

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter
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President's Message

Greetings, colleagues! Thank you to all our officers and event chairs for their work this year. Special thanks to Laura Benson, NCTM, who will be moving out of state this summer. In addition to serving on the OhioMTA state board, she has served our district for many years as a volunteer, event chair, VP, President, and twice nominated as Independent Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year. She will be sorely missed in Columbus! We wish her and her family all the best as they begin a new chapter together.

In order to be included in the printed copy of our 2019-2020 Activities Guide and Membership Directory, make sure you renew your membership by June 30th.

Please don't forget that we have one more event this summer - Summer Jam Camp! Details are available online.

--Rachel Mauricio Mills, NCTM
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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Buckeye 2019

Congratulations to the winners of the district Buckeye Competition, held on May 4, 2019!

Violin

Elementary violin winner - Oliver Martin
Junior violin winner - Cecilia Martin
Teacher - Tatianna Hanna (BOTH)

Flute

Elementary flute winner - Taiwan Wang
Junior flute winner - Stella Bixler
Teacher - Beth Owen (BOTH)

Piano

Elementary Piano Winner - Levi Li
Alternate - Judy Wu
Teacher - Nina Polonsky (BOTH)

Junior Piano

Winner - Cory Wu
Teacher- Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff
Alternate - Alex van Bibber
Teacher - Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention - Katia Jacoby
Teacher - Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff

Senior Piano

Stanley Cao- winner Teacher- Nina Polonsky
Joseph Perez Alternate Teacher- Laura
Flowers Benson

--Kathleen Sadoff, Buckeye Chair

Pianorama

Pianorama is an exciting multi-piano ensemble event provided by the Central Ohio Music Teachers every other year. Students learn duet literature with a partner, gain audition and rehearsal experience, and perform in a large ensemble concert. Elementary through advanced students perform duets in groups divided by their proficiency levels and are conducted by a CEOMTA teacher. This year, Pianorama performances will be held at Westerville North High School on Saturday, October 19th.

Auditions will take place on September 21st, 2019 at Graves Piano and Organ, Co. Auditions will be groups of up to 10 students (5 pianos) for approximately 20 minutes with the conductor leading the performance of each piece. Both members of the duet team must pass the audition in order to play in Pianorama. Auditions simply ensure that each student will be successful performing in an ensemble setting – we seek preparedness, not perfection. Students will be assessed on the criteria noted in the 2019 Rules and Regulations which can be found on the Pianorama webpage.

Rehearsals are Saturday, October 5th and 12th at Graves Piano and Organ, with a dress rehearsal at Westerville North High School on the performance day, October 19th. Attendance at both Rehearsals and the Dress Rehearsal is mandatory. Students should not audition if they know they cannot attend all of the rehearsals. Check the Pianorama webpage for the rehearsal schedule.

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, or Stanton's to determine appropriate levels for your students. Each duet ensemble will learn three to four pieces. If you need help finding a partner for your student, Pianorama has a new Partner Request Form available.

Check the district website at <http://www.ceomta.org/student-events/pianorama> for the music list, rehearsal times, partner requests, conductor notes, and registration forms.

Please consider enrolling your student in this wonderful event or join us in performing in the Advanced Ensemble! Registration will be open July 15th to September 1st.

--Andrea Keil & Amy Girvin, Pianorama co-chairs

Summer Scholarships Winners

FIRST	LAST	AGE	GRADE	INSTRUMENT	LEVEL	Teacher
Meadow	Tian	11	5	Violin	Elementary	Anna Svirsky
Samuel	Deng	15	10	Violin	Senior	Anna Svirsky
Claire	Li	16	11	Violin	Senior	Anna Svirsky
Teddy	Must	12	6	Piano	JAM CAMP	Jessica Heitmeyer
Emmett	Dodge	9		Piano	Elementary	Jessica Heitmeyer
Karina	Chou	11		Piano	Elementary	Jessica Heitmeyer
Amelia	Orth	15	9	Piano	Senior	Carol Rein
Katia	Jacoby	13	7	Piano	Junior	Kathleen Sadoff
Keliang	Yao	12	6	Piano	Junior	Kathleen Sadoff
Kimberly	Shi	16	11	Piano	Senior	Kathleen Sadoff
Lizzy	Zhou	14	8	Piano	Junior	Susan Frost
Phoebe	Chu	14	9	Violin	Junior	Tatiana Hanna

--Debra Mattera & Sally Sansbury, Scholarship Co-chairs

Solo & Ensemble

The final of three Solo & Ensemble Recitals, the Honors Recital, was held on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., at Graves Piano & Organ Co. This recital presented the 2019 winners from three of our most prestigious events: Summer Study Scholarship Competitions, Buckeye Auditions and OhioMTA/Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Competition. It was an amazing afternoon of great performances by these young artists! Congratulations!

