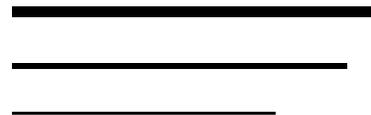


CON BRIO



Oregon Music Teachers' Association, Inc.
Eugene District

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Website Re-design!

Our district website re-design is currently under development. My husband, Dave, is offering his technical expertise to help with the re-design and keep the site updated. Ellen and Wyatt are also on the website committee. To check it out, go to:

www.omta-eugene.org

The Con Brio and announcements about upcoming events are now on the website. You will find addresses of meetings and event venues linked to Google Maps. We have plans to include write-ups and photos about recent recitals or other events on our website.

We would like to offer our members the opportunity to have their own web page on the district site. The teacher web pages can contain contact information, a biography, teaching philosophy, information regarding your studio, etc. They would not contain student fees or other things that would need updating except for contact information.

Those teachers who have their own website can choose to have a link on our district site. If you are interested in having a web page or in having your personal website linked from our district site, please send an email to **ddtikin@gmail.com**. Please state whether you want a web page on the district site or a link to your already existing site or both. We will contact you when Dave is ready to begin working on the teachers web pages.

We are open to your ideas. You will notice there is a Wiki page. You can leave comments right on the Wiki page or send us your suggestions by email. We have future plans about making the Wiki useful for our teachers, for example: putting up repertoire lists, teaching tips, etc. on the site.

If you are an officer or on a district committee please check your information on the website (email address, etc.) to see if it is correct. Our website is only useful if the information on it is correct. Thanks.

Delores Tiktin

Website Coordinator

Happy New Year!

January Meeting

Eugene District will welcome the new year with a meeting on Monday, January 12, at the home of Fern McArthur at 2128 Elysium Avenue in Eugene. Plan to arrive at 9:00 AM to greet colleagues and enjoy refreshments provided by Lucy Clevenger and Delores Tiktin.

Following the business meeting, Crystal Zimmerman will present a program on *Albums for the Young and the Young at Heart*. She will explore fascinating but lesser known repertoire choices for the intermediate level pianist, similar in style to Robert Schumann's *Album for the Young*, Op. 68. Many of the pieces have programmatic titles, which can be a powerful creative stimulus for the student.

Crystal Renee Zimmerman holds degrees in piano performance and piano pedagogy from Wichita State university and the University of Oregon. She is currently a DMA student at U of O in piano performance, with a supporting area in music history. Throughout her studies she has been the recipient of many awards and scholarships and has served as a graduate teaching fellow. In addition to her studies she maintains a large private piano studio.

Looking Ahead to February...

On Monday, February 9, Dorothy Fahlman of Portland, one of OMTA's most revered, successful and creative piano teachers, will present a workshop and masterclass for Eugene District. Needed are 3 or 4 students of varying ages and repertoire to play for her. Please contact Virginia Buhn, Program Chairman, if you have a well-prepared student who would benefit from this experience.

Virginia Buhn

Eugene District Vice-President and Program Chair

Treasurer's Report

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

EXPENSES

December 1, 2008 - January 1, 2009

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
12/02/08	Dec. CON BRIO & Directory	69.58
12/12/08	District Recitals programs	35.00
12/16/08	Qwest	41.67
12/16/08	PEAK Internet	19.90
12/16/08	Barnes & Noble Fundraiser	25.00
12/16/08	Lawson's Keyboard Center	200.00
12/16/08	United Lutheran Church - rental fee	180.00
	TOTAL	\$ 571.15

INCOME

December 1, 2008 - January 1, 2009

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Weathers Yearbook ad	30.00
District Recitals student fees	399.00
Barnes & Noble Fundraiser	1,059.66
Donation to Barnes & Noble Play-a-Thon	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,513.66

Checking Account balance on 01/01/2009: \$ 1,298.08

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt L. Burger

Eugene District Treasurer

Spring Syllabus

The deadline of Spring Syllabus time request forms is February 9, 2009. You can print them from the website. Please don't send any forms or fees which are due March 20th. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Lucy Clevenger

Distict Syllabus Chair



Con Brio

January 2009

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

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

Wyatt L. Burger, editor
 e-mail: westlanepiano@cvcable.com

Jr. Bach Festival

Welcome back everyone and hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. It's time to get back to work and I have the information on our upcoming Jr. Bach Festival. Deadline are fast approaching us as Monday, January 12, 2009 is our deadline for this event. The Eugene District Jr. Bach Festival will take place on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at the Cascade Manor, 65 West 30th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon.

There have been some changes this year so please read the guidelines published on our State website as well as our own Eugene District website. The main change is for the competitive event, students are required to play music by J. S. Bach. Forms can be found on our district website including the information on guidelines, entry forms and master list forms. Please fill these out completely and mail to me before the deadline.

If you do not have access to the website, please contact me Sandy Hull, Chair, at (541) 485-3524 or hullpiano@gmail.com and I will be happy to send this information to you. All forms should be sent to me at 2054 City View St., Eugene, OR 97405.

Eugene will be hosting the Regional Bach Festival, Sunday, February 15, 2009. Information to follow regarding time and location.

