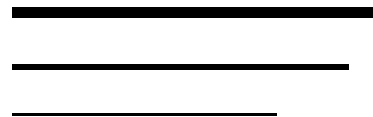


# CON BRIO



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

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***'Tis the Season to be Jolly...*** and a happy time is guaranteed for all Eugene District members and spouses/friends on Monday evening, December 8. Carolyn and Jim McHan will open their lovely home for our annual holiday pot-luck which will begin at 7:00 PM. Please bring food of your choice to share with others. We can look forward to entertainment provided by David Chase, so this is an evening not to be missed!

With degrees in piano performance from the University of Oregon and the State University of New York, David has been teaching in Eugene since 1983. His mother, Pat Chase, has been his inspiration (and an inspiration to all of us!). David enjoys teaching and playing and plans never to retire. He and his wife, Lynn, have two children and three grandchildren. Not only have their lives been filled with music and family, but they also have given many hours of service to troubled youth in New Hampshire, Denver, and Eugene.

Directions to the McHan Home:

Coming from Eugene on I-5, take exit 188 (Highway 58, Willamette Pass/Oakridge exit). Keep in the left lane and go under I-5. Take the next road to the right (Matthews Road). Go .8 mile and turn right onto Deerwood Drive. Go .4 mile to the 3rd driveway on the right and drive up to the house, 34324 Deerwood Drive. Phone: 746-5568.

***Virginia Buhn***

Eugene District Vice-President & Program Chair

## ***President's Message***

Dear OMTA Members,

Christmas is in the air and with it comes children to our studios with a special sparkle in their eyes as they anticipate the joy of the season. We members also have warm feelings in our hearts as we think about connecting with our families and friends during the holidays. And our district has a special reason to rejoice this year because we have received an early Christmas Gift!!!

Delores Tiktin's husband, Dave, has volunteered to "remodel" our website. This generous gift will be a benefit to each of us and we give a big collective "thank you" to Dave and to Delores who will be helping him. The plan is to update our home page, make it easier for prospective students to find us, possibly have a forum page, and a "Wiki" information page. Any of you with thoughts to share on what you'd like to see included on our web page please contact me. We welcome your ideas.

Final touches have been put in place by Mary Ellen for the Barnes & Noble Play-a-Thon and Marti for the Holiday recital. Many thanks to them and their helpers and to all of you teachers who have prepared your students for these recitals.

In keeping with the season we invite all members and a guest to our home December 8, at 7:00 PM for our annual holiday potluck. Dave Chase will provide our entertainment.

May the joy of Christmas fill your hearts.

Musically Yours,

***Carolyn***

## Treasurer's Report

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

### EXPENSES

November 1 - December 1, 2008

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
11/05/08	November CON BRIO	62.40
11/06/08	Qwest	32.68
11/06/08	PEAK Internet	19.90
11/11/08	Ensemble Festival	19.26
11/11/08	U of O - Ensemble Festival	340.00
11/19/08	Wildish Community Theater	432.50
11/28/08	Barnes & Noble Fundraiser	56.55
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 963.29</b>

### INCOME

November 1 - December 1, 2008

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DUES	126.00
Ensemble Festival - student fees	576.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 702.00</b>

Checking Account balance on 12/01/2008: \$ 355.57

Respectfully submitted,

*Wyatt L. Burger*

Eugene District Treasurer

## Fall Syllabus

Eugene Fall Syllabus took place on November 14-16, 2008 at the U of O School of Music. The event went very well. There were 35 participating students, 15 teachers and 2 adjudicators. Thirty-three students passed, one was participated demonstration and one forfeit. Special thanks to Clair Wachter for arranging the use of the U of O studios. Please let me know if you have any complaints or suggestions.

*Lucy Clevenger*

District Syllabus Chair



## Con Brio

December 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)

## 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)

# *Recording Secretary's Report*

## Minutes of the October 13, 2008 District Meeting

**Eugene OMTA  
District Meeting  
Monday, November 10, 2008**

Business Meeting Minutes  
(Neil Patton, Recording Secretary)

Meeting held in the home of Linda Spangler.  
22 members in attendance.  
Meeting called to order by President Carolyn McHan at 9:30  
Copies of the Oregon Musician are available  
Yearbooks: Record your names if you have received Yearbook  
Thanks to Christy Mattheson and Linda Spangler for Refreshments  
Roll Call

Welcome by Carolyn

I. Minutes from October Mtg.: Recording Secretary Neil Patton addressed changes to minutes added since publication on November Con Brio.  
(Changes approved)

A. Neil has also requested that details of presentations given at business meetings be given to him in printed form for inclusion in the minutes.

