

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter
June 1, 2017

President's Message

Thank you to the chairs and many volunteers who planned and contributed to our 2016-2017 events! Updates on recently completed events can be found here, as well as dates and information for 2017-2018 events. Keep an eye out for information on our district's *new student event* – a one-day summer camp! Please renew your MTNA membership by June 30 so that you can be included in the printed directory.

Have a wonderful summer!

--Rachel Mauricio Mills, NCTM
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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Pianorama 2017

Pianorama is an exciting opportunity for your students provided by the Central Ohio Music Teachers every other year. Imagine a large stage filled with 20 pianos, two musicians at each piano, playing in unison with the help of a conductor. Don't let your students miss this amazing opportunity for ensemble performance! This year, Pianorama will be held at Discover Christian Church in Dublin on Saturday, November 4th.

The auditions will take place on October 7th. Four to five duet teams will audition together and be evaluated on their ability to follow a conductor. Judges will also listen for correct notes, rhythms, and tempo. Both students in each team must pass the audition to perform in the concert.

The performance ensembles range from beginners to advanced students and teachers. It is often helpful to put students in one level lower than their current lesson book due to the added difficulty of playing in a large group with a conductor. You can preview the music at Graves, Music & Arts, and Stanton's to determine appropriate levels for your students. Each duet team learns 3-4 pieces.

The auditions and rehearsals will take place in October. Please do not allow your students to register if they are not able to be at these mandatory rehearsals. Please see the website for additional information, music lists, rehearsal times, and registration dates.

For questions, you can contact the chairmen:

Theresa Murphy [614-832-0045](tel:614-832-0045)

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Solo and Ensemble Recitals

Honors Recital

The final of three Solo & Ensemble Recitals, the Honors Recital, was held on Sunday, April 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at Graves Piano & Organ Co. This recital presented the 2017 winners from one of our most prestigious events, Summer Study Scholarship Competitions. It was an amazing afternoon of great performances by these young artists! Congratulations!

The following artists were featured:

Adam Whitman, violin (The Loft Violin Shop & OhioMTA Scholarship Award)

Teacher: Ginny Christopherson, NCTM

Cecilia Martin, violin (The Loft Violin Shop & OhioMTA Scholarship Award)

Teacher: Tatiana V. Hanna

Chloe Johnson, piano (OhioMTA Scholarship Award)

Teacher: Laurie Loper

Ruby Holt, piano (Columbus Piano Leasing Scholarship Award)

Teacher: Jessica Heitmeyer

Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals coming up soon

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2017, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, October 26, 2017 (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.org/student-events/student-solo-ensemble-recitals>. Please contact Dr. Caroline B. Salido-Barta, chair, at 614-751-9665 or thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com, for additional questions.

Summer Scholarships

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Summer Study Scholarships. These students ranged from Elementary to Advanced performance levels and were evaluated on their performance (50%), essay (30%) and sight-reading (20%). Thank you to our fine adjudicators, Dr. Richard Van Dyke, Dr. Dawn Wohn, and Dr. Cicilia Yudha. Congratulations to these students and their teachers.

--Debra Mattera and Laura Benson, NCTM
Summer Scholarship Chairs

Cecilia Martin	Tatiana Hanna	violin	\$550	The Loft Violin Shop & CEOMTA
Danna Long	Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff	piano	\$400	CEOMTA
Adam Whitman	Ginny Christopherson	violin	\$250	The Loft Violin Shop & CEOMTA
Stanley Cao	Nina Polonsky	piano	\$200	Solich Piano & CEOMTA
Samuel Deng	Anna Svirsky	violin	\$150	CEOMTA
Kimberly Shi	Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff	piano	\$150	Piano Technicians Guild
Chloe Johnson	Laurie Loper	Piano	\$150	Columbus Piano Leasing & CEOMTA
Ben Webster	Deborah Bradshaw-Tigh	Piano	\$150	Music Go Round
Ruby Frush Holt	Jessica Heitmeyer	Piano	\$100	Columbus Piano Leasing

Buckeye Auditions

Congratulations to all who participated in Buckeye Auditions on May 6, 2017! We had a great day! 15 contestants played extremely well. The judges were very pleased with the level of playing. A big thank you goes to Suzanne Newcomb, who was the point person for all of this! Also a big thank you to my students at Columbus State, who helped with registration, time keeping, and being door monitors.

We are set for next year's event – May 5, 2018 at Otterbein!

