



Newsletter
June 27, 2024

President's Message

Over the summer we may take a break from CEOMTA events, but we can celebrate the successes of students and teachers who participated in our 2024 Student Competitions. We can also begin preparing our students to participate in Scale Olympics 2024, which will take place at Otterbein University on October 12th, 2024. Registration for Scale Olympics opens July 1st!

Over the summer, the Executive Board will update information on our website to make it easier for students and teachers to participate in our many 2024-2025 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.

Have a wonderful summer!
Laura Wynia, CEOMTA President
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Student Activities

Scale Olympics

Scale Olympics is a fun, ribbon-earning event for students of all ages! It motivates students to practice the other elements that contribute to good musicianship, with a theory and technique emphasis. Students in Scale Olympics may participate in up to nine events, including: Scales, Cadences, Arpeggios, Triads and Inversions, Sightreading, Harmonization, Transposition, Ear Training, and Theory. Students competing in fewer than 9 events earn individual ribbons for each event in which they participate. Students participating in all nine events may earn either a blue or a yellow rosette, depending on their scores in each event. The registration fee for students of CEOMTA members will be \$35 for 1-4 events, and \$37 for 5-9 events.

--Scale Olympics 2024 will be held at Otterbein University's Battelle Center on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

--Questions about Scale Olympics? Come to our Teachers' Scale Olympics Info Sessions! They have been scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, and Thursday, June 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Graves' Pianos and Organs.

--Registration will open on the website on July 1st; the NEW email address for all forms is ceomtascaleolympics@gmail.com.

Pianorama 2025

Pianorama 2025 is coming next fall!

SAVE THE DATES:

The following dates have been TENTATIVELY selected for Pianorama 2025:

Registration: Sat. August 23- Sat. September 27, 2025

Video Auditions: Due on Saturday, September 27, 2025

Rehearsals: Saturdays, October 18 and 25, 2025

Dress Rehearsal and Concerts: Saturday, November 1, 2025 (Concerts at 5:30pm and 7:00pm)

(This is a preliminary schedule and subject to change.)

The Pianorama Chairmen are beginning their duet literature search this summer. As 2025 marks 50 years since the first Pianorama in 1975, we want to make it a celebration of all the great music we have performed over the years. We are asking teachers to suggest some of their favorite duets that have been performed at past Pianoramas. Anything currently in print and approved by the Chairmen will be added to the literature list. Depending upon the suggestions we receive, we may identify these as "Pianorama Favorites" in the program and note the year they were first performed. Ideas and logistics are still in formulation, so the Chairmen are open to other suggestions for making Pianorama 2025 unique and memorable. Don't forget to start working on "Special Acts". Pianorama 2025 will be here before you know it!

Congratulations to the Graves Competition, Buckeye Auditions, and Summer Scholarship Winners

Graves Competition Winners 2024

ELEMENTARY SOLO

1st- Eason Chen

Bo Pang

2nd - Lena Weinberg

Sun Min Kim

3rd- Olivia Chan	Fan Zhang
4th- Spencer Zhang	Ella Karasik
Honorable Mention: Aimee Wang	Erya Yu

ELEMENTARY DUET/DUO

1st- Khloe Wang and Spencer Zhang	Ella Karasik
2nd - Xiaoxiao Ko and Aimee Wang	Erya Yu

JUNIOR SOLO

1st- Melanie Klapper	Nina Polonsky
2nd-Alice Zheng	Benita Tse-Leung
3rd- Baohan Hou	Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention- Ryan Wang	Fan Zhang

JUNIOR DUET/DUO

1st- Cynthia Li and Evelyn Ni	Benita Tse-Leung
Honorable Mention-	
Jo-Ann and Philomena-Olga Odonkor	JoAnn Koh-Baker

SENIOR SOLO

1st- Erik Jacoby	Nina Polonsky and Kathleen Sadoff
2nd- Emma Yu	Tatiana Kats
3rd- Andrey Bakalov	Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention- Griffin Nelson	Christopher Fisher
Kaede Suzuki	Jackson Leung

SENIOR DUET/DUO

1st- Erik and Katia Jacoby Nina Polonsky and Kathleen Sadoff

2nd- Catherine Harman and Emma Yu Tatiana Kats

Honorable Mention-

Pataranon Boontagarnon and Rachel Zhu Timothy Ledger and Sally Sansbury

YOUNG ARTIST SOLO

1st- Yuxuan Chen Laura Melton

Honorable Mention- Zerui Pan Robert Satterlee

ADULT DUET/DUO

1st- Wenhao Zhang and Weida Zhuo Christopher Fisher

2nd- Huiwen Jiang and Manuel Vizurraga Caroline Hong and Lynn Singleton

Honorable Mention-

Caden Potter and Griffin Nelson Christopher Fisher

District Buckeye Auditions 2024

Piano Division

Elementary

Winner: Belinda Zhu - Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Alternate: Hudson Seerden - Teacher: Kathleen Sadoff

Honorable Mention: Olivia Chan - Teacher: Fan Zhang

Jessie Hou - Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Junior

Winner: Ryan Wang - Teacher: Fan Zhang

Alternate: Bachan Hou - Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Honorable Mention: Joseph Guo - Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Avery Li - Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Senior

Winner: Erik Jacoby - Teacher: Kathleen Sadoff/Nina Polonsky

Alternate: Levi Li - Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Honorable Mention: Andrey Bakalov - Teacher: Nina Polonsky

Nasir Ferguson - Teacher: Eleanor Judd

Strings Division

Elementary Representative (Violin)

Ilona Lottenbach – Teacher: Tatiana Hanna

Senior Representative (Violin)

Daniel Bae – Teacher: Gyusun Han

Summer Scholarships:

Ilona Lottenbach, violin

Loft Violin Scholarship Award

CEOhioMTA Scholarship Award

Buckeye Auditions Elementary Strings Representative Tatiana Hanna, teacher

Sophia Wu, violin

Music Go Round Scholarship Award

CEOhioMTA Scholarship Award

Tatiana Hanna, teacher

Melanie Klapper, piano

Solich Piano Scholarship Award

CEOhioMTA Scholarship Award

Nina Polonsky, teacher

Belinda Zhu, piano

Buckeye Auditions Elementary Piano Winner

Nina Polonsky, teacher

Erik Jacoby, piano

Buckeye Auditions Senior Piano Winner

Nina Polonsky & Kathleen Sadoff, teachers

Upcoming Dates

Ohio Music Teachers Association State Conference

The Ohio Music Teachers Association State Conference will be held October 3-5, at Highland Universal Gatheringspot, 133 Merriman Road, Akron, OH.

The Conference Artist will be Zee Zee

The Keynote Speaker will be Joela Jones

The Featured Presenter will be Peter Mack, MTNA President.

More information can be found at <https://ohiomta.org/conference-2024>

MTNA National Conference - March 15-19th, Minneapolis, MN