

# OhioMTA Central East District

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## From the President

Welcome to a new year in our district! The event chairs have been busily putting together some wonderful events. Read the newsletter for more information. All directory information is also posted on our newly-designed website. Thank you to **Cynthia Adams** for her fabulous work on the Directory and the website.

Also, we are honored to host internationally-recognized Nelita True on October 25th for our Piano Workshop I. The workshop is free for members and non-members alike. Let's show Professor True why Ohio is a great place for music teaching by getting an **attendance of 100 people!** Tell your friends and colleagues about this opportunity to see one of the most beloved pedagogues of our time.

Sincerely,  
**Laura Flowers Benson, NCTM**  
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## IMTF

### Intentional and Effective Practice: Fresh Ideas on One of our Most Challenging Tasks

The first Independent Music Teacher Forum (IMTF) event of the year will feature presenters: **Janice Baker Cook, NCTM** and **Sharon Reich Walton, NCTM**. IMTF is not only a presenter-led event; come and share **your ideas** on practice and learn what other teachers have to say. Not ready to share? Sit back and take notes on your colleagues' experiences and expertise.

Tuesday, October 16, 9:30-11:00 am  
 Home and Studio of Sharon Walton, 2290 Walhaven Court,  
 Upper Arlington, 43220

RSVP requested to ensure enough seating: (614) 451-4820 or  
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## Calendar

### October 16, 2012

IMTF - Intentional Practice

### October 25, 2012

Piano Workshop I - Nelita True

### October 28, 2012

Recital, Student Solo & Ensemble

### November 4, 2012

Out & About, Sound of Mind & Body

### November 4, 2012

Lancaster Student Recital

### November 5, 2012

Monday Morning Musicale

### November 8-10, 2012

State Conference, Columbus

### January 4-6, 2012

MTNA Student Competition, East Central Division Semi Finals

### January 6, 2012

Out & About, Sound of Mind & Body

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## Piano Workshop - Nelita True

OhioMTA Central East District and Capital University jointly invited Professor Nelita True to present a workshop and two additional events on Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26. Free admission to all of the following events:

### Thursday, October 25, 10 am - noon

Graves Piano and Organ Recital Hall  
Workshop for CEOMTA: ***The Reward System: What Deserves a Gold Star?*** For detailed information regarding the workshop, visit "Workshops" under "Teacher Events" at <http://www.ceomta.com>.

### Thursday, October 25, 8:00 pm

Huntington Recital Hall, Capital University  
Master class with Capital Conservatory of Music's piano students. Repertoire:

- J.S. Bach: Prelude and Fugue in F-sharp minor, WTC II
- Chopin: Scherzo No. 3
- Debussy: Reflets dan l'eau
- Ravel: Scarbo

### Friday, October 26, 10:00 am

Mees Auditorium, Capital University  
Question & Answer session with Nelita True on topics of collegiate piano teaching and learning.

## Out and About

### Sound of Mind & Body Chair:

The first hospital performance opportunity will be Sunday, November 4. Consult the Directory or the website for details about fees and repertoire requirements.

On another note, we are grateful for Chair, **Melissa Robol NCTM's** dedicated service to this event. Melissa not only created the idea, she has Chaired over 25 hospital performances since its genesis in 2007. Due to her other CEOMTA duties, Chairing Pianorama 2013, we are seeking a volunteer to take over the Out and About position. As chairperson of "Out and About" you will be a member of CEOMTA's executive board. During her time as Chairperson, Melissa tried several other ideas: holiday performances at First Night Columbus and at a local mall, and the STARS program encouraging our students to attend local public performances by professional musicians. The incoming Chair may wish to develop other public service performance opportunities for our students. Anyone interested in stepping into the position should please contact Melissa ([mrobol8654@wideopenwest.com](mailto:mrobol8654@wideopenwest.com)) or Laura Benson ([flowben@hotmail.com](mailto:flowben@hotmail.com)).