--Rose Zuber
Buckeye Chair

Winners List:

	<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Elementary Piano		
Winner	Cory Wu	Kathleen Sadoff
Alternate	Michelle Cool	Laura Benson
Junior Piano		
Winner	Stanley Cao	Nina Polonsky
Alternate	Alexander VanBibber	Steven Glaser
Honorable Mention	Joseph Perez	Laura Benson
Senior Piano		
Winner	Changning Xu	Nina Polonsky
Alternate	Virginia Ma	Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention	Lena Caruso	Sally Sansbury
Elementary Strings		
Winner	Nicole Lin	Tatiana Hanna
Junior Strings		
Winner	Joseph Lin	Tatiana Hanna
Senior Strings		
Winner	Christine Shih	David Niwa
Honorable Mention	Mathew Kinnear	Frederick Ripley
Elementary Flute		
Winner	Liyanjin Zhu	Beth Owen
Junior Flute		
Winner	Stella Bixler	Beth Owen

Piano Adjudicators:

Jackson Leung (Wright State University)
Yuka Nakayama (College of Wooster)

String Adjudicator:

Tom Sobieski (Wright State University)

Wind Adjudicator:

Patrice Ross (Columbus State Community College)

TEACHER ACTIVITIES & NEWS

Certification

Susan Treer, NCTM, was named Central East OMTA Nationally Certified Music Teacher of the Year at the 2017 Spring Conference.

Susan has been a tireless volunteer for OMTA, serving as our President for four years, Vice President of Member Services, Vice President of Teacher Activities, Chairman of Scale Olympics twice, Membership Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Chairman of the Independent Music Teachers Forum (IMTF), Pianorama Conductor, and serving on many committees. If everyone in our membership helped out a fraction of what Susan has given over the years, it would be incredible!!

Susan is also a tireless life-long learner. She has attended almost every teacher-education event we sponsor and has returned to private study of piano and piano pedagogy. Earning her national certification was very important to her and she enjoyed the projects leading to her NCTM designation. She now serves as a role model for others who may have been teaching for years, but who were not yet certified.

Susan is a nurturing and skilled teacher and has a private studio in Westerville. She has also been an active pianist in her community, playing at church, at St. Ann's Hospital, and in area schools.

We congratulate Susan Treer as our Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year!

--Janice Cook, NCTM
Certification Chair

Membership

Now is the time to renew your membership! Go to mtna.org and on the left side menu click on "Membership Information," then click on "Renew Membership." You must renew by **June 30** in order to get your name in the printed directory. If you renew after June 30, you will still be included in the online directory.

Remember that certification renewal is a different website. If you have the NCTM designation, you must renew that every year as well. For certification renewal go to mtnacertification.org then click on "Renewal" on the left side menu.

Looking forward to a great year!

--Lee Ann Forgrave, NCTM
Membership Chair

IMTF

The 2016-2017 IMTFs were informative and enjoyable. Plan to attend the Fall 2017 IMTF on Friday, September 29 at 10:00am. The topic will be "Apps for Teaching," and Liz Atkinson, NCTM, will be leading the discussion. Plan now to join this forum in the fall.

--Susan Treer, NCTM
IMTF Chair

Workshops 2017-2018

Workshop I

Dr. Christopher Fisher:

The Secret Ingredient to Piano Teaching Success: The Powerful Role of Parents

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2017
Time: 10 am – 12 noon
Location: Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall
Free Admission

Workshop II

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Piano Master Class
with Dr. Philip Thomson

Date: Monday, January 15, 2018 (Martin Luther King, Jr. day)
Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Location: Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall
Dr. Unrau will work with up to six students.
Fees: \$25.00 for students of OhioMTA members; the same amount for duet entry;
\$50.00 for students of non-members; Audience admission is free.
Application Deadline: Friday, December 16, 2016 (postmarked)

Send a check (payable to Ohio MTA) and the information including:

Name and age of the student

Title, composer, and length of the repertoire

Teacher's name, phone number and/or e-mail address

to:

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Mansfield, OH 44903-8785

Phone: (419) 528-8884; Email: ggmahamu@owu.edu; website contact: www.gulimina.com

Workshop III

Dr. Peter Mack:

Marvelous Moderns and Their Needlessly Neglected Mid-Level Masterpieces

Date: Friday, February 23, 2017
Time: 10 am – 12 noon (presentation) & 4-7 (master class)
Location: Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall

--Gulimina Mahamuti, NCTM
Piano Workshops Chair

OhioMTA State Conference

The next State Conference will take place in Van Wert on October 12-14, 2017.
Conference artists will be The Five Browns and Irina Gorin.

<http://www.ohiomta.org/fall-2017.html>

MTNA National Conference

Disney Coronado Springs Resort
Lake Buena Vista, Florida
March 17-21, 2018

<http://www.mtna.org/programs/conferences/>