The following artists were featured:

Karina Chou, piano (Piano Technicians Guild Scholarship Award)
Teacher: Jessica Heitmeyer

Katia Jacoby, piano (Mary Craig Powell Memorial Scholarship Award & 2nd place OhioMTA/Graves Junior Piano Solo Winner)
Teacher: Kathleen Sadoff

Levi Li, piano (Buckeye Auditions Elementary Piano Winner)
Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Cory Wu, piano (Buckeye Auditions Junior Piano Winner & 1st place OhioMTA/Graves Junior Piano Solo Winner)
Teacher: Kathleen Sadoff

Sophia Wu, piano (3rd place OhioMTA/Graves Elementary Piano Solo Winner)
Teacher: Kathleen Sadoff

Keliang Yao, piano (CEOhioMTA Scholarship Award & Anonymous Donor Scholarship Award)
Teacher: Kathleen Sadoff

Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals coming up soon

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, November 3, 2019, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, October 24, 2019 (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, for additional questions.

TEACHER ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

District Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year

Each spring the various districts of OMTA are invited to select a nationally certified member who exemplifies outstanding teaching and service to our organization and our profession. The selection of a Nationally Certified Music Teacher of the Year also helps us shine a spotlight on National Certification for the public at large. This person also goes on to represent our district for the selection of a State Certified Teacher of the Year.

This year, five letters of nomination were submitted. Thank you to the members who took the time to nominate a colleague. A committee of past winners read the nominations and unanimously selected the Teacher of the Year.



Congratulations to Rachel Mills, 2019 Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year!

Our 2019 Central East District Nationally Certified Music Teacher of the Year got an early start by participating in our OMTA Festival while in high school, winning a summer scholarship to go to the Bowling Green summer music camp, and winning an OMTA Scholarship for a graduating senior. She studied piano pedagogy in high school and taught a handful of students during her junior and senior years. She was a Student Member of MTNA while in college at Capital University. During her graduate studies at Bowling Green State University, she taught Class Piano as a Graduate Assistant. She served as Vice President and then President of the BG student chapter of MTNA and she facilitated the organization of adjudicated festivals, fundraisers, and trips to the MTNA National Conference in Denver and Atlanta.

Rachel Mauricio Mills holds a BM in Keyboard Pedagogy from Capital University, an MM in Piano Performance & Pedagogy from Bowling Green State University, and has been a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music through MTNA since 2014. Since 2010, Rachel has been a Pianorama conductor three times, and has served on the Executive Board of the Central East District of OhioMTA as Secretary, Scale Olympics Chair, Publicity Chair, Finance Committee Member, VP of Student Activities, VP of Member Services, and is currently in her second term as District President.

She is a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers and an adjudicator for the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs. An active member of Women in Music Columbus, Rachel enjoys performing collaboratively and also works as a freelance pianist for events and church services. Rachel maintains a private studio of pre-college and adult students in Worthington, where she lives with her husband and two young daughters.

From nomination letters: "Rachel is dedicated to enriching the lives of students through piano and she has been a hands-on leader in OhioMTA." "She leads with grace and sensitivity, often handling the pressures of the job with a bright and beautiful smile." "It is especially gratifying to see a young woman step into her teaching career and immediately turn her attention to participating in, and serving, OMTA. Her previous experiences had made an impression on her, and she had studied with many active OMTA members. Rachel's youthful enthusiasm and dedication to her profession has inspired others her age to volunteer their time and energy to OMTA. She has done a magnificent job of balancing teaching, service to OMTA, and her family life."

--Janice Cook, NCTM, National Certification Chair

Grants for Professional Development - 2019 Recipient

Congratulations to Rachel Mauricio Mills 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 15th of each year. Please see Central East OhioMTA Membership Directory or www.ceomta.org for more information.

--Annette Suhovecky, NCTM, Grants Chair

Save the date!

OhioMTA State Conference

October 24-26, 2019

Sylvania, Ohio

<https://ohiomta.org/fall-2019>

MTNA National Conference

March 21-25, 2020

Chicago, Illinois

<https://www.mtna.org/MTNA/Engage/Conferences/Conferences.aspx>