

# OhioMTA Central East District

*Affiliated with Music Teachers National Association and Ohio Music Teachers Association*

Newsletter  
January 31, 2018

## **President's Message**

Greetings, colleagues! We have some wonderful teacher and student events coming up in 2018, including our newest student event – Summer Jam Camp! Check out full details of all events at [www.CEOMTA.org](http://www.CEOMTA.org).

--Rachel Mauricio Mills, NCTM

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

### **Solo & Ensemble Recitals**

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, March 11, 2018, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, March 1, 2018 (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 614-440-3555 or [thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com](mailto:thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com), for additional questions.

## **TEACHER ACTIVITIES & NEWS**

### **IMTF**

The Winter Independent Music Teachers Workshop will be held on Friday, February 2 at Mozart's Cafe (4784 North High Street, Columbus) from 9:30-11 a.m. The discussion topic is the use of music downloads in teaching. Come and share your favorite download websites, and find out what other teachers are using to enhance their teaching.

In the event of inclement weather that morning, contact Susan Treer at (614) 316-1019 to see if we will meet.

--Susan Treer  
IMTF Chair

## **Conference & Annual Membership Meeting**

### **Spring Conference, Luncheon and Annual Membership Meeting**

Friday, April 13, 2018

Registration: 9:15 a.m.

Membership meeting: 9:30 a.m.

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

Guest Speaker

**Dr. Andrea McAlister, NCTM**

Associate Professor of Piano Pedagogy at Oberlin College and  
Past President of Ohio Music Teachers Association

#### **“Better Than Good”**

Each and every time we are present with our students, we have the opportunity to create a positive learning environment. Language can open the doors of communication between teachers and students but can also close a lot of doors if we don't choose those words wisely. In this presentation, Dr. McAlister will discuss the brain's negative bias and ways in which we can encourage retention of the positive to create more productivity in the lesson and during home practice. Practical ideas for teaching with a language that fosters student self-empowerment will be presented.

Please join us for a chance to meet new members and renew OMTA friendships. The Spring Conference will also include the CEOMTA annual All-Member Meeting. This is an opportunity for members to bring issues before the assembly. If you wish to present something at this time, please contact president Rachel Mills by March 30 so that she can include your issue in the agenda if appropriate.

A luncheon for all members and potential members will follow the meeting and speaker. Please RSVP by March 30, 2018 to Lee Ann Forgrave, Membership Chairman: laforgrave@yahoo.com or text 614-371-3872.

**YOUR RSVP IS IMPORTANT! WE WANT TO PLAN OUR MENU TO INCLUDE ALL!**

Conference Chairpersons:

Carol Rein, NCTM reinpianostudio@gmail.com

Sharon Walton, NCTM skrwalton@gmail.com

## **Workshops**

Dr. Peter Mack:

*Marvelous Moderns and their Needlessly Neglected Mid-Level Masterpieces*

Date: Friday, February 23, 2018

Time: 10 am – 12 noon (presentation) & 4-7 pm (Columbus OhioMTA  
master class)

Location: Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall

## **Certification**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year from our district. Please take a moment to read about this award and consider nominating a deserving colleague. The list of past winners and more information can be found in the handbook or on our website at:

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

Also, any teacher wishing to learn about or apply for MTNA's national certification program is encouraged to contact the local certification chairman for assistance.

Janice Cook, CE OMTA Certification Chairperson  
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## **MTNA National Conference**

