

# OhioMTA Central East District

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## From the President

Greetings to my wonderful colleagues of CEOMTA!

I hope you are gearing up for a great Spring! (Seems like we're always thinking so far ahead!)

You have probably heard the news that the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) has gotten involved in MTNA's Code of Ethics, requesting that the clause that members shall "respect the integrity of other teachers' studios and "shall not actively recruit students from another studio" be removed, saying that it discourages competition, which is at the heart of capitalism. The public was invited to comment on the FTC website before it closed on Jan 15.

From an outsider's viewpoint, I can see where the FTC has its point. We are all business owners and in theory, we are all competing for students to purchase our services. However what the FTC's viewpoint misses is that MTNA's ethics clause is not financially driven. Rather it is a guideline for how *colleagues* should treat each other. MTNA membership has always been a way for teachers to join forces to offer opportunities for students, professional development for teachers and a myriad of other tangible and intangible benefits. In essence it is a school "faculty" of teachers who promote the love and benefits of music.

As it is, MTNA, without the resources to oppose the FTC, has already removed the statement, and is waiting to see if further actions are necessary to appease. I am angered that the National office has been forced to spend the last 12 months dealing with the FTC's accusations and I hope that they can soon get back to their original jobs.

And finally, I feel privileged to be working alongside so many wonderful teachers and colleagues in our group. You really shine in this profession and you help to make central Ohio a great place to be a music student.

~Laura Flowers Benson, NCTM  
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## Calendar

**February 7, 2014**

IMTF

**February 22, 2014**

District Festival

**March 1-2, 2014**

OhioMTA/Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Competition

**March 2, 2014**

Lancaster Student Recital

**March 15, 2014**

Out & About, Sound of Mind & Body

**March 20, 2014**

Piano Workshop III

**March 22-26, 2014**

National Conference, MTNA student Competition Finals

**March 23, 2014**

OMTA/Graves Winners' Recital

**April 5, 2014**

Summer Music Scholarships Auditions

**April 14, 2014**

Spring District Conference/Annual Membership Meeting

**April 19, 2014**

Buckeye Auditions - District

**April 27, 2014**

Solo & Ensemble & Honors Recitals

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## Piano Workshop

### WORKSHOP III

Join us on Thursday, March 20

10:00 am - 12:00 pm at

Graves Piano & Organ Company featuring

**Guan Changxin, Piano**

Professor from China

Conservatory of Music in

Beijing

in

*Care About the Grade of Your  
Performance?*

*Then Grade Your Own Practice*

Admission is free. Click [HERE](#) for details.

~Gulimina Mahamuti, NCTM

## IMTF

### IMTF TO FOCUS ON TEACHING STUDENTS WITH AUTISM

The February 7, 2014 , 10 a.m. the IMTF will meet at Lynn Singleton's Studio , 3327 N. High St., Columbus, 43202. (See directory for more information.) Most of us have taught or will teach students on the Autism spectrum and this IMTF forum will provide a great opportunity to share ideas and to learn more about teaching piano to these students.

As an opening to our discussion we will hear a presentation by **Amber Bruns**, senior Piano Pedagogy student at Capital University. The topic of her Honors Research paper has been " Teaching Techniques for Special Students: ADHD and Autism in the Studio." After graduation, Amber is hoping to continue her education in a Music Therapy program. Amber has grown up in Columbus and, as former student of **Sharon Walton**, she has participated in many OMTA activities. Come and support one of our newest OMTA members.

Please RSVP to **Sharon Walton, NCTM** at [skrwalton@gmail.com](mailto:skrwalton@gmail.com) or 614-451-4820. In case of bad weather, call Sharon before 8:45 to check the status of the event. Parking on High Street is permitted but may be a problem on official snow emergency days.

## New and Renewed Members

Please update your Directory with the following members as of December 2013. Welcome new and renewed members! ~ Susan Treer, Membership Chair

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## Scholarship & Grant Funds Available

In October, the OhioMTA Central East District announced new scholarships for our students and teachers. The funding is made possible through a partnership with the Beverly A Rawles (BAR) Fund for Music Education of the Columbus Foundation. All members are encouraged to read over the guidelines and to apply if they have a student in need.

