

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter
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President's Message

Greetings colleagues!

I hope you are enjoying this burst of Spring-like weather we are having.

Take a few minutes to scan the upcoming events this winter. All of the information is also available on our website: <http://www.ceomta.org>.

I hope to see you all at the Spring Conference and all-member Luncheon on Friday, April 8, 2016. The Spring Conference will feature guest speaker Richard Blatti, Director of the OSU School of Music, who will talk about the new Arts District project at OSU and updates on what is happening in the School of Music.

--Laura Benson, NCTM

Independent Music Teachers Forum

Winter Independent Music Teachers Forum

Friday, February 5, 10-11:30am

Mozart's Cafe

4784 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214

Please try to RSVP one week in advance!

Holly Huber, Hollymyc@gmail.com or 614. 325.5311

Open Forum: Let's learn from each other!

Share one idea that you think has really helped in your teaching during the past few years. This "tip" could include bookkeeping, a way of expressing an idea, organization, parent relations, scheduling or technique. Maybe your idea will be exactly what someone else needs to hear! Bring thoughts and questions you'd like to share with your colleagues, or share something you've learned from teaching and being self-employed. It is an open forum with no presenter or specific agenda. There will be a music swap, too! Bring music you'd like to give away to a good home. A book you don't need could be just the book another teacher could use:)

--Holly Huber

Piano Workshop III

Dr. Scott McBride Smith

The Power of Efficient Practice: Cures for the Bored-Practice Blues

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016

Time: 10 am - 12 noon

Location: Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall

Event: Does practice really make perfect? Not if the time is filled with mindless repetition at top speed, with no attention to detail and no mistake corrected. It doesn't have to be that way. This informative session will give you many practical techniques to improve your students' daily practice sessions.

Fees: Free admission for OhioMTA members and non-members.

Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals Coming Soon

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals are scheduled for Sunday, February 14, 2016, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, February 4, 2016 (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 under the headings "Student Events/Student Solo & Ensemble Recitals". Please contact **Dr. Caroline B. Salido-Barta**, chair, at 614-751-9665 or thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com, for additional questions.

Certification Notes

Nominations are now being accepted for our District Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year. Please read about the process on the CEOMTA.org website, or at this link:

<http://www.ceomta.org/teacher-events/certified-teacher-of-the-year>

Any nationally certified teacher is eligible to be nominated. Please think about your colleagues who have set high standards and who are role models to you and others, and take the time to nominate her/him. Please note that our district winner goes on to be considered for state teacher of the year. Those on the list who did not go on to be named state winner could be nominated a second time. Thank you for your consideration.

--Janice Cook, NCTM

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Our District has recently joined the list of organizations that are supported by AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. To sign up, type smile.amazon.com in your browser. You will be prompted to choose an organization. Search "Ohio Music Teachers" and choose our Central Eastern district from the list. (Johnstown, OH- they used our treasurer's city as our address.)

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--Susan Treer