

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter
January 28, 2017

President's Message

Happy 2017! Our district began the New Year with two events so far, with many more to come in the months ahead. In addition to the items listed in this newsletter, a committee has been formed to explore possibilities for a new student event – stay tuned! We are also pleased to announce the creation of an Endowment Fund for the Central East District (see article on page 4), which aims to continue a legacy of musical excellence for future generations of teachers and students.

--Rachel Mauricio Mills, NCTM

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Pianorama

The literature list for Pianorama is now available. Please visit the Pianorama page on the CEOMTA website for more details.

[Pianorama Literature List](#)

Solo & Ensemble Recitals

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, March 12, 2017, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, March 2, 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.com/student-events/recitals-solo-ensemble>. Please contact Dr. Caroline B. Salido-Barta, chair, at 614-751-9665 or thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com, for additional questions.

--Dr. Caroline Salido-Barta
Solo & Ensemble Recitals Chair

Out & About

Please see the website for details: www.ceomta.org/student-events/out-and-about

Summer Study Scholarships

The deadline to submit scholarship applications is February 10, 2017. Please see the website for the rules, regulations, and application requirements. Teachers should contact only the Chairperson/Registrar: Debra Mattera (614) 529-1133, ANote234@aol.com.

--Debb Mattera
Summer Study Scholarships Chair

OMTA/Graves Competition

The OhioMTA / Graves Piano Competition will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 4th and 5th at Graves Piano and Organ Company. Close to 100 students will be competing in various solo and ensemble categories for prizes totaling \$4,500.00. This competition attracts some of the finest young performers in our state. Volunteers are needed to help with the event throughout both days assisting as timekeepers, checking students in at the registration desk, and monitoring the recital hall. If you can be of assistance for a few hours either or both days, please contact Dr. Kenneth Williams (Williams.1679@osu.edu). Competition winners will perform in a Winners' Recital on Sunday March 19 at 3:00 at Graves.

--Dr. Kenneth Williams
OMTA/Graves Competition Chair

TEACHER ACTIVITIES & NEWS

Conference & Annual Membership Meeting

Mark your calendar now and plan to join your CEOMTA colleagues for the Spring Conference and Annual Membership Meeting.

The event will be held on Friday, April 7, 2017 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 450 N. Liberty St., Powell, OH, 43065. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. Lee Ann Forgrave, Membership Chair, will coordinate a complimentary lunch for all attendees.

Our guest speaker for the Conference will be Jennifer Hambrick, Midday Radio Host of 101, WOSU Public Media.

Ms. Hambrick is a popular speaker in Central Ohio and hosts pre-concert interviews with guest performers for Chamber Music Columbus. Her topic is Claim the Stage: Music Teaching, the Emotions, and Helping Students Manage Performance Anxiety.

Ms. Hambrick's talk should be helpful for all teachers and performers and includes some of her personal experiences and research in the area.

Please join us for this opportunity to participate in the business of our organization and to share lunch with colleagues.

R.S.V.P by March 24, 2017 to Membership Chairperson
Lee Ann Forgrave NCTM. laforgrave@yahoo.com or text: 614-371-3872.
Your response is important in planning for our lunch.

Conference Chairpersons:
Carol Rein, NCTM carolrein89@yahoo.com
Sharon Walton, NCTM skrwalton@gmail.com

IMTF

The Independent Music Teachers Forum will be held on Friday, February 3 at Mozart's Cafe (4784 North High Street, Columbus). We will meet from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. to discuss material from the book "Right Before Your Eyes: A Fresh Approach to Interpreting a Piano Score". Thoughts and ideas from the book apply to other instruments and voice as well. You do not have to read the book to attend. Please let Susan Treer know if you will be coming for planning purposes (614-316-1019 or caribou06@sbcglobal.net).

--Susan Treer
IMTF Chair

Workshops

February 16 - A Candid Conversation with Dr. Robert Weirich

Robert Weirich has performed in such musical centers as Alice Tully Hall, Weill Recital Hall, the Kennedy Center, Chicago's Orchestra Hall, and at such summer festivals as Tanglewood, Ravinia and Marlboro. His performances across the U.S. of Bach's Goldberg Variations during the 2010-11 season garnered raves from critics and audiences. During the 2009-2010 season he performed and taught in China and Argentina, and in the fall of 2013 was invited to teach for ten days at Beijing's Central Conservatory. The New York Times called his 2008 Albany Records release, Piano Music of Aaron Copland, "brilliant, probing and austere beautiful."

He was the Artistic Director of the Skaneateles Festival in upstate New York from 1990-1999; other administrative activity includes a term as President of the College Music Society, and chairing piano departments wherever he has taught. His columns for Clavier Magazine, and its successor, Clavier Companion, have been twice honored with the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Educational Press Association. As a sometimes composer, his works have been performed at festivals nationwide.

He currently holds the Jack Strandberg Missouri Endowed Chair in Piano at the UMKC Conservatory. UMKC awarded him a Trustees' Faculty Fellowship and the N.T. Veatch Prize for distinguished research and creative activity in 2002; he received the first Muriel McBrien Kaufmann Artistry/Scholarship Award in 2003, and an Excellence in Teaching Award from the UMKC Faculty Senate in 2006. Earlier prizes include a National Endowment for the Arts Solo Recitalist Fellowship, and the Pope Foundation Award for career development.

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

Location: Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall
Free admission for OhioMTA members and non-members.

--Dr. Gulimina Mahamuti, NTCM
Piano Workshops Chair

NEW - The Endowment Fund

Please see the website for details on this exciting new development for our district.

<http://www.ceomta.org/new-endowment-fund>

--Bruce Piper, NCTM
Treasurer

Certification

Nominations are now being accepted for our District Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year. Please read about the process on page 7 of the Activities Guide handbook, where you can see a list of all the previous winners, or at this link:

<http://www.ceomta.org/teacher-events/certified-teacher-of-the-year>

Any nationally certified teacher is eligible to be nominated. Please think about your colleagues who have set high standards and who are role models to you and others. Take the time to nominate someone deserving of this award. Please note that our district winner goes on to be considered for state teacher of the year. Thank you for your consideration.

--Janice Cook, NTCM
CEOMTA Certification Chair

Grants for Professional Development

Grant applications are due on April 15, 2017. Please visit the website for application and eligibility guidelines.

<http://www.ceomta.org/grants-for-professional-development>

--Annette Suhovecky
Grants 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. Please see the website for details.

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

MTNA National Conference

The National Conference will take place in Baltimore, Maryland, March 18-22, 2017.

See members.mtna.org/conference2017/index.html for more details.

Upcoming Recital – Dr. Fan Zhang

Dr. Fan Zhang, Capital University Collegiate Chapter advisor, will give a recital on February 12. Please see the website for further details.

<http://www.ceomta.org/upcoming-events-at-capital-university>

Membership

Welcome to these new and reinstating members!

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Plan on coming April 7, 2017 to our Spring Conference and Annual Membership meeting. A luncheon for all members and potential members will follow the meeting. Please **RSVP** to laforgrave@yahoo.com or text [614-371-3982](tel:6143713982) by March 24, 2017. We want to make sure there is enough food for everyone who attends!

--Lee Ann Forgrave
Membership Chair