

OhioMTA Central East District

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Newsletter
October 5, 2021

President's Message

Welcome to the new and returning members of the Central East District! Our teacher activities got off to an appropriately rejuvenating start with a Fall Conference focused on teacher health. As we cautiously resume more in-person student events (starting with Pianorama next month!), we will continue to honor and abide by all COVID health guidelines that are in effect at the time - check the website for the most updated information. Please note that the 2021-2022 Activities Guide and updated Membership Directory PDFs are now available online (<http://www.ceomta.org/2021-22-activities-guide-and-membership-directory>).

As we were all reminded at the conference, our ability to take care of our students is directly tied to how well we take care of ourselves, so please make time to practice some self-care this Fall!

--Andrea Keil, President

I want to express a heart-felt thank you to my colleagues for my nomination as a Foundation Fellow. The wonderful words and sentiments expressed to me during the surprise announcement left me humbled, speechless and in tears.

I have been committed to CEOMTA for such a long time because of YOU - my colleagues. I am deeply honored by this nomination. THANK YOU!

--Cynthia Adams, Webmaster

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Pianorama

Pianorama 2021 is going strong!

Pianorama will honor and abide by all COVID social distancing requirements and health guidelines which are currently in effect. Masks are required to be worn at all stages of the event including rehearsals and the live concerts. Restrictions may include 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.

At publication, video auditions for Pianorama 2021 have been received and will be reviewed. All duet teams will be informed of the results of their auditions via email to the team's teacher no later than Sunday, October 10th. Rehearsals at Graves Piano & Organ will take place for all passing

duet teams on Saturdays, October 23rd and 30th . The Dress Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, November 6 th , at the Concert venue. Please check the Pianorama page of the CEOMTA website for rehearsal times for each level.

The Pianorama concerts will take place on Saturday, November 6 th at the Discover Christian Church in Dublin, OH. Concert times have been adjusted earlier to allow for removal of our leased instruments. The concert times and performance order are indicated below:

5:30 Concert – 4, 1A, 2B, 3B, AE

7:00 concert – AE, 1B, 2A, 3A, 5

Thank you to all the students and teachers who are participating in this year's Pianorama event. Please continue to visit the CEOMTA website for updates.

--Amy Girvin, Andrea Keil, & Kathy Savinell, Pianorama Co-Chairmen

Student Solo and Ensemble Recital

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recital is scheduled for Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Graves Piano & Organ Co., 5798 Karl Rd. (at Rt. 161), starting at 2:00 p.m. 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 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.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.

--Caroline Salido-Barta, Solo and Ensemble Chairman

TEACHER ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

Workshop with Joy Morin

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:

Lizbeth Atkinson, 2118 Farleigh Road, Columbus, OH 43221

614-485-9448

--Lizbeth Atkinson, Piano Workshops Chairman

Independent Music Teachers Forum

Our Fall IMTF meeting will take place:

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: Le Chatelaine

627 High Street

Worthington, OH 43085

Come a few minutes early to order your coffee and/or breakfast and get seated at our large table! There is plenty of parking in the lot across W. New England Avenue, behind the old Worthington Inn.

Topic: Teacher Wellness – Organization in our studios, balance in our lives

Join us as we discuss all aspects of organization in our teaching studios. Disorganized clutter can cause stress and waste our precious time. After more than a year of online teaching, our music stacks are overflowing! Bring any and all tips you have for your studio organization, or just come and benefit from everyone's ideas!

During part II, the second hour, we'll hold a lively discussion on other aspects of wellness and balance. Suzanne will introduce questions on the topics of physical and mental well-being. What do you do to thrive as a business owner and wearer of many other hats in your personal life? No suggestion is too small! We'll discuss the mystery of how to have dinner while being a piano teacher, how we organize our time, and how we connect with family, friends, and activities that are important to us outside of teaching.

--Suzanne Newcomb, Independent Music Teachers Forum Chairman

Grants for Professional Development

Attention Music Teachers: Have you forgotten? Our Central East District is offering money to help pay for your next educational experience. They have allocated up to \$350 toward private lessons for YOU, or for a class or seminar that might enhance YOUR studio. Don't wait another year! It's time to make a change and no better way to do it than have CEOMTA pay for it.

Applications are due in April. Don't wait until then. Start thinking about it now. Look on the CEOMTA website for more information.

--Annette Suhovecky, Grants for Professional Development Chairman

Certification

All members are encouraged to become nationally certified. Please go to ceomta.com, "Teacher Events" and look at the page entitled "National Certification." I have also made a video for you to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZMEYnmQ5g0>

You are invited to an in-person gathering about national certification **MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 at 10:00 a.m., in Graves Recital Hall**, with masks. It is helpful, but not a requirement, to let me know that you are planning to attend. You can text me at 614-397-0907 or email me at jbakercook@gmail.com. Please do the same if you are indeed interested in learning more but are unable to come to that meeting.

Take time for yourself by investing in continuing education. Here are some quotes from our own members: "

"The process challenged and inspired me. I am a better teacher because of it."

"The Certification process was a valuable learning experience, allowing me to re-evaluate and improve so many important aspects of how I teach piano and run my studio. "

"I had a wonderful experience getting certified! I found that through my experience getting my certification, I rediscovered the thrill of studying music and learning new approaches to teaching. I learned much more about myself and reconnected with some of those elements of study that we as teachers sometimes don't often get a chance to dig into because we are so busy figuring out how to get our students to count or practice. I put aside my fears as a teacher and let fellow colleagues help me with my goals. I found out that other teachers in this area are not here to be competitors but to help us along the way, and are our biggest cheerleaders. It was truly one of the greatest things I have done for myself and my students. I am much more organized and much more driven now that I have gone through the process."

--Janice Cook, NCTM, Certification Chairman

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

OhioMTA State Conference and OU Piano Pedagogy Seminar - Summer 2022