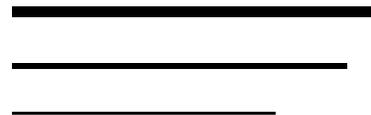


# CON BRIO



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

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## *Festival of Popular Music*

Sunday, October 19th, 2008  
1:00 to 5:00 PM  
United Lutheran Church  
22nd & Washington St., Eugene

**If you are in need of a Clavinova** for your students' performances please let us know as soon as possible (no later than the end of June). If there is enough need for a Clavinova we will try to have one available if we have the funds.

Contact Soria Phillips-Meadow (Chair) at 484-7090, or Delores Tiktin at 686-2086.

## *President's Message*

We were all saddened this month to learn of the untimely death of SiQin's precious baby. Our hearts go out to them in this tragedy. We extend our deep sympathy and love.

Others have or will be going through surgery and our best wishes for recovery are with you.

This is the time of year for graduations and many of you have been or will be celebrating with children and grandchildren. Congratulations to all and safe travels to those on the road or in the air.

While many of us are finishing this year's teaching schedule and hosting recitals, your officers, Event Chairs and District Chairs are laying plans for the 2008-2009 year. Another year of stimulating programs and rewarding recitals is taking shape.

At the Event Chair meeting this week we discussed the opportunity we have of setting a high standard for our students. It was noted that our Yearbook includes excellent tips on Recital Preparation and Performance Guidelines (see pages 14 and 15). I would encourage all teachers to reread these excellent suggestions and guidelines. It's always good to refresh our memories and be encouraged to aim high.

Another way we can receive the latest in teaching techniques and interpretation tips is to attend our OMTA State Conference in Portland July 15-17.

As you think about plans for next year you may have already assigned pieces for the Festival of Popular Music (October 19) and the Ensemble Festival (Nov. 2). Let's encourage our students to memorize for solo performances, play with accuracy and beauty and prepare them to be poised on "stage." We want to aim for the highest level in professional teaching and coaching.

We're planning to use Studio I again next year on March 1 with the theme of "Music that Dances and Moves." Our district recitals will take place on December 14 and May 2. The last recital of the year, May 2, will be a grand finale at the Wildish Theater.

Janie and Virginia have done an outstanding job with public relations this year. Virginia has worked diligently with the Register Guard and as a result we've had several news reports in the paper. Janie has not only produced advertising flyers that are available to us but has worked with Arts Umbrella for advertising in their newsletter, *Vivace*, as well as placing an ad in one of their concert programs. They in turn will have an ad in our Yearbook. We are happy to be working with them in the promotion of music education.

Our June 9 meeting promises to be filled with delicious food and beautiful piano playing. We thank Claire and Dean for opening their home to us.

My best wishes to each of you for a restful and rejuvenating summer, and hope to see you in Portland for the Conference and then on September 8 for our first Fall meeting.

Musically yours,

*Carolyn*

## Treasurer's Report

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

### EXPENSES

May 1 - June, 2008

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
5/09/2008	PEAK Internet	19.90
5/09/2008	Con Brio - April issue	47.47
5/09/2008	QWEST telephone line/listing	49.21
5/24/2008	misc. - flowers, cards, etc.	42.69
5/24/2008	Treasurer's supplies	10.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 169.27</b>

### INCOME

May - June 1, 2008

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Credit — chk #1224 cancelled	35.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 35.90</b>

Checking Account balance on 06/01/2008: \$ 828.07

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 Chairs of the activities listed below, no later than September 1, 2008. Please estimate income and expenses for your activity based on 2007-2008 figures.

Festival of Modern Music  
Jr. Bach Festival  
Composition Celebration  
monthly meetings  
2008-2009 Yearbook  
Fall & Spring Syllabus

Ensemble Festival  
Hult Center/Spring Festival  
Dec & May District Recital  
presenter's fees  
Librarian/Historian  
Barnes & Noble Fundraiser



## Con Brio

June 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  
Treasurer: Wyatt Burger      Past President: Claire Wachter

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.

Wyatt L. Burger, editor  
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### Where did our District income for 2007-2008 come from?

District activities:	54%
Fundraising:	23%
Dues:	12.5%
Nellie Tholen Fund:	5.5%
Yearbook advertising:	5%

### How were our 2007-2008 funds spent?

Festivals/recitals:	39%
Presenter's fees:	23%
Qwest telephone/listing	8%
Con Brio	8%
2007-2008 Yearbook	6%
Internet fees	4.5%
Misc. expenses:	11%
Virginia Buhn Fellowship	
Morse Fund	
Public Relations	
Flowers, cards	
Bank fees/Treasurer's expenses	

*Wyatt Burger*

Eugene District Treasurer

## OMTA Conference

Held in conjunction with the  
**Portland International Piano Festival**

Portland International Piano Festival July 13-19  
OMTA Conference Meetings & Program July 16-17  
[www.oregonmta.org](http://www.oregonmta.org) for additional information

## Recording Secretary's Report

### Minutes of the May 12, 2008 District Meeting

After enjoying a delicious breakfast at the Original Pancake House, Carolyn McHan called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The April Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.

#### Announcements

Neil Patton has cancelled his recital.

