

CON BRIO



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Host Families Needed

We would like to invite you to support this OMTA fundraising opportunity once again by simply referring the camp host family program to your student's parents. Please encourage them to host some wonderful Chinese students. For flyers, please contact Carolyn McHan at jandcmchan@aol.com.

Host Chinese middle/high school students participating in the 2008 Summer University of Oregon International Music/English Camp

Website: <http://www.teachmusic.us/hostfamily.html>

July 8 - 16, 2008 (9 days), and/or **July 17 - 27, 2008** (11 days)

Host families provide transportation, breakfast and dinner on weekdays, 3 meals on weekends and occasional sack lunches. Students may share a room. We strongly encourage host families to take two students. All host families are invited to participate in group activities, concerts, and the potluck social.

A **stipend** will be offered to cover expenses for meals, transportation, laundry, and all activities. Host families are encouraged to donate part or all of their stipend to OMTA. Donations are voluntary.

Contact **LuAnn Langford** at (541) 517-5915 or luannlangford@teachmusic.us for additional information.

Linda Hwang, Program Coordinator
American Children's Music Institute
P. O. Box 3352
Eugene, OR 97403-0352

www.teachmusic.us

OMTA Composition Celebration

2:00 PM, May 17, 2008

Michelle's Music Store
350 SW Alder St., Portland, Oregon

Neil Patton CD and Concert!

Our very own Neil Patton has recently released a new CD entitled *Impromptu*. This is a collection of original piano solos, both composed and improvised over the past seven years.

Neil will also be giving a concert of his original music on Saturday, May 31st at 7:00 in the Atrium at First Baptist Church in Eugene (3550 Fox Meadow). Admission is free, and both of Neil's CDs will be available for sale.

To hear some of Neil's music visit www.neilpatton.net. To purchase Neil's CDs, contact him (in your directory) or visit: cdbaby.com/all/neilpatton.

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Treasurer's Report

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

EXPENSES

April 1 - May 1, 2008

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
4/04/2008	PEAK Internet	19.90
4/10/2008	Con Brio - April issue	47.47
4/17/2008	QWEST telephone line/listing	49.34
4/17/2008	Chase Flowers & Gifts	55.00
4/17/2008	Hult Center Fest. programs & misc.	49.37
4/17/2008	Barbara Parker - April program	240.00
4/24/2008	Hult Center rental fee (balance)	693.72
4/24/2008	Barbara Parker (additional expenses)	57.00
	TOTAL	\$ 1,299.93

INCOME

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Hult Center Festival - student fees	1,400.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,400.00

April 1 - May 1, 2008

Checking Account balance on 05/01/2008: \$ 961.44

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt L. Burger

Eugene District Treasurer



Attention Activities Chairs! All expenses for 2007-2008 need to be submitted before June 30, 2008. Please use the OMTA Billing Form with receipts attached.

A Budget Planning Form should be submitted by all Chairs no later than September 1, 2008. Please estimate income and expenses for your activity based on 2007-2008 figures.

Both forms are available at the OMTA website.

Wyatt Burger
Eugene District Treasurer



Con Brio

May 2008

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

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Vice-President: Marti Csonka Recording Sec: Ellen McQuilkin
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Con Brio is mailed to all members on the Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting.

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President's Message

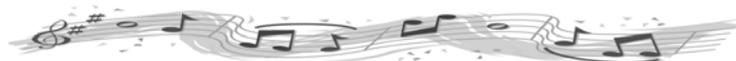
How I'm enjoying the colorful rhododendrons and azaleas that I see from my computer window, showing more color each day. This assures me that Spring has arrived. And suddenly this week I discovered it's May—time for Syllabus and year end studio recitals for many of us.

The other events that I'm firming up on my calendar are the Young Pianists Institute, in conjunction with the Portland International Piano Festival, and the OMTA Conference in Portland July 15-17. Thanks to the generous Nellie Tholen Grant we can receive a discount to the Portland Piano Festival and a \$75.00 nightly rebate towards the expenses of 3 nights hotel charges. This is just too good to pass up! Such an easy way to receive wonderful new ideas for teaching and have the pleasure of meeting with teachers from around the State. I do hope many of you will take advantage of this marvelous opportunity. Please go to www.oregonmtna.org or www.portlandpiano.org for details.

Our May 12 meeting at 9:00 AM will be at the Original Pancake House on Franklin Blvd. Their breakfasts are better than "home!" And you can order something economical (\$4.74 for a half stack of pancakes) and still enjoy their superb cooking. Or you can splurge on some of their many delightful choices. Do come with your comments and ideas. This will be a time for us to share and make plans for next year.

