



Newsletter  
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### **President's Message**

CEOMTA events may be on hiatus for the summer, but we have a lot to celebrate as we recognize the successes of students and teachers that participated in our 2023 Student Competitions! Over the summer, the Executive Board will be updating information on our website and streamlining some of our forms and processes to make it even easier for students and teachers to participate in our many 2023/2024 activities. You can stay up-to-date with all our district news by continuing to check the district calendar on our website or through our Facebook page.

Wishing everyone a joyful summer filled with music!

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## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

### **Pianorama**

Pianorama 2023 is Coming Soon!

Important Dates:

Registration: August 18, 2023 to September 30, 2023

Auditions: All Video Auditions due on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 5pm

Rehearsals: October 21 and October 28 at Graves Piano & Organ

Dress Rehearsal and Concerts – November 4, 2023 at 5:30pm and 7pm at Discover Christian Church, Dublin

The Pianorama Literature List is posted on the CEOMTA website. Stanton's Sheet music has the best selection of Pianorama music for purchase. If you are experiencing difficulty finding the music at local music stores, please consider online sources. Some items are available as a digital download.

TEACHERS: Look for special Conductors' Notes for each level to be posted on the Pianorama page in late June. Our Conductors will be providing performance instructions as duet teams perfect their pieces. Also available on the Pianorama page is a letter teachers may use to introduce Pianorama to their students and a poster to tack up in your studio. Simply click and print! Duet Teams will be asked to submit video auditions again this year. 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. Rehearsal Schedules and Concert Order are posted on the Pianorama page. Please mark your calendars in advance. For the most up to date information, visit the CEOMTA website.

## **OhioMTA/Graves Piano Competition**

Congratulations to all participants in the 2023 OhioMTA/Graves Piano Solo & Ensemble Contest!

### **ELEMENTARY SOLO**

<b>First Place</b>	Hudson Seerden	Kathleen Sadoff
<b>Second Place</b>	Belinda Zhu	Nina Polonsky
<b>Third Place</b>	Lena Weinberg	Sun Min Kim
<b>Fourth Place</b>	Khloe Wang	Ella Karasik
<b>Honorable Mentions</b>	Spencer Zhang Max Zhou	Ella Karasik Sergei Polusmiak

### **ELEMENTARY DUO**

<b>First Place</b>	Hudson Seerden and Belinda Zhu	Nina Polonsky and Kathleen Sadoff
<b>Second Place</b>	Ann Sheng and Aimee Wang	Erya Yu

### **JUNIOR SOLO**

<b>First Place</b>	Erik Jacoby	Nina Polonsky and Kathleen Sadoff
<b>Second Place</b>	John Zhan	Benita Leung
<b>Third Place</b>	Melanie Klapper	Nina Polonsky
<b>Fourth Place</b>	Evan Dan	Sean Schulze
<b>Honorable Mentions</b>	Baohan Hou Alexander Huang Evelyn Ni Saya Uejima	Nina Polonsky Tatiana Kats Benita Leung Mayumi Kikuchi

### **JUNIOR DUO**

<b>First Place</b>	Melanie Klapper and Lilya Zhang	Nina Polonsky
<b>Second Place</b>	Joseph Guo and Baohan Hou	Nina Polonsky

### **SENIOR SOLO**

<b>First Place</b>	Levi Li	Nina Polonsky
<b>Second Place</b>	Benedict Cecilio	Jackson Leung
<b>Third Place</b>	Ian Shang	Benita Leung
<b>Fourth Place</b>	Kaede Suzuki	Jackson Leung
<b>Honorable Mentions</b>	Siyao Liu Rachel Zhu	Tianshu Wang Sally Sansbury

### **SENIOR DUO**

<b>First Place</b>	Benedict Cecilio and Kaede Suzuki	Jackson Leung
<b>Second Place</b>	Catherine Harman and Emma Yu	Tatiana Kats
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	Carey Yi and Eric Zhang	Tatiana Kats

### **YOUNG ARTIST SOLO**

<b>First Place</b>	William Keller	Christopher Fisher
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### **ADULT DUO**

<b>First Place</b>	Aleigh Papagno and Brienna Weigner	Christopher Fisher
<b>Second Place</b>	Siyao Liu and Jingcheng Zhan	Tianshu Wang

# **Buckeye Competition**

## **OhioMTA District Buckeye Auditions**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the winners of the Ohio Music Teachers Association District Buckeye Audition winners. This event was held on April 15, 2023 at Graves Piano & Organ Company Recital Hall, Columbus. Each spring, highly motivated students in piano, string, voice, and winds compete at the district level. The division winners advance to the State Finals to compete for cash prizes awarded to state winners in Elementary (\$200), Junior (\$275) and Senior (\$350) level categories.

