



Newsletter
March 20, 2025

President's Message

Spring is beginning, and with spring comes the culmination of our piano teaching year! It's exciting to see the many great CEOMTA events for both students and teachers.

One of our district's biggest events is our annual Spring Conference, which will be held Friday, April 25th, at Solich Piano, 4194 Easton Gateway Dr, Columbus, OH 43219. Our annual members' meeting will begin at 9:30, with the conference beginning at 10. Plan to stay for lunch and get better acquainted with colleagues. More information can be found on our website under Teacher Events. <https://www.ceomta.org/teacher-events/conferences/district-spring-conference>

Our district website, <https://www.ceomta.org/> and Facebook page are great ways to stay up to date on CEOMTA activities!

I hope to see you at CEOMTA events this spring! Happy teaching!

Laura Wynia, CEOMTA President
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Teacher Activities

A Reminder: The Independent Music Teachers Forum (IMTF) will meet Friday April 4 at 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Home/Studio of Sharon Walton: 2290 Walhaven Court, Upper Arlington, 43220.

The Forum will discuss the book "*Music and Mind: Harnessing the Arts for Health and Wellness*" edited by Renée Flemming. (There are other books called Music and Mind. Be sure the book you read is edited by Renée Flemming).

If you would like to lead a discussion on one of the chapters, please email Sharon Walton with the chapter you are interested in. You do need to have read the book to be part of the Forum and discussion.

The Forum will be joined by Amber Bruns, Music Therapist at Children's Hospital. Since many of the chapters of the book we will be discussing focus on Music Therapy, Amber's presentation will be very helpful.

In order to plan for adequate seating, please RSVP to Sharon Walton.

E-mail Sharon at skrwalton@gmail.com. Please include IMTF and your name in the e-mail title.

Hope to see you on April 4th!

Sharon Walton, NCTM

Grants for Professional Development

Attention OhioMTNA member,

It's time again to submit your application for a professional grant. Specify what you would do with the money and how it would benefit you as a teacher. Up to \$350 will be awarded to teacher(s) and/or student(s) whose experience is most beneficial for the enhancement of your music studio. Applications are due by April 15th to Annette Suhovecky. Please alert the chair when an application is coming. Review the CEOMTA website for more information. Consider applying as it's not difficult, and you might be the recipient of money toward an enjoyable and educational experience.

Student Activities

Pianorama 2025

We hope you are practicing your duets!

Important Dates:

Registration: August 23, 2025, to September 27, 2025

Auditions: All Video Auditions due on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at 5pm

Rehearsals: October 18 and October 25 at Graves Piano & Organ

Dress Rehearsal and Concerts – November 1, 2025, at 5:30pm and 7pm

at Discover Christian Church, Dublin

Meet our Pianorama 2025 Conductors:

1A – Timothy Ledger	1B – Debra Mattera
2A - Stephanie Webster-Cheng	2B – Janice Cahill
3A – Susan Treer	3B – Rachel Mauricio Mills
4 – Katherine Bede	5 – Bruce Piper
Advanced Ensemble – Suzanne Newcomb	

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, including the Alfred and Hal Leonard websites.

TEACHERS: Due to increased facility costs, Pianorama 2025 Registration Fees have been increased. This information is updated on the Pianorama page of the CEOMTA website. The Rules and Regs and the Student Letter have been edited to reflect these changes. The new Registration fees are \$40/Student participants and \$20/Parent partners. Teachers can still participate for free.

Look for special Conductors' Notes for each level to be posted on the Pianorama page in mid May. Our Conductors will be providing performance instructions as duet teams perfect their pieces. 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. Rehearsal Schedules and Concert Order will be posted on the Pianorama page this summer. Pianorama concerts will be held in Dublin, Ohio at the Discover Christian Church. For the most up to date information, visit the CEOMTA website.

Summer Music Study Scholarships

The website is up-to-date with all of the information you need including the 2025 Application; Teacher & Student Information; Letters of Recommendation & Essay Guidelines. The deadlines for submissions are: regular mail - postmarked by 4/4/2025; electronic submissions - 4/12/25 by 9 p.m.

As a reminder - these scholarships are open to students of any instrument, including voice.

Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals & Honors Recital coming up soon

The Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals & the Honors Recital are scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees (fees only for the Student Solo & Ensemble Recitals) in by Thursday, April 17, 2025 (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. The Honors Recital features the winners of the OhioMTA Summer Music Study Scholarships and Buckeye Auditions competition winners. The winners are invited to perform at this special recital. And it is a wonderful opportunity to hear them all perform in this setting.

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.

Graves Competition Results

Congratulations to the 2025 Paul E. Graves Competition Winners!

E L E M E N T A R Y S O L O

Prize	Contestant	Name	Teacher
1	9	Olivia Chan	Nina Polonsky
2	22	Gryffin Wu	Ella Karasik
3	19	Spencer Zhang	Ella Karasik
4	18	Jason Huang	Kathleen Sadoff
Honorable Mentions (in order of contestant number)			
	1	Stephanie Zhu	Tianshu Wang
	14	Oliver Cheng	Kathleen Sadoff
	15	Xiaoxiao Ko	Erya Yu

E L E M E N T A R Y D U O

Prize	Contestant	Name	Teacher
1	1	Oliver Cheng and Zitong Li	Kathleen Sadoff
2	5	George and Matthew Wang	Vicky Pan

JUNIOR SOLO

Prize	Contestant	Name	Teacher
1	18	Hudson Seerden	Kathleen Sadoff
2	1	<i>name withdrawn</i>	
3	15	Lena Weinberg	Nina Polonsky
4	3	Ryan Wang	Tianshu Wang
Honorable Mentions (in order of contestant number)			
	2	Baohan Hou	Nina Polonsky
	11	Kaidi Wang	Sean Schulze
	12	West Martin	Timothy Ledger

JUNIOR DUO

Prize	Contestant	Name	Teacher
1	2	Baohan and Jessie Hou	Nina Polonsky
2	1	Sophia Fan and Alice Zheng	Benita Leung
Honorable Mention	3	Aaron Feng and Seth Pang	Timothy Ledger

SENIOR SOLO

Prize	Contestant	Name	Teacher
1	6	Kaede Suzuki	Jackson Leung
2	5	Anchi Hall	Tatiana Kats
3	1	Andrey Bakalov	Nina Polonsky

SENIOR DUO

Prize	Contestant	Name	Teacher
1	3	Melanie Klapper and Avery Li	Nina Polonsky
2	2	Kaede Suzuki and Lucy Zhang	Jackson Leung
Honorable Mention	1	James and Gary Yan	Vicky Pan

YOUNG ARTIST SOLO

Prize	Contestant	Name	Teacher
1	4	Yuheng Cao	Tianshu Wang
2	1	Caden Potter	Christopher Fisher
Honorable Mention	2	Qiqi Wang	Jackson Leung
Honorable Mention	3	Griffin Nelson	Christopher Fisher

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