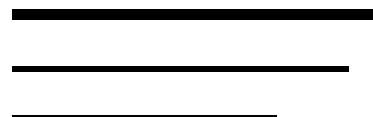


# CON BRIO



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

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### November Meeting & Program

Our meeting on Monday, November 10 will be at Linda Spangler's studio at 2441 Emerald St. We will gather at 9 AM to greet colleagues and enjoy refreshments provided by Linda and Christy Matheson. An important business meeting will follow, with Carolyn McHan presiding.

Linda, the author of *Piano Freedom for Frustrated Pianists: Finding Your Learning Style*, will be talking about how to teach students with different learning styles. With eight of you sitting at electric keyboards, Linda will demonstrate how to help each of your students:

- ♪ Take in information on the combination of aural, visual, kinesthetic and analytic channels that suits his or her learning style.
- ♪ Discover the most effective way(s) to learn new music: playing by note, chord and/or ear.
- ♪ Find the appropriate balance between learning the underlying elements of music step-by-step and passionately plunging into songs.

Linda founded and directed the UO Senior Citizens Piano Program (1982-1992). After obtaining a research grant from the National Institute of Health, she designed a curriculum that incorporated off-keyboard exercises, then tested it with 100 seniors. For the past 17 years, she's been writing, testing and perfecting *Piano Freedom for Frustrated Pianists*, a companion book (*Piano Freedom Toolbox: Drills, Thrills and Memory Pegs*), a prequel (*The Joy of Piano*) and a sequel (*Welcome to Seventh Heaven*).

To find Linda's studio from downtown, take 18th Street past the UO School of Music. Two blocks past the light at University St., turn right on Emerald and go to 2441 Emerald. To find the studio, walk through the carport, into the backyard and up the ramp.

**Monday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., Beall Hall**

**GABRIEL CHADOS, Piano**

*Guest Artist Recital; \$10, \$8*

Music by Schubert, Beethoven, and Jon Appleton.

**Free master class at Noon on Nov. 18!**

### Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

The Barnes & Noble Fundraiser will be on Sunday, December 7, 2008. The studio performances will go from 10:50 AM to 7:00 PM. David Lawson is once again giving OMTA a discounted price for the piano rental and Andrew Kim of B & N is getting everything ready for us.

At the November meeting, I will be giving you information on the event as well as a voucher that you can copy. If you want to get the voucher ahead of time, check on the website. This year it is very important that purchasers use the vouchers. Otherwise, we may not get credit for the purchase. There will be three \$25 gift cards to be given away: one to a purchaser and two to students. Finally, I will be asking for volunteers to put up posters around town.

Thanks for your efforts in making this a successful event.

*Mary Ellen Yost*

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser Chair

### Holiday District Recitals

Sunday, December 14, 2008

1:00 to 6:00 PM

United Lutheran Church  
22nd & Washington St., Eugene

Deadline for entry forms: Saturday, November 20

Fee: \$7, checks made out to Eugene OMTA

Repertoire: level 2 and above, any style solo or ensemble

Memorization: encouraged, not required

Please send forms to:

Marti Csonka  
105 E. 39th Ave.  
Eugene, OR 97405

meadowlard35@hotmail.com

## Treasurer's Report

Checking Account balance on 10/01/2008: \$1,155.76

### EXPENSES

September 1 - October 1, 2008

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10/09/08	October CON BRIO	55.96
10/09/08	Qwest	33.27
10/09/08	PEAK Internet	19.90
10/09/08	Payment from restricted funds	400.00
10/16/08	Yearbook - postage	82.77
10/16/08	Fest. of Pop Music programs	34.00
10/20/08	U. Luth. Church - Pop Festival	130.00
10/27/08	OMTA - Ensemble Fest. fees	74.00
10/27/08	Olga Aynvarg - adjud. Ens. Fest.	110.00
10/29/08	Ensemble Festival - programs	39.00
10/29/08	OMTA - Fall Syllabus	1,305.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,283.90</b>

### INCOME

September 1 - October 1, 2008

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DUES	34.00
Festival of Popular Music - student fees	406.00
Fall Syllabus	1,305.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,745.00</b>

Checking Account balance on 11/01/2008: \$ 616.86

Respectfully submitted,

*Wyatt L. Burger*

Eugene District Treasurer

**Sunday, Nov. 9, 3 p.m., Beall Hall**

**JEFFREY KAHANE, Piano**

*Chamber Music @ Beall; \$33, \$29, \$25, \$16*

Music by Mendelssohn, Schubert, Frazelle, and Rachmaninoff. Tickets from the Hult Center (682-5000) or EMU 346-4363.