Esther Megargel will be giving a Composition recital on June 3rd at 6 PM in Beall Hall. Sandy Hull showed some trophies that she uses for student awards. They're available at [www.K2awards.com](http://www.K2awards.com).

A Mary Kogan workshop, "Be the Teacher you Want to Be" will take place from June 17-19 at PSU. Cost is \$375. For more information or to register, contact Mary Kogen at [rhythmmary@comcast.net](mailto:rhythmmary@comcast.net).

Hosts are still needed for the International Chinese Summer camps. Contact Linda Hwang if you or your students can house a Chinese exchange student.

Vice-President Marti Csonka handed out a teacher survey. This is done biannually to foster communication among members regarding studio policies, fees and teaching tips. Please remember to fill out the questionnaire and mail it to her.

#### Event planning for 2008-2009

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser - The pros and cons of a Saturday vs. Sunday event were discussed. It was noted that it was preferable to have the student performances the first day of the week-long event rather than the last day. Dates were discussed and it was decided to hold the Barnes & Noble performances on Dec. 7th.

The Holiday recital will be Dec. 14 at the Wildish, NCC, or United Lutheran Church.

The theme for the Hult Center festival will be Romantic music. Please submit your ideas for a title to Carolyn McHan or Carol White. There was a discussion regarding pros and cons of the Wildish vs., the Hult Center as venues. It was noted that the sight lines at the Hult are not good. This could be remedied by renting a small stage for \$400. Claire Wachter suggested we find a special sponsor for the stage.

Teachers voted for the venue they preferred, Wildish or Hult. There were 11 votes for the Wildish and 2 for the Hult. The principal objection regarding the Hult is the visibility or performers. Most members agreed that it was desirable to use both venues over the course of the year. After discussing it, consensus was to use both and get the stage for the Hult.

#### Treasurer's annual report

Wyatt served up pie charts giving a colorful visual representation of our income and expenses for the year. See the breakdown and analysis in this issue of the *Con Brio*. He noted that our income is fragile and can vary greatly from year to year.

#### Public Relations/Fundraising

There was discussion regarding whether we are better served by the phone or by the web. Jane Lunstrom passed out a breakdown of referral sources that indicated that most referrals are coming from the Yellow Pages ad.

The Board voted to remove the bold type from the ad in the Yellow Page listing which can save us \$20/month. These funds can be allocated to do some enhancing with the web.

It was noted that the primary necessities for our web page are that, 1) it needs to be easier to get a hit by googling "piano teacher" and that, 2) our teachers would benefit from being able to fill out entry forms online before printing them. The group MSP a recommendation to hire J. Daniel Gonzalez, M.A. (Ellen's son) to do the work at a special rate of \$30/hr. (amount not to exceed \$300).

## 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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.teachmusic.us)

#### Student entry forms

Discussion ensued regarding the standardization of forms to save time and money for web updates and to streamline the Yearbook. This item will be discussed further at the Event Chair meeting.

#### New fundraiser

Judy Wales suggested a fundraiser selling fleece jackets with the Eugene District OMTA logo on it. She was wearing a jacket purchased from such a fundraiser by Lincoln County Branch. She offered to chair the fundraiser if there is enough interest among members.

#### Recital fees

A recommendation from the Board that we charge a standard fee of \$7 for all recitals was MSP.

#### Positions filled

Marti Czonka eagerly volunteered to become the new group Librarian. She replaces Esther Megargal. Ellen McQuilkin volunteered to be the group Historian.

#### June Potluck

Claire and Dean are hosting the June 9th potluck. Please email Claire with what you'd like to bring. It will begin at 7:00 PM. Several ensembles will play after dinner. Marti and Sandy, Genevieve and Betsy, and Claire's trio. The address is 655 Kingswood.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ellen McQuilkin*

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## District Telephone Number

for teacher referrals: **242-1024**

Visit the OMTA website at

**[www.oregonmta.org](http://www.oregonmta.org)**

where you will find

*Music News* online

Forms for OMTA Syllabus and festivals

Directory of Oregon districts

Calendar of events

**The deadline for submitting  
materials for the September 2008  
issue of *Con Brio* is**

**Saturday, August 30, 2008.**

Send to **[westlanepiano@cvcable.com](mailto:westlanepiano@cvcable.com)**

Visit our website at [www.oma-eugene.org](http://www.oma-eugene.org)

## *Spring Syllabus*

Eugene Spring Syllabus took place on May 15-18, 2008 at the U of O School of Music studios and also several Eugene piano teachers' studios. The event went very well. There were 191 participating students, 26 teachers and 10 adjudicators. 181 students passed, and there were 10 forfeits.

Nine students passed level X: Sarah Burkhart, Jenna Han, Julianna Han, Ian McCarty, Elizabeth Monroe, Helene Morse, Peter Norland, Katherine Rowland, and Paul Winberg. These students have been invited to perform at the State Honors Recital in Portland on June 1. These young musicians represented the studios of Virginia Hawley Buhn, Fern McArthur, Christine Mirabella, Patricia Morse and Neil Patton.

Special thanks to all of the teachers for being flexible and cooperative. It's a pleasure working with you! A big thanks to Fern McArthur for all the good advice, Ellen McQuilkin for letting us use her studio, and Claire Wachter for arranging the use of the U of O studios.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or complaints.

*Lucy Clevenger*

District Syllabus Chair.