

# CON BRIO



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## ***Our new musical season is about to begin!***

*Eugene District will celebrate with a meeting on Monday morning, September 8, at the home of Carol White, 961 McKenzie Crest Drive in Springfield. Please join us at 9 AM for a brief social time to reconnect with colleagues and enjoy refreshments provided by Lucy Clevenger and Nobuko LeBeau. Carolyn McHan will preside at the business meeting, with important announcements of plans for the coming year.*

*The program promises to provide valuable insight and inspiration as we begin our new teaching year. Christine Mirabella, Neil Patton and Linda Plant will take part in "A Panel Discussion: Teaching Tips," sharing practical information they have gleaned from their professional experience. The session will end with time for questions and answers. No doubt we will all find fresh ideas to take back to our studios.*

*We look forward to seeing each of you!*

**Virginia Buhn**

Vice-President and Program Chair



## ***Festival of Popular Music***

Sunday, October 19, 2008  
1:00 to 5:00 PM

United Lutheran Church  
22nd & Washington St., Eugene

Deadline for entry forms: October 3, 2008

See Yearbook for student entry form and master list. Repertoire may be pop, jazz, rag, folk, easy listening, gospel, and music by 20th century composers such as Meir, Olson, Poe, Jon George, Sheftel, etc.

**Delores Tiktin**

Festival of Popular Music Chair

## ***Barnes & Noble Fundraiser***

The Barnes & Noble Fundraiser will be held December 7-13. The performance kickoff will be on Sunday, Dec. 7. In the yearbook, it states that the deadline is

October 17. However, I would like to have everyone sign up by October 1 to give us more time to prepare the advertising. Teachers may sign up after the deadline, but their names may not be on the advertising and the times would not be included on the posters.

Teachers will be able to sign up for 20 minute time slots. As it was last year, there will be 5 minutes between teachers. Presently, the time slots begin at 11:40 AM and conclude at 5:25 PM. If additional time is needed, it can be added either at the beginning or end.

Again this year, we will have \$25 gift card drawings. Andrew Kim is generously donating one card, OMTA will buy a card, and I am donating a card. If you are interested in donating a card yourself or going in with some other members, please let me know. This fundraiser is very important because it gives students of all levels the opportunity to perform in a casual and friendly setting, and, it provides much needed funds to help keep quality student performance opportunities throughout the year.

I look forward to working with you on our fundraiser. Please contact me if you have questions.

**Mary Ellen Yost**

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser Chair

## Treasurer's Report

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

### EXPENSES

June 1 - September 1, 2008

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
06/05/08	Con Brio - June 2008 issue	47.47
06/05/08	PEAK Internet	19.90
06/05/08	Qwest	49.08
06/16/08	Syllabus	13.98
06/16/08	website upgrade	50.00
06/16/08	OMTA Directory ad	40.00
07/14/08	PEAK Internet	19.90
07/14/08	Qwest	35.98
08/01/08	Wildish Community Theater deposit	547.50
08/01/08	Westside Baptist Church - printing	31.00
08/04/08	Treasurer - stamps, office supplies	76.80
08/11/08	Qwest	32.53
08/11/08	Internet domain listing	65.00
08/11/08	PEAK Internet	19.90
08/26/08	Hult Center deposit	200.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,249.04</b>

### INCOME

June 1 - September 1, 2008

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DUES	707.00
Lawson Keyboard Center - yearbook ad	100.00
chk #1298 cancelled	58.00
Chambers Foundation grant	500.00
U of O Yearbook ad	50.00
ACMI donation	25.00
Buy & Sell Center - yearbook ad	100.00
Gracewinds Music - yearbook ad	50.00
Sherman-Clay/Moe's Pianos - yearbook ad	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,640.00</b>

Checking Account balance on 09/01/2008: \$ 1,219.03



## Con Brio

September 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: Sarah Burch  
 Vice-President: Virginia Buhn      Recording Sec: Neil Patton  
 Treasurer: Wyatt Burger      Past President: Claire Wachter

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

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Savings Account balance on 09/01/2008: \$ 3,241.72

Certificate of Deposit: \$ 2,176.16

Respectfully submitted,

*Wyatt L. Burger*

Eugene District Treasurer

By unanimous vote at the 2008 OMTA Conference, **Fern McArthur** was elected President-Elect of OMTA. She will fill a two-year term, in charge of the 2009-2010 State conferences, then become OMTA president. Congratulations Fern!

## Syllabus

The deadline for Fall Syllabus time requests is Friday, September 26, 2008. Please use the Scheduling Request Form that is posted on the State website under "teacher forms." Feel free to e-mail me at [wrclevenger@comcast.net](mailto:wrclevenger@comcast.net), or call (541) 434-0231 if you have any questions. Do not send any other forms at this time. Observing the deadline is greatly appreciated. The deadline for all forms and fees is October 13.