**Pre-concert lecture, 2 p.m.**



## Con Brio

November 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

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  
 e-mail: [westlanepiano@cvcable.com](mailto:westlanepiano@cvcable.com)

## Membership

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Eugene District:

### Matthew Fuller

1360 N. Park Ave.  
 Eugene, OR 97404  
 685-2839  
[purfling@gmail.com](mailto:purfling@gmail.com)  
 VIOLIN

### Bethany Foster

2715 Potter St., Apt. B  
 Eugene, OR 97405  
 686-8791  
[bethany.k.miller@gmail.com](mailto:bethany.k.miller@gmail.com)  
 PIANO/ORGAN

### Lindsay Magnuson

1376 W. 6th Ave., Apt. D  
 Eugene, OR 97402  
[lmstudio@live.com](mailto:lmstudio@live.com)  
 PIANO

*Delores Tiktin*

Membership Chair

# *Recording Secretary's Report*

## Minutes of the October 13, 2008 District Meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:35 by President Carolyn McHan.

### **Barnes & Noble Fundraiser** (Dec. 7-13) - Mary Ellen Yost

Making sure members received the B & N e-mail.

Poster distribution starting next mtg.

Teacher discount is available at B & N.

Andrew Kim (our liaison at B & N):

Have fun with this event!

Promote widely

OMTA proceeds in previous years as follows:

2005: \$406

2006: \$687

2007: \$1,060

Important: Customers must bring OMTA voucher with them when purchasing.

Advertising deadlines:

Register Guard: Oct. 31

Eugene Weekly: Nov. 11

Andrew donating \$25 gift card for drawing

Others may donate as well (goal of 4 gift cards)

### **New Members** - Delores Tiktin

David Cragun

Bethany Foster

Matthew Fuller (violin)

Marcy Long

Also: Remaining yearbooks to be picked up today. (Rest to be mailed)

### **Treasurer's Report** - Wyatt Burger

Treasurer's Report in Con Brio

Carolyn: Budget is tight; please keep expenses down

### **Old Business:**

#### **Budget Committee** - Virginia Buhn

Recommendations:

Member presentations non-paid (but thanked)

\$5 increase in dues next year

Use web for teacher referral instead of phone #  
(save approx \$400)

Con Brio on Web instead of mailed  
(save approx \$600)

Items to be voted on in future mtgs.

**Linda Plant** distributed a handout from her Sept. presentation listing Pro resources for Studio Policies.

### **Committees:**

**Library** - Marti Csonka

**Jane Young:** New students to David Cragun

Most referrals have come from Yellow Pages

**Virginia Buhn: Scholarship Memorial Fund**

Bev Soule: We finally have access to her ideas

### **Brief Summary:**

- Annual competition for HS OMTA seniors in April
- For both students who are pursuing college music studies and those who are not.
- 30 minute limit, memorized selections from each of four style periods.
- Adjudicator from Eugene OMTA, no remuneration
- Various scholarship amounts presented
- Winners to perform at next OMTA meeting
- More details on file with Virginia and Recording Secretary

Possibly move forward this Spring

Budget to be checked

B & N proceeds to help with this?

Vote: Designate \$100 from B & N for this year?

Vote delayed to give Virginia a month to put more detailed plans together.

### **Web forms discussed**

#### **Pop Festival** - Soria Phillips-Meadow

Possible to publish programs online? (to enable easy access to repertoire lists) Soria to check

Video cameras ok? Discreet use: yes (no flash photos)

#### **Ensemble Festival** - Genevieve Mason

\$8 fee is correct

Registration deadline: Wed, Oct. 15

Festival: Nov. 2, 1:30-5:30

Jazz in Competition: no specific rules against.

#### **Syllabus** - Lucy Clevenger

Fall Syllabus: Nov. 15-16 (registration deadline today)

Help needed for Spring Syllabus (request made)

#### **Holiday Recitals** - Marti Csonka)

Memorization not required

Both holiday and non-holiday music accepted

Dec. 14 at United Lutheran Church

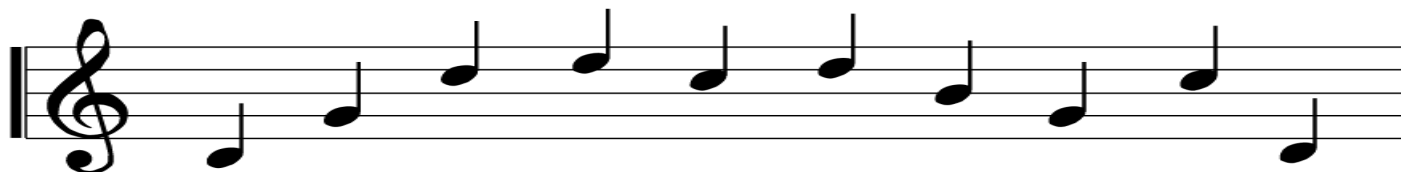
#### **Composition Festival** - Eularee Smith

April 5

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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 December 2008  
issue of *Con Brio* is**

**Saturday, November 29, 2008.**

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

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

## *December Meeting*

**Monday, December 8, 2008**

*Annual Holiday Potluck*

Entertainment by **David Chase**



Place: Home of Carolyn McHan,

34324 Deerwood Drive

Eugene

Minutes *continued from page 3*

Studio One (free!)  
 Part of larger celebration (including Jacobs Gallery)  
 Broader scope (Young Artists)  
 Enter students!!!  
 Composition Workshop Jan 11

### Meeting adjourned 10: 25

Virginia Buhn introduced our speaker, State President Susan Todd. She brought official greetings to our district and spoke on "Ideas for Studio Management."