## BUCKEYE AUDITIONS

The Buckeye Final Auditions were held on June 5, 2012. The Central East District was well-represented. Congratulations to the following CEOhioMTA students and their teachers who were winners and honorable mentions in their category:

Elementary Piano: Honorable Mention:  
Vincent Dong, **Tianshu Wang**, teacher

Junior High Piano: Winner:  
Katherine Guan, **Mary Craig Powell, NCTM**, teacher

Senior High Piano: Winner:  
Brook Zhang, **Nina Polonsky**, teacher

## MONDAY MORNING MUSICALES

Calling all members who play an instrument!

Yes, that means you! The first Musicale is on Monday, November 5 at 10 am. Join us at Graves Piano & Organ to share what you've been working on in your own artistic endeavors. This is a relaxed, friendly, supportive environment. You may choose a working piece in progress, or try out newly polished pieces, revive old favorites, or bring an interesting student piece to share. Deadline for entry is October 29.

Email Chair, **Kathleen Sadoff** with your interest. [thesadoffs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thesadoffs@sbcglobal.net)

**STATE CONFERENCE**

Plan to attend the  
OhioMTA State Conference held in Columbus

**The Healthy Musician:  
Teaching, Performing, Living**

November 8-10, 2012  
Columbus Airport Marriott

Register at: <http://www.ohiomta.org/state.asp?page=conferenceinformation>

Adam Golka, Conference Artist  
Presenters: Lynn Singleton, Kathleen Riley,  
Carole Leone, David Steinbuhler, Pete Jutras,  
Janet Lopinski, Sheila Vail

**SOLO & ENSEMBLE RECITALS**

The next recitals are scheduled for Sunday, October 28, at Graves Piano & Organ Company with a postmark deadline of October 18, 2012. 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 Directory or on the Website. 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, 2012. Notice that this list is the perfect size to be cut out and pasted on the blank page of your Directory.

Welcome new and renewed members! - **Susan Treer**, Membership Chair

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Piano

**CONDOLENCES**

We offer our heartfelt condolences to fellow member, **Elaine Bowers**, whose husband died in a car crash over the Labor Day weekend. Elaine was also injured along with her daughter and son-in-law. Elaine is recovering at home. A meal train has been set up for her friends. Contact Melissa Robol for more information about providing meals.

## Certification: A Standard for Professional Excellence

If you are not a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music, consider taking some important steps to validate your professional qualifications. MTNA offers the certification credential to its members as a means to keep standards high in our profession.

Congratulations to district members **Lizbeth Atkinson, NCTM** and **Jennifer Stadler, NCTM** who both recently earned their Nationally Certified Teacher of Music credential!

The Central East District has members who will mentor certification candidates. Also, there is an active study group of members who have been helping and supporting each other through the required projects.

Contact **Carol Rein, NCTM**, the district certification chairman, for more information about our meetings and about the process. 614 558-8185 or [crein@columbus.rr.com](mailto:crein@columbus.rr.com).

## Scale Olympics 2012

On October 6, 347 students from 37 area teachers registered for Scale Olympics 2012, held at Otterbein University. The level of mastery was so high that no blue rosettes were left over at the end of the day! Over 90% of the students entering all eight events earned a rosette, and 88% of the ribbons awarded at Scale Olympics were blue ribbons. A majority of the students completed eight events within two hours. Congratulations to all the hard-working Olympians, their teachers, and their parents!

Such a large event requires months of careful planning and many helping hands – nearly 80 volunteers made this day run smoothly. Thank you to the dedicated teachers who served as judges and volunteers, and to the parents, students, collegiate CEOhioMTA members, family, and friends who provided valuable assistance in preparations and on the day of the event. Special thanks to Otterbein University for graciously hosting us once again.

I am honored to serve in a community of teachers that is so committed to providing its students with quality learning experiences through events such as Scale Olympics.