II. Treasurer's Report (Wyatt)

1. As printed in Con Brio (Checking: \$616.86)
2. Other accounts unchanged
3. Came out \$200 ahead in Pop Festival
4. Possibility of one more free recital each year if profits continue to rise
5. Approved Treasurers Report (MSP)

III. First Items

A. Carolyn McHan: Wildish Theater is available for Holiday Recitals in 2009!

B. State Board Report (Virginia represented us at mtg.)

1. District Presidents' Roundtable
  - a. Carol White did not attend
  - b. Solveg Sorenson selected as coordinator of idea exchange.

2. MTNA Liability Insurance
  - a. We must contact them for coverage for each event
  - b. Wyatt recalled that we were covered already.
  - c. Carol White believes there are two different things discussed here.
  - d. Clarification needed (Carolyn will pursue.)
3. Other districts with Pop Fests call them "Anything Goes".
  - a. Possible title/theme for our future events?
4. Linn Benton discontinued their phonebook listing because of poor response.
5. Roseburg District is listed in their phone book under Chamber of Commerce.
  - a. We looked into the same idea, but cost would be \$300 (which does not bring us out ahead financially).
  - b. List of OMTA teachers should be distributed to 4J schools
  - c. We are maintaining phone listing as is for now.

C. Board Mtg

1. State repertoire requirements cannot be changed less than 9 months before scheduled event.
2. Proposal for establishing an OMTA state office and staff.
  - a. Possible location in Upstart Crow's building here in Eugene.
3. Certification – Standing rules have eliminated State Certification
  - a. Current State certified members maintain permanent certification)
  - b. Students of teachers holding dual membership can enter district-sponsored events in either the district of the member's residence or of the student's, but not both.
4. This Year's competitive Bach Festival – Only J. S. Bach repertoire.
  - a. Susan Todd had polled all presidents on the Bch Festival ruling.
  - b. Responses have been given to the Bach Festival Chair & committee.
  - c. They will make a recommendation.

IV. Old Business

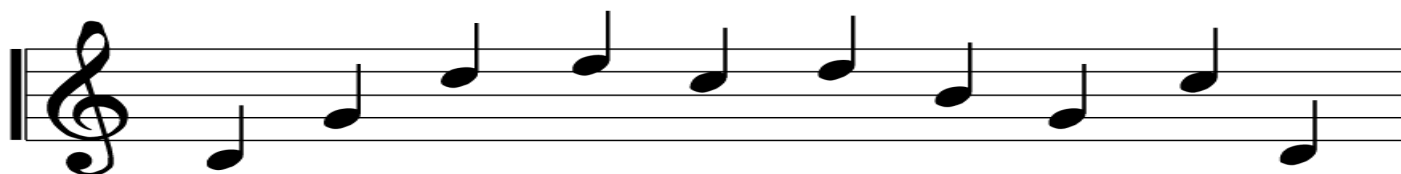
A. Scholarship (Carolyn standing in for Virginia Buhn)  
1. Committee guidelines will be in future Con Brio

- B. Budget committee suggestions from last meeting:
1. Dues Increase \$5.00
    - a. Carol's input: Increase allows student entry fees to remain the same.

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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 January 2009  
issue of *Con Brio* is

Saturday, January 3, 2009.

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

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

## *January Meeting*

**Monday, January 12, 2009**

Home of Fern McArthur  
2128 Elysium Avenue  
Eugene

9 AM Business Meeting



PROGRAM

*Albums for the Young & Young At Heart*

Crystal Zimmerman

**Minutes...continued from page 3**

- b. 2 years since last increase
- c. Discussion re: Student contributions to OMTA (fee paid to teachers?)
- d. Straw Vote Pursue? 8 Not? 8
- e. Genevieve (and others) e-mail ideas (pro and con) to Carol White regarding this proposal.
- f. Straw Votes:
  - i. \$5 increase: 12
  - ii. \$3 : 6
  - iii. Neither: 1
  - iv. How many prefer Con Brio mailed: 13
  - v. How many prefer Con Brio via web: 15
  - g. Wyatt's input: Subscription idea doesn't necessarily make it easier. If only published via web, then no expense at all.
  - h. Further questions: What about members w/o internet access? Cheaper paper? (Wyatt obtains leftovers from print shops!)
  - i. Current postage for Con Brio is approximately \$30 per month

**C. Web site update (Ellen McQuilken):**

- 1. Optimization has been done, but there are other ways to drive traffic to our site
  - a. Personal websites should link to Eugene site
  - b. Need link to Shedd, Arts Umbrella
  - c. Text revisions are needed
- 2. What are our objectives with the website?
- 3. History of our website
- 4. \$900 needed to modernize website (primarily cosmetic changes)
  - a. Is there a volunteer who could design/maintain?
  - b. Christy Matherson has offered to maintain site
  - c. Delores Tiktin's husband might be able to do work.
  - d. Broadcast our need
  - e. Possibly updated by next year?
  - f. UPDATE (11-12-08): Dave Tikten is willing to work on our website!!! This is news worth shouting about He is recuperating from an unfortunate bicycle accident but is willing to donate time to help us.