Respectfully submitted,

*Neil Patton*

Recording Secretary

## *Festival of Popular Music*

Thank you to all of you who made the Festival of Popular Music a success! Three recitals were held from 1:30 - 4:30 representing 15 teachers. Fifty-eight students played a variety of music ranging from Guaraldi to Gershwin. An impressive range of levels was presented and all were well-prepared. A special thank you to the United Lutheran Church for a beautiful setting for the Festival.

Many thanks to such a wonderful group of teachers for all your help and support in making the Recital possible. Thank you to Janie Kaminski for flowers, Wyatt burger for programs and recital support, Ursula Damgaard and Delores Tiktin for programming and recital support, Virginia Buhn for publicity, and to Carolyn McHan for her guidance.

*Soria Phillips-Meadow*

Festival of Popular Music Chair

**Tuesday, Dec. 2, 8 p.m., Beall Hall**

**EUN SOO SON, Piano**

*Guest Artist Recital; \$10, \$8*

Music by Bach, Bartok, and Chopin.

**Piano Technicians Guild (PTG) offering \$750 scholarships to certified members of MTNA!**

For details, read the article on page 4 of the November-December issue of *Music News*.

## *OMTA Fundraising Opportunity*

We would like to invite you to support this OMTA fundraising opportunity once again by simply referring the host family program to your student parents. Please encourage them to host some wonderful Chinese students. For flyers, please contact Carolyn McHan at [jandcmchan@msn.com](mailto:jandcmchan@msn.com).

**What:** Hosting Chinese middle/high school students participating in the 2009 Winter University of Oregon Music/English & Choral Camps

**Website:** [www.teachmusic.us/hostfamily.html](http://www.teachmusic.us/hostfamily.html)

**When:** Music/English Camp Jan 29 - Feb 7 (10 days)  
 Choral Camp Feb 3 - 10 (8 days)

**Note:** Host family provides transportation, breakfast and dinner on weekdays; 3 meals a day on the weekend and occasional sack lunches. Students may share a room but must have their own bed. Host families are strongly encouraged to take 2 students. All host families are invited to participate in group activities, student concert and the farewell potluck dinner.

**Stipend:** 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.

**Contact:** LuAnn Langford (541) 517-5915  
[luannlangford@teachmusic.us](mailto:luannlangford@teachmusic.us)

## *OMTA Ensemble Festival*

Saturday, Nov. 15 & Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008

Two recitals each day - 2:00 PM and 3:30 PM

A reception following each recital

Russell Tripp Performance Center  
 Takena Hall

Linn-Benton Community College  
 Albany, Oregon

(see article on page 6 of the November-December issue of *Music News*)

## *President's Message*

Dear Members,

These crisp Fall days are fast slipping into November and the Thanksgiving Season. I can think of no better topic to cover this month than thankfulness.

I am continually amazed and thankful for those of you who offer your time and expertise to make our organization one of the best in Oregon.

Special thanks to those who are opening their homes for meetings, others who bring delicious refreshments, and those who are organizing and helping with our seven yearly recitals. Not only are the recitals a help to our district but also to the many students who gain opportunities to perform in exciting venues with other piano students from this whole area. **Soria** and **Genevieve** have started us off with two great recitals.

**Mary Ellen** has extra perks in mind for the Barnes & Noble Play-a-Thon coming up Dec. 7 and there is always an excitement about the Holiday Recital—**Marti** is chairing this years. **Lucy** is busy with the Fall Syllabus and hoping for a volunteer for Spring. I'm confident someone will step up to help her.

I've noticed how our members will see a need and respond with help. This was so well modeled at our first meeting when we had an overflow "crowd" with members standing. All of a sudden I noticed **Linda Plant**'s husband coming in the front door bring folding chairs, from their home across town, so we could sit in comfort! Thanks, Alan.

Another example was **Sandy** stepping up with an offer to take over the Bach Festival when **Christy** announced an expansion to their family will keep her from helping this year.

Several of you, **Linda Spangler**, **Crystal** and **Marti**, are sharing your expertise by presenting programs this year. **David** will share his musical talents with us at our Holiday Potluck. **Janie**, **Carol**, **Virginia** & **Judy** have all been working on PR while **Ellen** has solicited her family to start and keep us on the Web.

This brings me to another opportunity for someone in our group with web skills. If one of you, a family member or a friend would be willing to work on upgrading our Website I'm told we could save hundreds of dollars. I'm hoping this will appeal to someone.

I just want you all to know how much I enjoy working with such a marvelous group of talented and giving people. You are the greatest! Many, many thanks. May the spirit of this Season, that you so beautifully exhibit, come back to bless you in many ways.

Gratefully,

*Carolyn McHan*

### ***2009 OMTA Conference***

July 31 - August 2

University of Oregon  
Eugene

Fern McArthur, Conference Chair

(related article on page 5 of the Nov-Dec *Music News*)

### ***Certification for College Students***

MTNA is now offering Collegiate Certification to college students.

Read more about this new option in the article by Andrea McAlister, DMA, NCTM, on page 3 of the November-December issue of *Music News*.