### **WOODWINDS**

#### **JUNIOR**

Winner: Eliana Fittante, oboe – (Teacher: Carol Bernhardt)

Alternate: Audrey Lu, flute – (Teacher: Beth Owen)

### **STRINGS**

#### **JUNIOR**

Automatic Placement: Nevan Mahadanaarachchi, cello--(Teacher: Jill Wright Crist)

### **PIANO**

#### **ELEMENTARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joseph Guo – (Teacher: Nina Polonsky)

Alternate: Lena Weinberg – (Teacher: Sun Min Kim)

Honorable Mention: Aimee Wang – (Teacher: Erya Yu)

Honorable Mention: Iris Sun – (Teacher: Tianshu Wang)

#### **JUNIOR**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Andrew Bakalov – (Teacher: Nina Polonsky)

Alternate: Melanie Klapper – (Teacher: Nina Polonsky)

#### **SENIOR**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Levi Li – (Teacher: Nina Polonsky)

Alternate: Alester Xiao – (Teacher: Suzanne Newcomb)

Honorable Mention: Patrick Flythe – (Teacher: Nick Ross)

Honorable Mention: Rachel Zhu – (Teacher: Sally Sansbury)

## Summer Scholarships Winners

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**Congratulations** to the winners of the 2023 Summer Music Study Scholarships.

Level	Name	Age	Instrument	Teacher	Amount	Donor
Elementary	Hudson Seerden	9	Piano	Kathleen Sadoff	\$500	Kawai Piano Gallery
	Belinda Zhu	9	Piano	Nina Polonsky	\$400	CEOMTA
Junior	Baohan Hou	12	Piano	Nina Polonsky	\$250	Music Go Round
	Evie Hu	14	Piano	Kathleen Sadoff	\$150	CEOMTA
	Avery Li	13	Violin	Anna Svirsky	\$150	The Loft Violin
Senior	Evan Yu	18	Piano	Tatiana Kats	\$700	CEOMTA-Graduating Senior
	Emma Yu	15	Piano	Tatiana Kats	\$300	CEOMTA
	Erik Jacoby	15	Piano	Kathleen Sadoff	\$300	CEOMTA
	Enoch Chung	15	Piano	Susan Frost	\$250	Solich Piano
	Alester Xiao	15	Piano	Suzanne Newcomb	\$200	Columbus Piano Technicians Guild
	Catherine Harman	16	Piano	Tatiana Kats	\$200	Hilliard Community Music School
	Audrey Bakalov	15	Piano	Nina Polonsky	\$200	CEOMTA
	Audrey Yao	15	Piano	Janice Cook	\$150	CEOMTA

## Solo & Ensemble

The Honors Recital was held on Sunday, April 30, 2023

The last of the Solo & Ensemble Recitals, the Honors Recital, was held on Sunday, April 30, at 1:00 p.m., at Graves Piano & Organ Co. This recital presented the 2023 winners from two of our most prestigious events: Summer Music Study Scholarship Competitions and Buckeye Auditions. It was an amazing morning of great performances by these young artists! Congratulations!

The following artists were featured:

Andrey Bakalov, piano (Buckeye Junior Piano Winner; CEOhioMTA Piano Scholarship Award)

Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Enoch Chung, piano (Solich Piano Scholarship Award)

Teacher: Susan Frost, NCTM

Joseph Guo, piano (Buckeye Elementary Piano Winner)

Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Catherine Harman, piano (Hilliard Community Music School Piano Scholarship Award)

Teacher: Tatiana Kats

Baohan Hou, piano (Music Go Round Piano Scholarship Award)

Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Erik Jacoby, piano (CEOhioMTA Piano Scholarship Award)

Teachers: Nina Polonsky & Kathleen Sadoff

Melanie Klapper, piano (Buckeye Junior Piano Alternate)

Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Hudson Seerden, piano (Kawai Piano Gallery Piano Scholarship Award)

Teacher: Kathleen Sadoff  
Alester Xiao, piano (Piano Technicians Guild Piano Scholarship Award)  
Teacher: Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM  
Audrey Yao, piano (CEOhioMTA Piano Scholarship Award)  
Teacher: Janice Cook, NCTM  
Evan Yu, piano (CEOhioMTA Graduating Senior Piano Scholarship Award)  
Teacher: Tatiana Kats

Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals coming up soon in the Fall

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recital is scheduled for Sunday, November 5, 2023, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, October 26, 2023 (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:

<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](mailto:thepianoartsstudio@yahoo.com), for additional questions.

## **TEACHER ACTIVITIES AND NEWS**

### **2023 OhioMTA State Conference**

The 2023 OMTA State Conference Committee is excited to see you on Oct. 12-14 2023 in Columbus, OH! The conference is centrally located at Faith Ministries Church (2747 Agler Rd). This venue has free parking, great conference accommodations, is less than 3 miles from lodging options located in the restaurant and entertainment filled area of Easton, and near the airport with easy access to the interstate.

In addition to Spencer Myer serving as our guest speaker and Friday evening performing artist, the conference will include a variety of engaging workshop topics such as "Piano Physics 101: The Science of Sound", "Successful Piano Teaching Tips for Young Students" and "Composing with Graphic Scores" to name a few, along with additional opportunities to help you meet your personal and professional goals as a teacher.

The weekend will also include performances from a trio from the dynamic Columbus Jazz Orchestra, the Columbus Cultural Orchestra, a Student Honors Recital, a sneak peek performance from students of Pianorama 2023, and more! We are excited to have vendors on site and participation from three of the largest piano dealers in Ohio; Graves Piano, Kawai, and Solich Piano.

Mark your calendars for a wonderful getaway of learning as the Early Bird Registration Link will be made available soon on social media and the state website.

We hope to see you there!  
2023 State Conference Committee

## **Save the Date!**

### **OhioMTA State Conference 2023**

October 12-14, 2023

### **MTNA National Conference 2022**

March 16-20, 2024

Atlanta, Georgia