Thank you!  
**Rachel Mauricio Mills**, Chairman  
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## Pianorama 2013

Plans are well underway for Pianorama 2013. We will be performing in the beautiful Weigel Hall at The Ohio State University on November 2, 2013. Many thanks go out to Director and Professor, **Richard L. Blatti**, Associate Professor, **Dr. Kenneth Williams**, and Public Relations Coordinator, **Tamara Morris** for making this partnership with Ohio State possible.

The music selection committee has met several times. We are carefully narrowing down our choices and making inquiries into licensure fees for each

selection. For the very first time, we intend to have the Pianorama performances professionally recorded with the kind assistance of **Mark Rubinstein**, OSU's Sound Engineer. He has agreed to record and produce up to 300 compact discs gratis, and gave us permission to outsource additional copies. Look for the initial mailing of the final repertoire selection and other information to our teachers in February of 2013.

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

## 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 to make the Fall Conference and the Scale Olympics a resounding success:

Jody Acree  
Cynthia Adams  
Andrea Adkins  
Jennelle Anderson  
Chelsea Arthur  
Lizbeth Atkinson, NCTM  
Katherine Bede  
Laura Benson, NCTM  
Miriam Brown  
Terry Bullock  
Suzanne Burg, NCTM  
Meghan Campbell  
Mary Casey

Charlotte Catlin  
Patrick Cole  
Janice Cook, NCTM  
Philip Cordell, NCTM  
Mary Daley-Moore  
Diane Driessen  
Kayne Edwards  
Justin Fields  
Lee Ann Forgrave, NCTM  
Tyler Hahn  
Kendallene Hill  
Lucas Holmes  
Naomi Hoyt  
Alicia Hsu  
Thomas Hsu  
Bill Jones  
Holly Kessis  
Carol Killian  
Sam Konopka  
Dan Kozar  
Alison Krischak  
Brian Landers  
Erin Lewis  
Douglas Lizak  
Ryan Loth  
Linda Lusch  
Tanya Matsuda, NCTM  
Debra Mattera  
Joe Mattera  
Suzanne McNutt  
Jared Mills  
Rachel Mills  
Theresa Murphy  
Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM  
Judy O'Brien  
Erin Petrella  
Bruce Piper, NCTM  
Ruth Powell, NCTM  
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Megan Rainey  
Melissa Robol, NCTM  
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Monica Rudy  
Kathleen Sadoff  
Caroline Salido-Barta  
Sally Sansbury, NCTM

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Michael Tapley  
Susan Treer  
Melissa Treharn  
Sharon Walton, NCTM  
Jen Whithee  
Anthony Williams  
Chris Williams  
Ashley Wise  
Chienhui Wong  
Laura Wynia  
Rose Zuber

Special thanks to: **Rachel Mauricio Mills** for Chairing the Scale Olympics and **Lynn Singleton, NCTM** for Chairing the District Conference.

Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.

~Author Unknown

## Fundraising Update

Thanks to an Anonymous gift of \$10,000, we have met and exceeded our fundraising goal. We are now eligible to receive a \$1000 Matching Contribution from an additional Anonymous donor.

If you or someone you know would like to support our programs, please go to the Central East OhioMTA website, [www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org) and click on "Support Us" for instructions.

Also, you can help CEOhioMTA receive support by encouraging your colleagues, studio families, friends and family to sign up for Kroger and Meijer rewards programs. Every dollar counts!

- Sign up for the Community Rewards Programs at

Kroger [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and designate "MUSIC TEACHERS NAT'L CENTRAL E.DIST" as your reward recipient.

- Sign up for the Meijer Community Rewards<sup>SM</sup> program. Go to [www.meijer.com/rewards](http://www.meijer.com/rewards) and designate "OhioMTA Central Eastern District" as your reward recipient.
- Make a direct contribution to OhioMTA Central East District.

Call or e-mail **Bruce Piper** [bpipero378@gmail.com](mailto:bpipero378@gmail.com) (740) 967-0378, if you would like help in getting set up with these programs.

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