*Lucy Clevenger*

District Syllabus Chair

## Neil Patton in concert!

Our own Neil Patton will be performing in two upcoming piano concerts.

On Saturday, September 20th at 7:00 PM, he will perform a solo concert in the Atrium at Eugene's First Baptist Church (3550 Fox Meadow). This performance will feature both solo piano music from his new CD, *Impromptu*, and original songs from his first CD, *Horizon*. Admission is free, and CDs will be available for purchase.

On Tuesday, October 14th, Neil will join recording artists/composers/pianists Rebecca Oswald (Eugene), and Louis Landon (Chestnut Ridge, NY) in a solo piano concert at the United Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM. Featuring rotating performances from each pianist, and culminating in a round-robin three-way jam session at one piano, this will be a great event to bring students to. Tickets are \$15/\$10 for students and seniors. CD's from each artist will be available for purchase.

Hope to see you there! More information on Neil's music can be found at [www.neilpatton.net](http://www.neilpatton.net).

## Certification

I would like to introduce our new OMTA Certification Chair, Patti Widener, NCTM. She can be reached at (503) 246-8183, e-mail: [happykey88@hotmail.com](mailto:happykey88@hotmail.com).

If you are not yet certified, why not make 2008-2009 the year you begin working toward becoming an NCTM (Nationally Certified Teacher of Music)? So many of the requirements you may have already fulfilled!

Please read the certification pages in our new yearbook, then order the certification packet from MTNA. Look through the materials, and contact your district or state certification chair if you have questions. Help is available through each step of the process.

**Wyatt Burger**

District Certification Chair

## President's Message

Dear OMTA members,

It's been a wonderful summer at our house with visits from family and friends, a vacation into the majestic Canadian Rockies and a chance to refill our fruit room with jars of berries, peaches, applesauce and hopefully tomatoes. I'm eager to hear how each of you have spent your summer.

Labor Day weekend seems to sneak up on me each year, jolting me into the reality that school is starting, weather is changing and I'd better finish up lesson plans in quick order as piano students will arrive shortly. For those of us who haven't had students coming during the summer it's a time of anticipation knowing we'll soon have bright eyed, energetic and sometimes challenging young people coming through our doors. And I have good news for us—our first meeting will speak directly to our needs as teachers.

To give us an overview of teaching tips and offer some fresh ideas our September meeting will be a teacher forum given by some of our own experienced teachers. We are delighted that Carol White has invited us to meet in her lovely home in Springfield. Come at 9:00 AM for refreshments and socializing. Our business meeting will begin at 9:30 with the program to follow. Yearbooks will be available for you and we'll lay out plans for the coming year.

We are encouraging members to invite friends, who might be interested in joining our Eugene District, to one or two of our first meetings. And of course I would like to extend a special warm welcome to all of you who are members and may not be in a position to come on a regular basis to also join us for one of these first meetings.

I look forward to seeing all of you next Monday.

Musically yours,

*Carolyn McHan*

## Recital Programs

A reminder to **all event chairs**: please e-mail the final drafts of your recital programs to me **one week** before the event. Please use a MS WORD, MS PUBLISHER, or PDF file format.

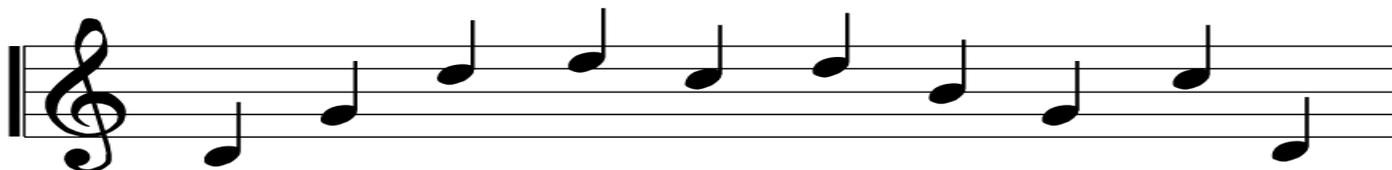
I will send a draft of the programs to you for approval before they are sent to the printer. Let me know how many programs to print, and if you have any specific formatting requests.

**Wyatt Burger**

District Programs Chair

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### District Telephone Number

for teacher referrals: 242-1024

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**[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 October 2008**

**issue of *Con Brio* is**

**Saturday, October 4, 2008.**

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

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

## *September Meeting*

Monday, September 8 at 9 AM

at the home of

Carol White

961 McKenzie Place, Springfield

### **Program**

A Panel Discussion: "Teaching Tips"

-with-

*Christine Mirabella*

*Neil Patton*

*Linda Plant*

