

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter
June 15, 2021

President's Message

The Covid pandemic has made a lasting impact on all of us and how we teach, but the incredible teachers of CEOMTA certainly demonstrated their resilience and creativity this year. We were so pleased to recognize the 2020 Scale Olympics Team as the CEOMTA Teachers of the Year at the Spring District Conference in March.

As we look forward to 2021-2022 and being able to cautiously resume some in-person events, we will continue to honor and abide by all COVID social distancing requirements and health guidelines which are in effect at the time. Please check www.ceomta.org for updates or subscribe to our email list to receive the most up-to-date information throughout the year. Happy Summer!

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Pianorama 2021

Plans are underway to hold a live and in-person Pianorama 2021! Pianorama will honor and abide by all COVID social distancing requirements and health guidelines which are in effect at the time. This may include wearing masks, limiting the number of teams that pass auditions in order to maintain social distancing on stage and in rehearsals, and/or having restrictions on the number of audience members allowed to attend.

Important Dates:

Registration: August 21, 2021 to October 1, 2021

Auditions: All Video Auditions due on Friday, October 1, 2021

Rehearsals: October 23 and October 30, in-person at Graves

Dress Rehearsal and Concert – November 6, 2021

The Pianorama Chairmen have finalized the Literature List, which is posted on the CEOMTA website. Conductors are being recruited for each performance level. New for this year, each Duet Team will be asked to provide a video audition to limit in-person interactions. Details and guidelines for making and submitting these videos will be published on the website and included in the registration materials. Pianorama concerts will be held in Dublin, Ohio at the Discover Christian Church. Due to COVID restrictions and social distancing guidelines, the number of duet teams permitted in each performance level may be limited and concert times may be adjusted. For the most up to date information, please visit the CEOMTA website.

Amy Girvin, Andrea Keil, & Katherine Savinell, Pianorama Co-Chairs

Solo & Ensemble

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, October 28, 2021 (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.

If in the case that we are not able to conduct the Student Solo and Ensemble Recital in person, it is possible that the recital will be conducted via Zoom. Please check for updates and detailed information on our website:

<http://www.ceomta.org/student-events/student-solo-ensemble-recitals>.

Contact Dr. Caroline B. Salido-Barta, chair, at 614-440-3555 or thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com, for additional questions.

Caroline Salido-Barta, Solo & Ensemble Chair

OhioMTA/Graves Piano Competition

Congratulations to all participants in the 2021 OhioMTA/Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Contest! Our judges were very impressed with the performances this year. We would like to thank all of the participants for their hard work!

JUDGES: Andrew Le, DMA, Kent State University
Yevgeny Yontov, DMA, Bowling Green University
Henning Vauth, DMA, Marshall University

ELEMENTARY SOLO PRIZES:

1st: Sophia Nguyen-Huynh, Teacher Sean Schulze
2nd: Joanna Tu, Teacher Dr. Benita Tse-Leung
3rd: Yuhan Yan, Teacher Qian Yoyo Liu
4th: Lilya Zhang, Teacher Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention: MacKhang Jason Hoang, Teacher Sergei Polusmiak
Honorable Mention: Yuri Sasaki, Teacher Mariko Kaneda

JUNIOR SOLO PRIZES

1st: Erik Jacoby, Teacher Kathleen Sadoff
2nd: Ian Shang, Teacher Benita Leung
3rd: Avery Wang, Teacher Dr. Benita Tse-Leung
4th: Levi Li, Teacher Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention: Hannah Wang, Teacher Dr. Benita Tse-Leung
Honorable Mention: Judy Wu, Teacher Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention: Rachel Zhu, Teacher Dr. Sally Sansbury

SENIOR SOLO PRIZES

1st: Cory Wu, Teacher Kathleen Sadoff/Nina Polonsky
2nd: Alexander Van Bibber, Teacher Nina Polonsky
3rd: Daniel Colaner, Teacher Dr. Sean Schulze
4th: Jingcheng Zhan, Teacher Tianshu Wang

Honorable Mention: Caleb Owens, Teacher Gerardo Teissonniere
Honorable Mention: Katia Jacoby, Teacher Kathleen Sadoff
Honorable Mention: Jonathan Luo, Dr. Benita Tse-Leung

