

# OhioMTA Central East District

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## **President's Message**

Our district has been busy these last few weeks! In September, we held District Conference with Dr. Raymond Wise from Indiana University as our guest speaker. Dr. Wise discussed the many opportunities available to musicians today for performance, collaborative work, and to make a living as musicians. As an added bonus to the conference, representatives from our local colleges and university music departments were available to answer questions about their programs and audition processes.

Later in September, Out & About held a recital at St. Ann's hospital. Look for more Out & About dates coming up. It's a great way for students to perform service for our community.

On October 5th, we held Independent Music Teachers Forum at La Chatelaine in Worthington. Topics discussed were scheduling and policies.

The very next day, October 6, was Scale Olympics! Many, many ribbons and rosettes were earned by hard-working students at this huge event.

A big thank you to all the dedicated chairmen of these events: Ashley Wise, Theresa Murphy, Miriam Brown, Olena Mladenova, Katherine Bede, and Laura Wynia!

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## **Facebook pages**

Did you know that our District has two Facebook pages? "**Central East District of OhioMTA**" is a public Facebook page. "**Central East District - Ohio Music Teachers Association**" is a closed group page for our members. Check them out!

## **CEOhioMTA/Graves**

CEOhioMTA/Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Contest Announces **Online Registrations for 2019**

This season, all registrations for the CEOhioMTA/Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Contest will be submitted online. No paper forms will be accepted. To enter, go to

<http://www.ceomta.org/student-events/ohiomtagraves-piano-solo-ensemble-contest> and scroll down to the link for Online Registration Form. Be sure to read everything on the form carefully for payment and signature instructions. Payment and parent, student, and teacher signatures will be sent via US Mail and postmarked by January 11, 2019.

Teachers are invited to “tryout” the registration form by submitting a “Test Registration” with made-up/fake information prior to December 1. Simply click on the link and fill out the form. Use “testing” as the first name of the student and fill out any other information that you wish. Submit the form and you should receive an automated a response. Teachers are advised to try this out ahead of time, especially if they are not familiar with online entry forms.

Questions should be directed to Laura Benson, [flowben@hotmail.com](mailto:flowben@hotmail.com).

~Laura Benson, NCTM  
Chairman, CEOhioMTA/Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Contest

## **Grants for Professional Development**

From the chairman, Annette Suhovecky, NCTM

Congratulations to our 2018 grant recipient, **Melissa Robol**, for receiving grant money to help defer costs toward professional development.

Grants are awarded to teachers, both members and non-members, to aid in improving the applicant’s teaching skills by attending a music seminar or workshop, studying with a master teacher or any other activity relevant to the improvement of teaching. Applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Please see Central East OhioMTA Membership Directory or [www.ceomta.org](http://www.ceomta.org) for more information.

## **Certification**

Our colleague and friend **Janice Cahill** has recently been awarded national certification by Music Teachers National Association. We offer her hearty congratulations on this professional accomplishment! Here is information about her and the certification program:

Janice Cahill has been teaching piano for twenty years from her studio in her home on the far west side of Columbus. Though music was not her major area of focus, Janice studied piano with Nancy Brown at Southwest Baptist University in Missouri, while at the same time pursuing majors in Psychology and Religious Studies. For the last seven years she has studied piano privately, focusing on pedagogy and performance. It was this private study that gave Janice the confidence to pursue her national certification in piano.

Janice is a member of CEOMTA and has just begun her second term as recording secretary. She also enjoys working with area middle and high schools to serve as an accompanist for

students during their OMEA solo performances each spring, and she accompanies regularly at her church.

Of the national certification process, she says, "It has impacted my teaching in many ways, but I must say the analysis of the four pieces of music had the most impact. Now as I am choosing music for my students, I am thinking through how I would teach different aspects of the piece, much like I did for the certification project. I now look at music with a more discerning eye toward how to teach it. The certification process required much effort and time, but was well worth it! I highly recommend it!"

Anyone teacher interested in the MTNA national certification program can start by looking at the information on our website, [ceomta.org](http://ceomta.org), and the national website, [certification.mtna.org](http://certification.mtna.org). Our District's Certification Chairman is Janice Cook, NCTM. She would be happy to help you understand how to accomplish the five projects required for certification. She can be reached at: [jbakercook@gmail.com](mailto:jbakercook@gmail.com)



*Janice Cahill, NCTM*

## **Save the Dates**

Oct. 18-20 OhioMTA state conference in Cleveland

Oct. 21 1:30pm, Out & About at Riverside Hospital

Oct. 26 10am-noon, Piano Workshop with Dt. Arthur Greene at Graves Piano & Organ

Nov. 4 Student Solo & Ensemble Recitals at Graves Piano & Organ

Nov. 11 3pm, Out & About Scioto Sunrise Senior Center

Dec. 2 1:30pm, Out & About St. Ann's Hospital

Dec. 9 1:30pm, Out & About Worthington Shopping Mall