

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow CEOhioMTA Members! I hope you are enjoying your summer. I would first like to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all members and friends who have volunteered this year to help make the Central East District a fabulous organization for teachers and their students. You are all amazing! Central Ohio is a great place to be a teaching professional.

I hope you will take a minute to read the enclosed information. If you haven't already, please bookmark <http://www.ceomta.org> on your computer or tablet. This fall, we will have a reduced-size Directory. All event information, applications, and bylaws will be moved online. The printed Directory will continue as a summary of all of our events and a listing of our officers and members who have renewed by June 30.

The online membership list is updated monthly to reflect changes during the year. In addition, the online membership roster is now searchable by name, area of teaching and zip code.

This newsletter will wrap up some remaining news from the spring as well as give you a couple of dates for your fall calendar. The rest of the 2015-16 information will be published in the late summer.

--Laura Flowers Benson, NCTM

Time to Renew!

Now is the time to renew your membership! Visit <http://www.mtna.org> to renew today. Members must have their renewals in by June 30 to be listed in the printed Directory.

Save the Dates

Pianorama - Registration for Pianorama opens on July 1. Visit the website for repertoire and rehearsal information.

Fall District Conference - FRIDAY, September 11, 2015 at Singleton Piano Studio

OhioMTA State Conference, hosted by the Central East District - November 12-14, 2015 at Sheraton Columbus at Capital Square.

Congratulations to Lynn Singleton, 2016 OhioMTA Foundation Fellow Nominee

A reprint from the State newsletter:

The Fellow Program honors members of MTNA who have contributed their time and talents to the organization and to music students across the country. All donations will go toward a variety of scholarships and grants available to students and teachers who wish to continue their study and musical achievement. It is a fantastic program and we are honored to nominate Ms. Singleton as our fellow!

In order to recognize Lynn Singleton as Ohio's Foundation Fellow, we need to raise \$1,000 in her name. You can donate now by adding a contribution on your MTNA Membership Renewal Form or donating online at <https://www.mtnafoundation.org/>.

Please write in Lynn Singleton's name to make sure your donation goes toward her nomination. Donations are accepted through January 2016.

Passages

Long-time member, beloved colleague, and former district president, Laura Lee Hickfang, NCTM passed away on April 11, 2015. See [here](#) for a complete obituary.

Summer Study Scholarships

The Central East District is pleased to award scholarships totaling \$4000 to the following students. Congratulations to the students and their teachers.

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>STUDENT NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
OhioMTA Senior	\$700.00	Madison Williams	17	Tatiana Kats
OhioMTA Memorial Award	\$400.00	Wu Minjue	14	Nina Polonsky
OhioMTA \$300.00	\$300.00	Ji-Yong Shim	12	Ginny Christopherson
OhioMTA \$300.00	\$300.00	Jackson Tomsic	14	Janice Cook
Ohio MTA \$250.00	\$250.00	Cecilia Martin	11	Kathleen Sadoff
OhioMTA \$250.00	\$250.00	Chloe Shang	16	Mary Craig Powell
OhioMTA \$200.00	\$200.00	Ryan Ho	13	Mary Craig Powell
OhioMTA \$200.00	\$200.00	Danna Long	11	Kathleen Sadoff
OhioMTA \$200.00	\$200.00	Josh Kim	15	Nina Polonsky
OhioMTA \$200.00	\$200.00	Jacob Kenneally	14	Laura Benson
OhioMTA \$200.00	\$200.00	Micah Clark Moody	13	Laura Benson
Music-Go-Round	\$150.00	Eleanor Judd	17	Gulimina Mahamuti
Solich Piano-Columbus	\$150.00	Nate Stevens	13	Mary Craig Powell
The Loft Violin Shop	\$150.00	Adam Whitman	14	Ginny Christopherson
Columbus Piano Leasing	\$100.00	Jay Huang	13	Susan Frost
The Piano Technicians Guild	\$100.00	Isaac Hedges	14	Laura Benson

Buckeye Auditions

The Buckeye Auditions for Central East District were held on April 4, 2015 in a new location at Ohio Wesleyan University's Jemison Auditorium. There were a total of 23 participants in 7 categories. The level of competition was high again this year and the judges were impressed by the quality of the playing of the contestants. Below is a list of the award recipients, including the teachers. The winners went on to compete in the State Finals on June 6 at Malone University in Canton, OH.

-- Dr. Mariko Kaneda
Buckeye Auditions District Chair

Elementary Piano

Winner: Cecilia Martin (Kathleen Sadoff)
Alternate: Stanley Cao (Nina Polonsky)

Junior Piano

Winner: Abhik Mazumder (Suzanne Newcomb) ***State Honorable Mention!
Alternate: Changning Xu (Nina Polonsky)
Hon. Mention: Jade Siebert (Mary Craig Powell)
Hon. Mention: Ryan Ho (Mary Craig Powell)
Hon. Mention: Claire Li (Paula Radzynski)

Senior Piano

Winner: Venkatesh Sivaraman (Tianshu Wang)
Alternate: Chloe Shang (Mary Craig Powell) ***State Honorable Mention!

Elementary Strings

Winner: Joseph Lin (Tatiana Hanna) ***State Winner!
Alternate: Cecilia Martin (Tatiana Hanna)

Junior Strings

Winner: Christine Shih (David Niwa) ***State Honorable Mention!
Hon. Mention: Adryan Rojas (Jim McCullough)

Senior Strings

Winner: Andrew Zhang (Leonid Polonsky)
Alternate: Haozheng Li (Henry Ma)

Senior Woodwinds

Winner: Jason Guo (Antoine Clark) *** State Winner!