

OhioMTA Central East District

Affiliated with Music Teachers National Association and Ohio Music Teachers Association

Newsletter
January 30, 2020

President's Message

Greetings, colleagues! I am thrilled to begin this new year – and new decade – with some wonderful news for our district. **The Central East District of OMTA has been chosen as MTNA's Local Association of the Year for 2020!** In this newsletter you will find details about our award as well as information about several upcoming events and activities. Thank you to our volunteers for continuing to make our district a fantastic place to be a music teacher!

--Rachel Mauricio Mills, NCTM, President

TEACHER ACTIVITIES & NEWS

LOCAL ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR 2020

Each year, MTNA State Presidents are invited to nominate a local association from their state for “the most significant contribution to the music teaching profession through participation in MTNA national programs and additional programs established within their state and local area.” Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, OMTA State President, nominated our district for the 2018-2019 year, based on our district events for students and teachers: Out & About, Pianorama, Summer Jam Camp, strong support for MTNA's National Certification Program, Grants for Professional Development, District Conferences, and Piano workshops and masterclasses. In December of 2019, Dr. Gary Ingle, CEO of MTNA, informed us that we had been chosen MTNA's Local Association of the Year 2020.

President Rachel Mills will be receiving this award on behalf of the district at the MTNA National Conference in Chicago, Illinois this March. If any local members will be attending the conference, you are invited to share in this momentous occasion for our district. The award will be presented at the MTNA Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, at 1:00-2:00pm in the Chicago Ballroom AB.

Our district has a long history of dedication to creating and supporting quality programming for students and teachers. Its teachers have built a community that is well-deserving of this national recognition, not only for the 2018-2019 year, but also for the many decades spent in service of its music students, the music teaching profession, and the Central Ohio community.

Congratulations, Central East District!

Conference Attendance Funds Available

Congratulations to our District for being named District of the Year and being presented this award at the National Conference in Chicago.

How wonderful it would be if many of members could attend and learn from the National Conference as well as represent our district. We have some money available in the Beverly A. Rawles fund for Music Education. Applicants can apply for up to \$200 in conference grants. If this is the nudge you need to attend, application details can be found on our website.

--Bruce Piper, NCTM, Treasurer

Piano Workshop

Please join us on the last piano workshop of the year!

Dr. Cole Burger from Bowling Green State University is going to talk about creative and comprehensive approach to sight-reading.

It is scheduled on Friday 2/21 from 10-12pm at Graves Piano & Organ. Hope you see you there!

<http://www.ceomta.org/piano-workshop-with-dr-cole-burger>

--Dr. Fan Zhang, Piano Workshops Chair

IMTF

The next Independent Music Teachers Forum will take place on March 6, 2020, from 10:00-11:30am at Mozart's Café (4784 N. High St. 43214). The topic will be group lessons: formats, benefits, concerns, and if group classes have worked for you.

Grants for Professional Development

Grants applications are due by April 15, 2020. Please visit the website for application and eligibility guidelines.

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

--Annette Suhovecky, NCTM, Grants Chair

Certification

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 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. You can get started by visiting <https://certification.mtna.org> This is a nationwide program meant to improve the quality of music teaching and set high standards for our professional organization. Continue to craft your skills as a teacher by pursuing national certification. Everyone who has become certified has said that the Five Projects raised their teaching to a new level.

--Janice Cook, NCTM, Certification Chair

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MTNA National Conference

March 21-25, 2020

Chicago, Illinois

Click [HERE](#) for further details

OhioMTA State Conference

June 25-27, 2020

Ohio University

Athens, Ohio

In memoriam

Our district grieves with the families of a member who has passed:

[Dora Levenstein](#)

A donation has been made to the Summer Scholarship Fund in her honor.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Solo & Ensemble Recitals

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2020, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, March 13, 2020 (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.

Out & About

Upcoming dates:

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| February 16, 2020 | St. Ann's Hospital | 1:30 pm |
| March 8, 2020 | Brookdale Pinnacle | 3:00 pm |

Summer Study Scholarships

Application deadline: March 6, 2020

<http://www.ceomta.org/student-events/scholarships-summer-music-study>