

# OhioMTA Central East District

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## From the President

Fall weather is here and our CEOhioMTA calendar of events is in full swing. Be sure to add our upcoming events to your calendar. I am including an updated calendar page with this newsletter to add to your Activities Guide. Simply print, trim, and staple on pp. 6 and 7. A huge thank you to **Charlotte Catlin** for compiling, editing, and printing this year's Activities Guide and Membership Directory.

There is a thread going around social media circles that asks participants to write "five days of gratitude" posts. Here is my list for CEOhioMTA: 1) I am grateful for teacher events that inspire new ideas and professional growth; 2) I am grateful for events for all types of students, from casual hobbyists to professional-track performers; 3) I am grateful for kindness and camaraderie among fellow members; 4) I am grateful for a myriad of grants available to members to assist with career development; 5) I am grateful for superb leadership from our committee chairmen; 6) I am grateful for an accessible website that is easy to navigate.

Thank you to CEOhioMTA and its members for all that you do.

Sincerely,  
**Laura Flowers Benson, NCTM**  
[flowben@hotmail.com](mailto:flowben@hotmail.com)

## Scale Olympics 2014

Scale Olympics 2014 is set to take place on October 11 at Otterbein University. 258 students from 31 area teachers have been working toward mastering scales, cadences, arpeggios, triads, transposition, harmonization, sight-reading, and theory. Nearly three-quarters of the participants will be striving for Scale Olympics' highest honor – the Blue Rosette – by entering in all eight events!

Participating teachers: Please don't hesitate to contact me with any final questions. We look forward to seeing you all there!

**Rachel Mauricio Mills, NCTM** and **Katherine Bede,**  
 Co-chairs  
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## Calendar

**October 11, 2014**  
 Scale Olympics

**October 16-18, 2014**  
 State Conference

**October 24, 2014**  
 Piano Workshop I

**October 26, 2014**  
 Out & About

**November 2, 2014**  
 Solo & Ensemble Recitals

**November 2, 2014**  
 Lancaster Student Recital

**November 7, 2014**  
 IMTF

**November 8, 2014**  
 Strings Workshop

**November 16, 2014**  
 Out & About

**December 7, 2014**  
 Out & About

**December 14, 2014**  
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## Out & About

Out and About has been expanded this season to include opportunities at Nationwide Children's Hospital and St. Ann's Hospital in addition to our Riverside Hospital locations.

The next "Sound of Mind & Body" event is scheduled for Sunday October, 26th at 1:30 pm at St. Ann's Hospital. Sign up some of your students this year! Give them an extra performance opportunity as well as the feeling they will enjoy spreading good will to others through their own music playing. Check the Directory or website for upcoming dates and call or email me if you have any questions!

**Miriam Brown**  
Chair, Out & About

## Solo & Ensemble Recitals

The next recitals are scheduled for Sunday, November 2, at Graves Piano & Organ Company with a postmark deadline of October 23, 2013. 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 in the Activities Guide or on the Website: <http://www.ceomta.com/student-events/recitals-solo-ensemble>. Contact **Dr. Caroline Salido-Barta**, Chair at 614-751-9665 or [thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com](mailto:thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com) with additional questions.

## MEMBER NEWS

### New and Renewed Members

Please update your Directory with the following members as of September 1, 2014. Welcome new and renewed members! - **Susan Treer**, Membership Chair

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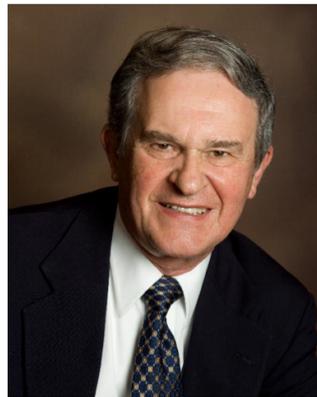
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Piano