**D. Chinese Music Camp needing home-stay families (Soriah Phillips has flyers)****V. District Committee Reports****A. Barnes and Noble Fundraiser (Mary Ellen Yost)**

- 1. Give vouchers to all (participants and non-participants)
- 2. Pictures handed out from last year's event
- 3. Pictures will be available this year as well.

- 4. Mary Ellen will be there for most of day.
  - a. Students from 5:00 on, teachers need to be there early to meet students and keep things moving.
- 5. Publicity: Posters made and available. Need distribution (bring tape with you)
- 6. Smaller posters can be distributed to individual studios, churches, etc.
- 7. Vouchers: Available for copying and distribution.
  - a. Vouchers need student name, teacher name, recipient name.
- 8. Promote right after Thanksgiving
- 9. We cannot approach people in the store with vouchers.
- 10. Arrive early, seat students as soon as previous studio is done.
- 11. Clear out students as soon as program is done.
- 12. Please time your students in lessons. Know your times!
- 13. Programs are not required, but recommended
- 14. Attire: Dress well (casual, but not too casual)
- 15. Bow after, not before performances.
- 16. Prize drawing: One winner per studio.

**B. Pop Festival report: Soriah Philips**

- 1. Cost \$130 + \$34 for programs
- 2. \$406 taken in
- 3. \$242 profit

**C. Ensemble Festival: Genevieve Mason**

- 1. Held on Nov 2
- 2. 72 students signed up, 68 played
- 3. Income:\$576.00; Expenses: \$582.26. (Deficit: \$6.26.)
- 4. Details, including winners, will be published in ext Con Brio
- 5. Additional procedural question: When winning percentage falls between two numbers, how should adjudicators proceed? (40% of the total competitors might result in "1.2" winners. Would we declare 1 or 2 winners?)
- 6. This matter will be referred on to State.

**D. Winter Recital (Marti Csonka)**

- 1. Nov 29 is the deadline for registration, not the 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45, followed by a very helpful presentation by our own Linda Spangler regarding working with various student learning styles.

## *Ensemble Festival*

Our Eugene District Ensemble Festival took place on Sunday November 2d, at the School of Music of the University of Oregon, in Room 163. It was again a great musical celebration with devoted students and teachers. 72 students registered, 68 were there and played, 12 teachers participated. Our adjudicator was Olga Aynvarg, who did her task with great mastery, and was very encouraging in her short speeches, as well as in her written comments. Our first recital was noncompetitive, the second was competitive, the third was a mix of noncompetitive and competitive. Winners and alternates were chosen from the competitive portion of the programs. They were divided into three age-sections: Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The K-5th section had one winning ensemble:

Corina Mac William, Wesley Georgiev, Hugh MacWilliams, in a one piano 6 hands piece, students of Christine Mirabella.

The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> section had two winning ensembles:

Connor Hertzberg, Brennan Lilley, Joseph Han, Erik Barnes in a two-piano 8 hands piece, students of Christine Mirabella  
Sujin Kay and Sungwoo Kay, in a 4 hands piece, students of Genevieve Mason.

The 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> section had four winning ensembles:

David Goodman, Hannah Larson in a 4 hands piece, students of Christine Mirabella  
Stephen Lu, Christina Lu in a 4 hands piece, students of Lucy Clevenger  
Alex Crider-Phillips, Grant Crider-Phillips in a Sonata for violin and piano, students of Dolores Titkin  
Alysa Phan, Courtney LaFrachi, in a 4 hands piece, students of Virginia Buhn.

Each section got one alternate group chosen.

K-5th :Asia Wooten, Emma Shortt in a 4 hand piece, students of Sandy Hull  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> : Hannah Larson, Claire Luan Wells in a 4 hands piece, students of Christine Mirabella  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> : Katherine Rowland, Joseph Tomcal, Madeline Tyler, Pema Maretich in a two-piano 8 hands piece, students of Christine Mirabella.

All the winning ensembles have performed at the State Ensemble festival, in The Russell Tripp Performance Center in Tadena Hall , LBCC, Albany, on September 15 and 16.

Our income was of \$ 576.00, our expenses were \$ 582.26. So we have a small deficit of \$ 6.26.

Special thanks to Sandy Hull, Wyatt Burger, and the teachers for their help in organizing and running the event.

*Genevieve Mason*

Ensemble Festival Chair