



Newsletter
June 1st, 2025

President's Message

Over the summer, while we take a break from CEOMTA events, we can celebrate the successes of students and teachers who participated in our 2024 Student Competitions. This is also the perfect time to prepare our students to participate in Pianorama 2025. Complete Pianorama information can be found on our CEOMTA website: <https://www.ceomta.org/student-events/pianorama>

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 2025-2026 activities. You can stay up-to-date with all our district news by continuing to check the district calendar on our website <https://www.ceomta.org/> or through our Facebook page.

If you have students participating in CEOMTA activities, please encourage parents of participating students to complete the online permission form so we can celebrate our students' many accomplishments throughout the year! Here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDYqWUSktxDxWR39xHii256tsjWOIHGCS_3NAKHQNNVzAsMg/viewform

Have a wonderful summer! Happy teaching!

Laura Wynia, CEOMTA President
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Teacher Activities

CEOMTA TEACHER WORKSHOP

Friday, October 17, 2025
10:00 a.m.-noon
Solich Piano
4194 Easton Gateway

Dr, Columbus, OH
43219

Hamilton Tescarello, guest artist

"Brazilian Plano Music for Teaching and Performing"

Workshop Description

Many Brazilian composers have written works for the piano, ranging from pedagogical pieces for beginners to etudes and advanced concert works. This presentation and performance will provide a sampling of attractive pieces for teaching and performing that explore exciting dance rhythms, expressive melodies, and much more. The repertoire covered will be from a variety of levels and composers.

Here is a link to his impressive bio:

<https://www.pfw.edu/visual-performing-arts/music/hamilton-tescarollo-biography>

District Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year

Each spring the various districts of OMTA are invited to select a nationally certified member who exemplifies outstanding teaching and service to our organization and our profession. The selection of a Nationally Certified Music Teacher of the Year also helps us shine a spotlight on National Certification for the public at large. This person also goes on to represent our district for the selection of a State Certified Teacher of the Year.

This year four strong letters of recommendation were received and everyone of them recommended the same well deserving teacher! Congratulations to Stephanie Webster, our 2025 Nationally Certified Music Teacher of the Year.

Our Central East District Nationally Certified Teacher of the Year is a graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy. Stephanie holds a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Lawrence University, and both a Masters and Doctorate degree in ethnomusicology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Stephanie has taught piano for over 25 years to students in Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. In addition to teaching private piano lessons in her home, Stephanie teaches music history, class piano, and other introductory courses at Columbus

State Community College. She also teaches music theory courses at Ohio Wesleyan University's OWL Summer Camp for gifted-identified students.

Stephanie's contributions to the music teaching community are extensive. She currently serves CEOMTA as Publicity Chairperson, she has judged Scale Olympics and served as a conductor for Pianorama. She is also an active member of the National Federation of Music Clubs and Ohio Federation of Music clubs, and chairs the Ohio Donald Babcock Junior Composer's Contest, the Northeast Regional Junior Composer Contest and the Ohio Junior Day Competitions.

As one of the letters of recommendation put it, "Stephanie truly exemplifies the best that CEOMTA and our profession has to offer"!

-Janice Cahill, NCTM, CEOMTA Certification Chair

Student Activities

Pianorama

Summer Piano Fun = More Duets

Pianorama 2025 is Coming Soon!

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

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.

TEACHERS: Special Conductors' Notes for each level are currently being posted on the Pianorama page. 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 are

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 should be confirmed by the end of June. Please mark your calendars in advance. For the most up to date information, visit the CEOMTA website.

Student Solo & Ensemble Recital & Honors Recital

The last of the Solo & Ensemble Recital and the Honors Recital, were held on Sunday, April 27, at 2:00 p.m., at Graves Piano. This combined recital presented students of the Columbus area and the 2025 winners from two of our most prestigious events: Summer Music Study Scholarship Competitions and Buckeye Auditions. It was an amazing afternoon of great performances by these young artists! Congratulations!

The following artists were featured:

Vivien Kiger, piano
Wesley Kiger, piano
Elliot Kruger, piano
Victoria "ViVi" Nguyen, piano
Rhyss Williams, piano

Participating CEOhioMTA teachers of the above-named students: Yuway Chan-Basel and Joseph Seerden

Andrey Bakalov, piano (Buckeye Auditions Senior Piano Winner)
Teacher: Nina Polonsky
Eliana Gritter, piano (Columbus Chapter, Piano Technicians Guild Scholarship Award)
Teacher: Sally Sansbury, NCTM
Alex Huang, piano (CEOhioMTA Scholarship Award)
Teacher: Tatiana Kats
Hudson Seerden, piano (Solich Piano Scholarship Award, CEOhioMTA Scholarship Award & Buckeye Auditions Junior Piano Winner)
Teacher: Kathleen Sadoff
Alester Xiao, piano (The Loft Violin Shop Scholarship Award & CEOhioMTA Scholarship Award)
Teacher: Suzanne Newcomb, NCTM

Student Solo and Ensemble Recitals coming up soon in the Fall

The next Student Solo and Ensemble Recital is scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Graves Piano & Organ Co. Be sure to get your registrations and participation fees in by Thursday, October 30, 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.

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.

Upcoming Dates

MTNA State Conference – September 25- 27th, 2025 in Van Wert, OH.

Our conference performing artists will be the Five Browns, a classical piano ensemble consisting of 2 brothers and 3 sisters, and they will perform a live concert on their own 5 grand pianos on September 26 at 7:30pm.

The feature pedagogue is Dr. Paola Savvidou, an author and professor at the University of Michigan. She will offer 2 workshops on musician wellness – performance anxiety and self-care essentials, preventing burnout.

<https://ohiomta.org/conference-2025>

MTNA National Conference – March 21st-25th, 2025 in Chicago, IL