and a link to a survey that will help us learn more about your Scale Olympics needs.

Certified Teacher of the Year



Melissa Robol, NCTM received the Certified Teacher of the Year Award during the Annual Business meeting in April. Pictured with Certification Chair Carol Rein, NCTM.

Renew Your Membership

You can renew online at 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 2014-2015 directory.** If you have questions, contact **Susan Treer**, Membership Chairman caribou06@sbcglobal.net or 614-316-1019.

- **Susan Treer**, Membership Chair

Previews of Fall Activities

EXCITING NEW ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS COMING THIS FALL

The Teacher Activities Team is planning some engaging activities for 2014-15. Don't miss the Fall Conference, 9:30 a.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014 at Graves. Besides presenting a speaker on a topic of interest to teachers of all music areas, we will highlight CEOhioMTA activities for the year and spend some time socializing and getting acquainted with members of our district. Mark your calendar NOW. The conference will be a great way to kick off your teaching year and to hear about CEOhioMTA activities for yourself and your students.

We are thrilled to announce that well known pianist and teacher, Marvin Blickenstaff will present our first Piano Workshop. Those of us who have heard Mr. Blickenstaff have learned much from his wisdom and are looking forward to his appearance

on Friday, October 24, 2014 at Graves. You won't regret coming to this workshop! Thanks to Gulimina Mahamuti for contacting this great clinician. Invite your friends!

Holly Huber, new chairman for IMTF, will be offering a forum on Imagery in Teaching and Jacqueline Stevanus will again be organizing some wonderful opportunities for String Teachers.

As soon as your new directory arrives, check for these offerings, MARK YOUR CALENDARS and plan to attend. Taking part in CEOhioMTA Teacher Activities is a great way to stay energized and to avoid burn-out!

- **Sharon Walton, NCTM**
Vice-President for Teacher Activities

IMTF - Imagery in Teaching

As music teachers, we may find ourselves talking too much during lessons. Sometimes using verbal or spatial imagery in our teaching can help our students understand and learn a lot through a few carefully chosen words. We'll be discussing the use of imagery in teaching at our first fall IMTF, Friday, November 7, 10-11:30am. We hope you will join us for a presentation by Laura Benson, NCTM and open floor discussion about the imagery you use with your students. Bring your thoughts and ideas!

-**Holly Huber**

STATE CONFERENCE

Dr. Louis Nagel, Conference Artist
Julie Jaffee Nagel, Featured Presenter

October 16-18, 2014
Wilmington College

Look for details on the State website at www.ohiomta.org.

BUCKEYE AUDITIONS

The Buckeye Auditions 2014 for Central East District were held on Saturday, April 19, 2014, at Otterbein University in the Battelle Fine Arts Center. There were a total of 29 participants in 6 categories: 8 Elementary Piano, 7 Junior Piano, 7 Senior Piano, 3 Junior Strings, 3 Senior Strings, 1 Senior Voice. The judges were: Jerry Wong, JoAnn Koh-Baker and Solungga Fang-Tzu Liu for the Piano Division; Kia-Hui Tan and Cora Kuyvenhoven for the Strings / Voice Divisions. The level of competition was high again this year and the judges were 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 in the State Finals on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at Malone University, Canton, OH. We wish them all the best!

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

Elementary Piano

Winner: Alex VanBibber
Alternate: Abhik Mazumder
Honorable Mention: Abhijit R Devalapura

Teacher: Mary Craig Powell
Teacher: Suzanne Newcomb
Teacher: Kathleen Sadoff

Junior Piano

Winner: Minjue Wu
Alternate: Chloe Shang
Honorable Mention: Jade Siebert

Teacher: Nina Polonsky
Teacher: Mary Craig Powell
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Senior Piano

Winner: Alexandra Neverov
Alternate: Wooju Lee
Honorable Mention: Katharine Guan

Teacher: Nina Polonsky
Teacher: Vivian Ripley
Teacher: Mary Craig Powell

Junior Strings

Winner: Daniel Woo
Honorable Mention: Christine Shih
Honorable Mention: Adryan Rojas

Teacher: Ginny Christopherson
Teacher: David Niwa
Teacher: Jim McCullough

Senior Strings

Winner: Jason Ng
Alternate: Andrew Zhang

Teacher: Mary Davis Fetherston
Teacher: Leonid Polonsky

Senior Voice

Winner: Emily Rose Perry

Teacher: Yvonne Shapiro-Mazo

Summer Study Scholarship Competition Winners

| NAME | INSTR. | AWARD | AMOUNT | TEACHER |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|----------|-------------------|
| Alexandra Neverov | piano | OhioMTA Graduating Senior | \$700.00 | Nina Polonsky |
| Alexander Van Bibber | piano | OhioMTA MEMORIAL AWARD (In memory of Jeanne Harrington) | \$400.00 | Mary Craig Powell |
| Abijit Devalapura | piano | OhioMTA | \$300.00 | Kathleen Sadoff |
| Mia Siebert | viola | OhioMTA | \$300.00 | Hengwei Ma |
| Katherine Guan | piano | Piano Technicians Guild | \$250.00 | Mary Craig Powell |
| Michael Qi | piano | OhioMTA | \$250.00 | Kathleen Sadoff |
| Haewon Lee | piano | OhioMTA | \$250.00 | Susan Frost |
| Alan Ding | piano | OhioMTA | \$200.00 | Nina Polonsky |
| Claire Li | violin | OhioMTA | \$200.00 | Anna Svirsky |
| Annie Marazita | piano | OhioMTA | \$200.00 | Melissa Robol |
| Emily Chen | violin | OhioMTA | \$200.00 | Anna Svirsky |
| Kelley Long | piano | OhioMTA | \$200.00 | Kathleen Sadoff |
| Alexandra Proca | piano | Music-Go-Round | \$150.00 | Susan Frost |
| Samuel Deng | violin | The Loft Violin Shop | \$150.00 | Anna Svirsky |
| Michael David Clark | viola/ piano | The Loft Violin Shop | \$150.00 | Melissa Robol |
| Mingqi Cai | piano | Columbus Piano Leasing | \$100.00 | Nina Polonsky |

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

OVER 68 TEACHERS,
PARENTS, STUDENTS
AND FRIENDS
VOLUNTEERED THIS
YEAR TO HELP THE
CENTRAL EAST
DISTRICT! THANK
YOU TO ALL!

Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.

~Author Unknown

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