

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter
March 7, 2017

President's Message

Among our many spring events, I hope to see you all at the **Spring Conference and ALL Member Luncheon** on Friday, April 7. The **Annual Business Meeting** will take place before the conference, where we will approve our proposed 2017-2018 Budget (<http://www.ceomta.org/2017-18-proposed-budget-letter-from-our-treasurer>) and honor the Certified Teacher of the Year. The Business Meeting is also a forum where members may bring forward items for consideration. Please notify me in writing by March 24, 2017, of any items you wish to address.

--Rachel Mauricio Mills, NCTM
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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Two Solo and Ensemble Recitals & Honors Recital Coming Up Soon

The first 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 second Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals & the Honors Recital are scheduled for Sunday, April 23, 2017, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees (fees only for the Student Solo & Ensemble Recitals) in by Thursday, April 13, 2015 (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. The Honors Recital features the winners of the OhioMTA scholarships and Buckeye Auditions competition winners. The winners are invited to perform at this special recital. And it is a wonderful opportunity to hear them all perform in this setting.

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.

Out & About

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

OMTA/Graves Competition

Results of the 2017 OMTA/Graves Competition: <http://gravespianos.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Graves-Competition-Winners-List-2017.pdf>

TEACHER ACTIVITIES & NEWS

Join your colleagues for the CEOMTA Spring Conference and Annual Membership Meeting

When: Friday, April 7, 2017 beginning at 9:30. Registration begins at 9:15.

Where: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 450 N. Liberty St., Powell, OH, 43065.

Keynote Speaker:

Jennifer Hambrick

Midday Radio Host of 101, WOSU Public Media.

Claim the Stage: Music Teaching, the Emotions, and Helping Students Manage Performance Anxiety.

Jennifer Hambrick unites her extensive backgrounds in the arts and media, and her deep roots in Columbus to bring inspiring music to central Ohio. Jennifer performed with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Civic Orchestra of Chicago before earning a Ph.D. in musicology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the recipient of both the Eastman School's prestigious Performer's Certificate and a Fulbright grant for advanced study in London, England. As a writer and radio producer, Jennifer has interviewed some of the world's most fascinating people, including Nobel Peace Prize-winning authors, Wolfe Prize-winning mathematicians and many of the world's foremost classical musicians. Her feature writing has appeared in numerous publications across the country, and has garnered national awards. Teachers and performers alike will benefit from her experience and recent research on performance anxiety.

A complimentary lunch for all members and prospective members will follow, hosted by Lee Ann Forgrave, Membership Chair.

R.S.V.P by March 24, 2017 to Membership Chairperson

laforgrave@yahoo.com or text: 614-371-3872.

Your response is important in planning for our lunch.

Conference Chairpersons:

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NEW Student Event! Your response is needed!

At the beginning of the year, an ad hoc committee was formed to determine if our District should create a new event to take the place of District Festival, which is no longer being offered. In order to determine exactly what our members want for their students, the committee prepared a survey.

So far we have received 35 responses and we want to thank those who took the time to fill it out.

But we would like to have even more, as we have 164 paid members and 147 subscribers to our

website. PLEASE take less than five minutes of your time to respond. How the committee proceeds will depend entirely on the results of this survey. It is very important that you let your voice be heard!

The deadline to respond is March 20. Click this link below to get to the survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/6PaGlae6ATeTo7R53>

Thank you again!

New Event Committee Members

Lizbeth Atkinson, Chair

Cynthia Adams

Rebecca Blumensheid

Beth Kloes

Rachel Mills

Melanie Smith

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

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

members.mtna.org/conference2017/index.html

Membership

Welcome to these new members!

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All members should be listed on the online directory, which contains everyone who has paid their membership dues this year. If you are looking for someone who is not in the printed directory, check the online directory.

Please plan on coming to our Spring conference and luncheon for all members which will be held on Friday, April 7 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 450 N. Liberty St. Powell, OH 43065 at 9:30am. Registration begins at 9:15am.

This is for all members and prospective members. If you know of any music teacher who is not a member of OhioMTA, who might be interested in joining, let me know and I'll send them an invitation. If you are a retiring teacher, this year, we'd like to honor you! Please let me know when you RSVP if you are retiring.

The luncheon is free, but we do need an **RSVP by March 24!** You may email me at laforgrave@yahoo.com or text [614-371-3872](tel:614-371-3872)

See you there!
--Lee Ann Forgrave
Membership Chair

In Memoriam – Robert Vandall

Ohio composer Robert Vandall has left a legacy of beautiful music to OMTA and MTNA, teachers around the world, and students of all ages.

Robert Vandall's Obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timesreporter/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=184101735>

Janice Cook, NCTM, shares a portion of her testimonial to Robert Vandall:

Many of us have taught Vandall compositions for over 30 years, so the loss feels personal. He wrote such wonderful music for elementary through early advanced levels, both solo and duet. I think one of the reasons his pieces were so well-crafted was because he was such an experienced teacher. Bob was actively involved in OMTA and MTNA and conducted at All-Ohio Piano Ensemble. He was affable and warm. I remember when a student of mine played one of his pieces at our District Festival and he just happened to be one of the judges and HE was the one who wrote her comments. He wrote that he was not sure he could have played it better than she did. What a wonderful thing to say! She was on cloud nine for a year.

Everywhere we saw Bob, Karen was there by his side. She worked the booths at MTNA Conferences, was his duet partner at early morning showcases, and the two of them taught over a hundred students in New Philadelphia for many years.

If you would like to send her a card, the address is below.

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