## Piano Workshop I

**Marvin Blickenstaff**

*Doing What Comes Naturally: Nature's Clues to Interpretation*

**Friday, October 24, 2014, from 10 to noon  
Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall  
5798 Karl Rd, Columbus, OH 43229**



**Marvin Blickenstaff** is known among piano teachers throughout the country for his teaching, lecturing, performing, and publishing. For sixteen summers he was on the faculty of the International Workshops where he performed and lectured in Canada, Austria, Scotland, Norway, France, and Switzerland. The “Marvin Blickenstaff Endowment Fund” was established in his honor by the Music Teachers National Association Foundation, and he was named “Teacher of the Year” by the IndianaMTA. Currently he maintains a private studio in the Philadelphia area and teaches at The New School for Music Study in Princeton. Blickenstaff is former Board President of the Frances Clark Center for Keyboard Pedagogy and is on the Executive Planning Committee of the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy.

**Event:** What more could one ask? The student plays accurately, the rhythm is steady, fingerings and dynamics are observed, and most of the articulations are present. That’s a good student! Yet something is missing in the flow of the sound, the shape of the line, and in the expression. In this session we examine ways in which natural laws of gravity, inertia, heart beat, and tension/relaxation can influence our performances in a most positive way.

*Free admission for OhioMTA members and non-members.*

*Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti, NCTM, CEOMTA Piano Workshop Chairperson, [ggmahamu@owu.edu](mailto:ggmahamu@owu.edu)*

## Grants Awarded

Congratulations to **Cynthia Adams, Holly Huber, Holly Kessis, Julie Sheline** and **Susan Treer** for receiving grant money to help defer costs toward professional development.

Grants are awarded to teachers, both members and non-members, to aid in improving the applicant's teaching by attending a music seminar or workshop, studying with a master teacher or any other activity relevant to the improvement of teaching. Applications are due June 1, 2015. Please see the Activities Guide or [www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org) for more information.

**Annette Suhovecky, NCTM**  
Chairperson, Grants for Professional Development

## District Festival

District Festival will be here sooner than you realize! Remember to talk with your students and families in December and prepare your application in early January. The registration form and check must be mailed to Jennifer Stadler (945 Euclaire Ave. Bexley, Ohio 43209) by Wednesday, January 21st. District Festival will take place Saturday, February 21st 2015 at Capital University. Visit [www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org) for more details. We have some great judges lined up this year so be sure to register some students!

**Jennifer Stadler**  
Chair, District Festival

## Congratulations

*Melissa Robol, NCTM*

who was chosen as

**Ohio Music Teachers Association Certified Teacher of the Year!**

She will be recognized at the State Conference in October.

Visit  
[ohiomta.org](http://ohiomta.org)  
for more  
information

### State Conference

**October 16-18, 2014**

Wilmington College, OH

Featured Presenter: **Julie Jaffee-Nagel**  
Conference Artist: **Louis Nagel**

Presentations by Rita Hauck, Joy Morin, Cole Burger, Scott Donald, Clinton Pratt, Sheila Vail, and Jerry Wong

## OSU Chapter News

Members of the OSU Collegiate Chapter of OhioMTA are looking forward to serving as volunteers for Scale Olympics on Oct. 11. OSU students are also planning to attend the OMTA state conference on Friday October 17. The students always enjoy the interactions with professional teachers through events such as these. It's a great way to get started in the profession.

**Ken Williams, NCTM**  
OSU Chapter Advisor

**Save the Date!!**

The 2015 OhioMTA Conference will be held right here in Columbus November 12-14, 2015, at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel at Capital Square. Events include a performance by Ohio pianist Antonio Pompa-Baldi and a visit to the Columbus Symphony Orchestra! Proposals may be submitted to [snewcomb@columbus.rr.com](mailto:snewcomb@columbus.rr.com) by December 1, 2014, for consideration by the programming committee. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Dr. Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM**  
2015 OhioMTA Conference Chair

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