

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter
October 1, 2015

President's Message

Greetings fellow CEOhioMTA members! Our first newsletter of the season is here to highlight some happenings in our District over the next couple of months.

--Laura Flowers Benson, NCTM

State Conference, November 12-14

You will not want to miss this spectacular three-day state event, right here in the Central East District! This year we welcome top-notch internationally known pianist Antonio Pompa-Baldi for a recital and masterclass. Friday evening we will all visit the Columbus Symphony at the adjacent Ohio Theatre. Dr. Rozalie Levant is the featured clinician with a presentation and masterclass. Other presenters are Cecilia Yudha and Ewelina Boczkowska, Christopher Durrenberger, Ya-Liang Chang, Jeffrey Russell, Leila Viss, Bradley Sowash, and Lynn Singleton. There will be something for everyone from pedagogical sessions, wellness and exercise classes, exhibitors, and even a session of 5-minute lightning talks. During Friday's lunch, the collegiate chapters will share their posters. The lunch is then followed by a presentation of this year's commissioned composition by Austin Jaquith.

For complete information including the schedule of sessions, presenter information, registration (only \$95 for members), and hotel information (only \$119/night), please visit <http://www.ohiomta.org/fall-2015.html>

See you this fall in downtown Columbus!
Dr. Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM, Conference Chair
Contact me if you'd like to help during the conference at:
snewcomb@columbus.rr.com

Conference Assistance Grants Available

Are you hoping to attend the fabulous State Conference for some professional development, camaraderie, and rejuvenation to your teaching? The Beverly A. Rawles Fund for Music Education provides our District with Conference Assistance Grants for national and state conferences. For more information, see <http://www.ceomta.org/mtna-conference-assistance-grants> for application guidelines.

We Need You

Volunteers are needed to fill officer and chairman positions for the 2016-2018 term. It takes many people to keep the District operating and providing excellent opportunities for teachers and students. Please contact Susan Treer, Nominating Committee Chairman, to find out how you can help. caribou06@sbcglobal.net or 614-316-1019

Piano Workshop I

by Dr. Nicholas Ross

Lecture Recital:

Arabesques and Spirals: Golden Proportion in the piano music of Debussy and Bartók

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015

Time: 10 am – 12 noon

Location: Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall

Free Admission

IMTF to Discuss "Playing the Piano Naturally"

Dr. Vicki King was one of the Piano Guild judges last spring and many of us received her book, "Playing the Piano Naturally". We will be discussing this book at the next IMTF meeting which will be held at Mozart's Café on High Street. We will meet **Friday, November 6 at 9:30 a.m.** and coffee and pastries will be available for purchase.

The book is very short, and reading it before the meeting will make the discussion more meaningful for you. You may purchase a copy of Dr. King's book at Graves.

The IMTF will also feature a "Music Swap". If you have music in good condition that you would like to share with other teachers, bring it and place it on our designated table. Anyone can take music that they need or can use. You don't have to donate to "help yourself". Many of us have music that we would like donate. The only rule: if no one takes your music, do not leave it at Mozart's.

Join us for this fun and informative morning. See the directory or website for more information. Please RSVP to IMTF Chairman, Holly Huber hollymyc@gmail.com

Student Solo and Ensemble Recital Coming Up Soon

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, November 1, 2015, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, October 22, 2015 (postmarked). The recitals are open to students of all members who have studied for at least one year. They are a great performance opportunity in a non-competitive setting 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.com/student-events/recitals-solo-ensemble>. Please contact Dr. Caroline B. Salido-Barta, chair, at 614-751-9665 or thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com, for additional questions.

Pianorama

We are thrilled to announce that 32 teachers entered 98 teams (198 students) in the Pianorama 2015 auditions, being held on October 3. Teachers were emailed the audition times, along with a Teacher Update and a Parent Information Letter. If you haven't received this information, please let Theresa Murphy know right away: tmurphypiano@gmail.com

Judges and Volunteers are finalized for audition day, and that information has also been emailed. The volunteer schedules for October 10, 17 and 24 are still being finalized. If you are a participating teacher, you will be receiving this very soon.

Thanks to all of you for donating your time. We can't do it without you!

Cynthia Adams & Theresa Murphy
Pianorama Co-Chairs

District Festival

The District Festival is a great way for students to be introduced to performing in front of judges, and it is also a great chance for more experienced students to prepare for the competition season. This is a non-competitive event for piano, strings, woodwinds, and voice. The recitals are free and open to the public. It will be held on **Saturday, February 27** at Capital University. Applications must be postmarked by **Thursday, January 28**.

More information can be found on <http://www.ceomta.org/student-events/district-festival>

Recipients of Grants for Professional Development

Congratulations to Lynn Singleton, Jacqueline Stevanus and Bernice Tamkin 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 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, 2016. Please see the Central East OhioMTA Membership Directory or www.ceomta.org for more information.

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