### **Available to Students: Student Assistant Fund**

Guidelines:

1. Funds are intended for a student or students in difficult financial circumstances.
2. The student, 18 years and under, has studied for at least two years.
3. The student follows assignments and has great interest in learning.
4. There is adequate family involvement, support, and commitment to a good music education.
5. There are extenuating circumstances resulting in stress on the family finances which interfere with the best outcome for the student.
6. The request must come from the teacher and will be paid directly to the teacher. He or she is asked to use it in an organized and systematic way as they see fit to enable the music education of this student to go forward.
7. Once the funds are awarded, the teacher has 60 days to submit a written report to the President, detailing how the money was spent.
8. No application fee for MTNA members. There is a \$25 application fee for non-member teachers.

### **Procedure for Application to the Student Assistance Fund**

1. Contact the Central East District President to see if funds are still available for the year.
2. Teacher may request up to \$300, but it may only be partially awarded.
3. All requests will be reviewed by the Finance Committee which will make the final decision.
4. The teacher should make a written request providing documentation detailing the situation. Include name and age of the student and a description of the history and circumstances. If there are reasons to protect the identity of the family, leave off last names.

### **For Teachers: An additional Professional Development Grant**

A grant of \$200 for 2014 will be managed by the existing Grants for Professional Development program. First consideration of this new grant will be given to a teacher who wishes to take lessons in order to improve their teaching skills. See the Directory or <http://www.ceomta.org/teacher-events/grants-for-professional-development> for information on how to apply.

The Central East District is so grateful to Beverly Rawles and the Columbus Foundation for this exciting new endeavor.

## Buckeye Auditions

The Buckeye Auditions 2014 for Central East District will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014. Please note that it is the Easter weekend. The postmark deadline is Friday, February 28. Check your Directory or click on the links for more information. <http://www.ceomta.org/student-events/buckeye-auditions>  
<http://www.ohiomta.org/buckeye-auditions.html>

## Out and About

Out and About has been cancelled for the remainder of this school year due to ongoing construction at Riverside Hospital.

~Melissa Robol, NCTM

## Volunteer Corner Thank You

Nobody can do everything,  
but everyone can do  
something.  
~Author Unknown

The Central East District of OhioMTA relies on many volunteers to make events run smoothly. Without their assistance, we could not offer the opportunities for students, teachers and the community that make us an outstanding MTA. This column is dedicated to honoring the teachers, students, parents and community members that have assisted our organization in recent months. Please notify us if your name has been

inadvertently omitted. It is our intention to include *every* volunteer.

The following people have generously donated their time and talents to make our events some of the best Ohio has to offer:

Cynthia Adams; Meisha Adderley, NCTM; Orlay Alonso; Chris Altenburg, Piano Tuner; Lizbeth Atkinson, NCTM; SueEllen Beachler; Katherine Bede; Laura Benson, NCTM; Richard Blatti, Director of OSU School of Music; Janice Cook, NCTM; Timothy Donel, OSU Stage Manager; Ken Forsee of Atomic Ken Piano Tuning Service; Amy Girvin; Audrey Gordon; Graves Piano & Organ Company; Henderson Piano; Lauren Jolly, OSU; Holly Kessis, OSU; Tanya Matsuda, NCTM; Debra Mattera; Suzanne McNutt; Richard Miller, Piano Tuner; Rachel Mills; Tami Morris, OSU; Theresa Murphy; Lacey Nagao; Meredith Needham; Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM; The Ohio State University Music

Department; Catherine Pellegrini; Bruce Piper, NCTM; Mary Craig Powell, NCTM; Ruth Powell, NCTM; Megan Rainery, OSU; Carol Rein, NCTM; Brady Reynolds, PrintPro; Melissa Robol, NCTM; Allan Roth; Mark Rubenstein, OSU; Caroline Salido-Barta; Sally Sansbury, NCTM; Bradley Sowash; Kathleen Stephenson Sadoff; Thomas Solich; Shitong Sigler, OSU; Jeanmarie Strawbridge, OSU; Annette Suhovecky; Carol Thompson; Susan Treer; Scott Turner, OSU; Sharon Walton, NCTM; Chien-Hui Wong; Kenneth Williams, NCTM; Mi Zhou, OSU.

Volunteers do not  
necessarily have the  
time; they just have the  
heart.  
~Elizabeth Andrew

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