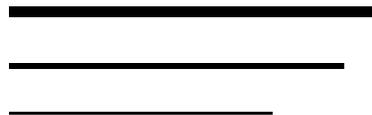


# CON BRIO



## Oregon Music Teachers' Association, Inc. Eugene District

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### *President's Message*

Dear Members,

The beautiful bouquet of flowers from OMTA, your cards and notes have been a wonderful source of comfort after my mother didn't awaken the morning of March 4. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

My thoughts this month will be more reflective than usual since I've been thinking a lot about the legacy mother gave me.

Mother loved to look on the positive side. She was an encourager. I am reminded to put this gift into action as the standard of Syllabus requirements meets the reality of student preparedness.

Mother loved music and enjoyed the concerts and recitals that she was able to attend while living with us these past 6 years. Some of you provided beautiful music for her to enjoy at these events. I want to say thank you for keeping up your skills and sharing them with her and our members.

Mother loved people and had the opportunity of meeting many of you. A broken hip one and a half years ago slowed down her mobility but many of you would seek her out for a good conversation. Talking with her you were often amazed that she had reached the 100 year milestone and that of course, delighted her. After these events mother would comment, "my, what a lovely group of people." And she was right!

Last weekend we had a memorial service for "Nana" at her home church in Portland. It was filled with music, joy and hope. A fitting tribute to a wonderful lady who was a loyal supporter of our district.

Her grateful daughter,

Carolyn



### *Composition Celebration*

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as "Honored Composers" and invited to perform their compositions at the OMTA Composition Celebration Honors Recital:

Chris Tokatly	"Snow Day"	(McHan)
Sanika Mahajan	"Lazy Day"	(Matheson)
Jadyn Marks	"A Summer Storm"	(Matheson)

The OMTA Composition Celebration Honors Recital will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2:00 PM, at Michelle's Pianos, 530 SW 5th Ave., Portland, Oregon.

A special thank you to the students and teachers who participated in this event, and to Dr. Gary Noland who served as adjudicator for our district.

*Wyatt Burger*

District Composition Chair

### *Participation Trophies*

When ordering participation trophies for you students, please access the State OMTA website, [www.oregonmta.org](http://www.oregonmta.org).

Go to FORMS, then STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS, under which is listed PARTICIPATION TROPHY REQUIREMENTS & ORDER FORM.

There you will find information regarding guidelines, requirements, application and distribution. Please note option #2 under DISTRIBUTION.

Trophies for our Eugene District are still held by Fern McArthur. After you have sent your order form and received notification from the State Trophy Chair, contact Fern at 484-1567 or [fermnc1@comcast.net](mailto:fermnc1@comcast.net) to arrange acquisition of your trophies.

Teachers can also purchase trophies to display in studio for motivational purposes.

## Treasurer's Report

Checking Account balance on 03/01/2008: \$1,187.28

### EXPENSES

March 1 - April 1, 2008

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
03/10/2008	March program	100.00
03/10/2008	Diane Baxter (Jr. Bach adjudicator)	177.10
03/10/2008	Barbara Roberts (Jr. Bach adjud.)	269.25
03/10/2008	PEAK Internet	19.90
03/10/2008	Qwest	49.37
03/10/2008	Christy Matheson (Jr. Bach)	110.32
03/10/2008	Emerald Bible Fellowship	6.50
03/10/2008	OMTA Bach Festival student fees	56.00
03/10/2008	Con Brio - March issue	56.47
03/12/2008	Gary Noland (Comp. Fest. Adjud.)	65.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 909.91</b>

### INCOME

March 1 - April 1, 2008

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Jr. Bach Festival - student fees	528.00
Composition Celebration - student fees	56.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 584.00</b>

Checking Account balance on 04/01/2008: \$ 861.37

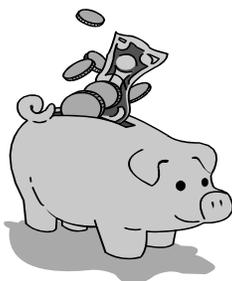
Savings Account balance on 04/01/2008: \$ 3,234.94

6-Month Certificate of Deposit: \$ 2,128.41

Respectfully submitted,

*Wyatt L. Burger*

Eugene District Treasurer



## Con Brio

April 2008

*Con Brio* is the newsletter of the Eugene Chapter of OMTA, published and distributed monthly, except July and August.