YOUNG ARTIST SOLO PRIZES

1st: Wenyu Deng, Teacher Tianshu Wang
2nd: Lin Ye, Teacher Steven Glaser
Honorable Mention: Karen Ji, Teacher Sean Schulze
Honorable Mention: Yeufeng Liu, Teacher Laura Melton

JUNIOR DUET PRIZES

1st: Brenna Li/Grace Hu, Teacher Tatiana Kats
2nd: Catherine Harman/Emma Yu, Teacher Tatiana Kats

SENIOR DUET PRIZES

1st: Katia Jacoby/Cory Wu, Teacher Kathleen Sadoff
2nd: Madeline Wolfe/Nicholas Wolfe, Teacher Dr. Jackson Leung /Dr. Benita Tse-Leung

YOUNG ARTIST DUET PRIZES

1st: Wenyu Deng/Elias Blake, Teacher Dr. Tianshu Wang
2nd: Sam Muccio/Maddie Myers, Teacher Tianshu Wang

Qian Yoyo Liu, Kathleen Sadoff, & Holly Kessiss, Graves Competition Co-Chairs

Summer Scholarships Winners

Cory Wu, student of Nina Polonsky

Rachel Zhu, student of Sally Sansbury Judy Wu, student of Nina Polonsky

Katia Jacoby, student of Kathleen Sadoff

Erik Jacoby, student of Kathleen Sadoff

Amelie Davenport, student of Janice Cook

Lilia Baldwin, student of Janice Cook

Evie Hu, student of Kathleen Sadoff

Audrey Yao, student of Janice Cook

Edison Lin, student of Sarah Qian Wang

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

Buckeye Competition

Congratulations to the winners of our recent District Buckeye Auditions. It was held virtually this year due to the pandemic. The deadline was May 7 and the results were published on May 13. The

division winners and representative advanced to the State Finals on June 12, 2021 at Malone University.

JUDGES:

Piano - Sandra Shapiro, Cleveland Institute of Music
Strings - Dr. Kia-Hui Tan, Ohio State University

ELEMENTARY PIANO

Representative: Sofia Grzybicki Teacher: Deborah Bradshaw Tighe

JUNIOR PIANO

Winner: Xiao Alester Teacher: Suzanne Newcomb
Alternate: Yuna Sasaki Teacher: Mariko Kaneda

SENIOR STRINGS

Winner: Chika Hotta Teacher: David Niwa
Alternate: Min-Song Kim Teacher: David Niwa
Honorable Mention: Gabrielle Yuan Teacher: Wendy Morton

Sally Sansbury, VP of Student Competitions

TEACHER ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

Directory Update

Studio websites may be listed in the district membership directory at the request of the teacher. Please e-mail your listing to Directory Chair, Beth Kloes - bakloes@gmail.com no later than June 30th to have it included in the 2021-22 directory.

Beth Kloes, CEOMTA Directory Compilation Chair

Fall Piano Workshop

Joy Morin is a teacher, pianist, speaker, and writer of a blog at ColorInMyPiano.com. A devoted teacher and lifelong learner, she teaches students of all ages at her independent piano studio near Ann Arbor, Michigan. Joy is a frequent attendee and presenter at conferences and workshops and enjoys connecting with fellow piano teachers through her blog and beyond.

Date: Friday, November 5, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Graves Piano and Organ Company

Event: Piano Method Mining: Gems from Past and Present

Joy will highlight interesting books from her large collection of piano method books -- both current and historic -- and point out trends that we can recognize over time. Join in and reminisce about piano method books you remember or used in the past. You'll leave inspired to try out something new or incorporate nearly forgotten gems as supplements into your teaching.

Fees: free for OMTA members; \$10.00 for Non-members; auditors attend free.

Send checks (payable to OMTA) to:
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Save the Date!

OhioMTA State Conference 2021

Collaboration with Kentucky Music Teachers Association
October 17-19, 2021
Greater Cincinnati area

MTNA National Conference 2022

March 26-30, 2022
Minneapolis, Minnesota