Musically yours,

Carolyn



Recording Secretary's Report

Minutes of the April 14, 2008 District Meeting

President Carolyn McHan called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. Sign-up sheets for helpers and refreshments at next year's programs and meetings were passed around. Call Virginia Buhn if you would like to help.

The February minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Communications

Esther Megargel has sold her home and will be moving. She will be giving a recital this Spring. Details will follow in an e-mail or the *Con Brio*.

Hult Center Festival

The day went smoothly, with recitals spanning from 11AM to 7:45 PM. The pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by family, friends and even passers-by. During two recitals the 100 chairs set up were filled and people were standing up. It was noted that our recitals encourage familiarity with venues such as the Hult Center and help to bring community members in as they become comfortable there. Kudos to Carol White for chairing this successful event.

Syllabus

Lucy reports that final schedules will be sent out next week and that all repertoire changes should be made by then.

Library

We will need a new person to take over for Esther next year. Sandy Hull has videotaped our last two meetings. The videos are available for purchase at a cost of \$5 each. They'll also be placed in the district library.

Announcements

Sandy Hull and Marti will give a duet recital on Sunday, April 25 at the united Methodist Church. Students of David Chase will also perform. The recital is free.

Fundraising

The Chinese student music camp needs hosts for two sessions: July 8-16 and July 17-27.

Nominating Committee

The committee (Janie Kaminski, Carol White, Virginia Buhn) reports that after many phone calls, much pleading and arm-twisting they have one nominee for each position: President: Carolyn McHan; Vice President: Virginia Buhn; Recording Secretary: Neil Patton; Treasurer: Wyatt Burger; Corresponding Secretary: Sarah Burch. The nomination was MSP and the matter was closed according to Robert's rules of order.

May Meeting

The May meeting will be a planning meeting for next year to be held at the Pancake House. There is no need to pay in advance. Everyone will have separate checks at the breakfast.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 to hear a fine presentation by Barbara Roberts titled "Keys to Romantic Music."

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen McQuilkin

Recording Secretary

Spring Festival

"Around the World with Music"

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Carol White, Nobuko LeBeau, Chairs.

Our Eugene District Spring Festival held at the Hult Center Studio was an outstanding success. We received 199 student entries representing 24 teachers! Students ranged in age from 6 to 18, with enthusiastic and musical performances from all. Audience support was super!

The Hult Center Studio was a great venue. The posters on the wall behind the piano worked perfectly with our theme. We added floral arrangements from Janie Kaminski's church. The Hult Center set up chairs for 125-150 people. Two of our recitals had standing room only! We were able to use the Jacob's Gallery as a waiting area for parents and students; traffic flow was smooth between recitals.

We had seven recitals: 11:00 AM, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:45, 5:15 and 6:30 PM. Five of the recitals had tentative timings of 55-59 minutes, one had a tentative timing of 45 minutes and the 6:30 had a tentative timing of 70 minutes. All but one recital ran almost the exact tentative timing (approximately 6'45" of music). We scheduled approximately 15 minutes at the end of each tentative timing to allow for audiences to exit and the next recital to be seated. We also allowed an extra 15 minutes between the 3:45 and 5:15 recital in case we had run over our timings in the earlier recitals.

Prior to April 13, we had 3 cancellations; on the day of the event we had approximately 4-5 cancellations/no shows: another astounding statistic!

Income for this event: \$1,225.00 from donations (Liberty Bank, Chambers Family Foundation, Jerry's Building Supply, Fiddler's Green, Don Murray & Associates).

\$1,400.00 from student entry fees (199 entries x \$7.00)

Total income: \$2,625.00

Expenses: \$893.72 for the Hult Center rental fee, and \$137.50 for programs & misc.

Total expenses: \$1,031.22

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www.oregonmta.org

where you will find

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Forms for OMTA Syllabus and festivals

Directory of Oregon districts

Calendar of events

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

issue of *Con Brio* is

Saturday, May 31, 2008.

Send to **westlanepiano@cvcable.com**

Visit our website at www.oma-eugene.org

May Breakfast Meeting

9:00 AM

Monday, May 12, 2008

at The Original Pancake House
782 E. Broadway, Eugene



OMTA Conference

Held in conjunction with the
Portland International Piano Festival

July 13-19

Portland International Piano Festival

July 16-17

OMTA Conference Meetings & Program

www.oregonmta.org for additional information