President: Carolyn McHan      Corresponding Sec: Virginia Buhn  
 Vice-President: Marti Csonka      Recording Sec: Ellen McQuilkin  
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All materials for publication are due on the Saturday preceding the first Monday of each month.

*Con Brio* is mailed to all members on the Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting.

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## Merit Certificates

More rewards are available for your students at the end of the year. Please access your current *Music News*, page 14, on which the **OMTA Merit Certificates** are explained. You might be interested in ordering these for your students.

from **THE ETUDE** magazine - February 1912:

**John Phillip Sousa** recently gave his first New York concert since his return from his phenomenally successful world tour. He has lost nothing of his power to grip his audiences.

**Elgar's second symphony** has been produced in New York. It has met with some bitter criticism and some warm praise. Both its friends and its enemies seem to agree that it would benefit by a little pruning.

**The necessity of being able to darken the auditorium** of the theater, leaving audience and orchestra in total darkness, is one that has awakened much ingenuity among theatrical managers. A London manager has solved it partly by making the orchestra players read white notes on black paper. There is only enough light on the music stand to shine upon the notes, the shirt-fronts of the musicians are covered with black cloth, and bald men have to wear a skull cap.

**Steinway Pianos** - To own a Steinway is to possess the best. Upright pianos from \$550; Grand pianos from \$750.

**Earn from 75 cents to one dollar and 50 cents** per lesson teaching piano...(!)

## *Recording Secretary's Report*

### **Minutes of the March 10, 2008 District Meeting**

The March 10, 2008 meeting was held at the home of Fern McArthur. Vice President Marti Csonka opened the meeting at 9:30 AM. The February minutes and treasurer's report were approved as published in the February 2008 *Con Brio*.

It was announced that the April meeting will be held at the home of Carolyn McHan and will feature Barbara Parker presenting a program titled *Keys to Playing Romantic Music*.

The May 12 meeting will be held at the Original House of Pancakes.

**Phone line:** Changes must be done with a one month notice.

**Website:** Discussed were ways to improve the presence and definition of our District website.

**Spring Theme Recital:** Entries due March 29, 2008. Ensuing discussion included putting information in local publications; that the recital is open to all student levels; questions regarding the quality of the piano in Hult Center Studio I.

**Nominating Committee:** Officers nominated for 2008-2009 are as follows:

President:	<i>Carolyn McHan</i>
Vice President:	(unfilled)
Treasurer:	<i>Wyatt Burger</i>
Recording Secretary:	(unfilled)
Corresponding Sec.	<i>Sarah Burch</i>

**Fall programs:** Discussion regarding Nov. 17, 2008 program featuring Gabriel Chodos. The cost would be prohibitive without money from donors. Funding sources will be researched.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM followed by a presentation by Dr. Hui-Ying Lui-Tawaststjerna titled *Rachmaninoff Interprets his C# Minor Prelude*.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ellen Yost & Fern McArthur*

Substitute Recording Secretaries

## *Hult Center Festival*

**“Around the World with Music”**

**Hult Center for the Performing Arts Studio**

**Sunday, April 13, 2008**

**Recitals on the hour beginning at 11:00 AM**



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**The deadline for submitting  
materials for the May 2008**

**issue of *Con Brio* is**

**Saturday, May 3, 2008.**

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## ***April Meeting & Program***

**Monday, April 14, 2008**

**at the home of Carolyn McHan  
34324 Deerwood Drive, Eugene**

**Meeting: 9:00 AM**

**Program guest: Barbara Parker**

***Keys to Playing Romantic Music***



## ***May Breakfast Meeting***

**Monday, May 12, 2008**

**at the Original Pancake House  
782 East Broadway, Eugene**