Sandy Hull

District Jr. Bach Festival Chair



American Liszt Society

Dear OMTA members,

The Oregon Chapter of the **American Liszt Society** is now established at the University of Oregon. Alexandre Dossin is serving as its president, and Claire Wachter as its Vice-President. The Oregon Chapter of the **American Liszt Society** is excited to promote the works of Franz Liszt, a multi-faceted genius whose compositions, life and personality are still often misunderstood. The society offers to members lectures and concerts by highly esteemed artists, as well as the *Journal of the American Liszt Society* and two yearly newsletters.

Liszt was an advocate for young artists and actively supported many of his fellow musicians. The Oregon Chapter of the **American Liszt Society** wishes to honor the legacy of Liszt by offering scholarships to young artists in our own community. You can share in this worthy

goal of helping young artists by joining the Oregon Chapter of the **American Liszt Society**. The cost is \$40 a year and local chapter dues are only \$10.

The Oregon Chapter of the **American Liszt Society** will place all local chapter dues from OMTA members into a special fund. This fund will be exclusively reserved for a scholarship dedicated to students of Eugene District members who become piano majors (B.A./B.S. or B.M. degrees) at the University of Oregon. Please note that students will need to audition in person at the University of Oregon in order to be considered for the Oregon Chapter of the **American Liszt Society**'s UO Piano Scholarship. Piano audition guidelines are listed on the UO School of Music and Dance admissions website.

Please seriously consider joining the Oregon Chapter of the **American Liszt Society**, a non-profit organization. You may also make a donation to the scholarship fund for 2008 and receive a tax credit. You will be furthering Liszt's noble ideology of advancing music and art throughout the world, and supporting our own young artists. Please send your membership fees and/or donation to the scholarship fund to:

Oregon Chapter of the American Liszt Society
Alexandre Dossin, President
University of Oregon School of Music and Dance
1225 University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403

Please contact the chapter's webpage at <http://liszt.uoregon.edu> for further details. For other questions, please contact Dr. Alexandre Dossin at adossin@uoregon.edu (346-3781) or Dr. Claire Wachter at cwachter@uoregon.edu (346-3758). Thank you.

Best wishes

Marti Csonka

District Holiday Recitals

Our annual Holiday Recital, held on December 14 at the United Lutheran Church, was an afternoon to remember...with lovely music floating through the air. Three recitals were held from 1:00 to 4:00 at the United Lutheran Church. Thirteen teachers participated with 57 students performing. The repertoire was varied and imaginative, ranging from solo classical music, traditional Christmas music to ensemble repertoire.

Thank you so much to all those people who contributed to the success of the recital: Wyatt Burger for his elegant recital programs, Lucy Clevenger for her kind help in organizing the repertoire and the programs, Janie Kaminski for her creative decorating ideas, and the United Lutheran Church for offering their festively adorned sanctuary.

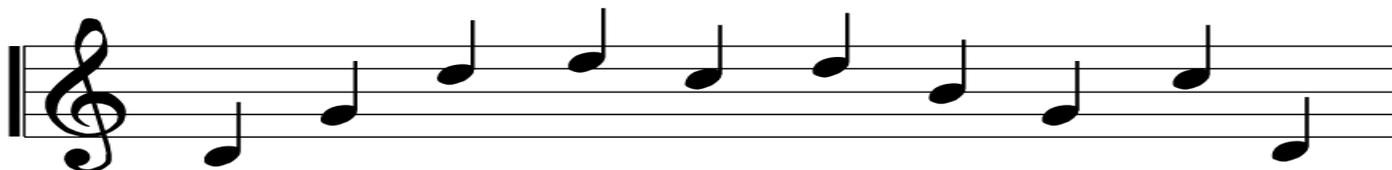
It is always a joy to hear the many talented pupils presenting such polished performances, sharing beautiful music to enrich our lives. Thank you to the excellent teachers who made this possible!

Marti Csonka

District Holiday Recitals Chair

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District Telephone Number

for teacher referrals: 242-1024

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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 February 2009
issue of *Con Brio* is

Saturday, January 31, 2009.

Send to westlanepiano@cvcable.com

Visit our website at www.oma-eugene.org

February Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2009

First Congregational Church

1050 East 23rd Avenue, Eugene

9 AM Meeting



Workshop/Masterclass:

“Achieving Excellence!”

NTF Guest Clinician: Dorothy Fahlman

President's Message

Dear Member,

The Holidays are a time for making memories with family, friends and happy occasions. Our district contributed to memory making for our members and our students in several ways.

The Barnes & Noble Play-a-Thon was a winner as always! The following week found excited students sharing more of their talents in the Holiday District Recital. December 8 found over 25 members and friends in our home for a lovely dinner followed with exquisitely played piano music by David Chase.

Mark & Christy (Matheson) Forrest celebrated Christmas with a most memorable gift. John Emerson Forrest was delivered at 12:00 AM Christmas morning. Congratulations to the happy and proud parents.

Christmas came softly, silently, and sweetly on the wings of snow for many of us this year. The snow wrapped its loveliness around us giving us a chance to slow down whether we wanted to or not! It also meant a change of plans for several members.

As we say goodbye to 2008 we look forward to more memorable events in 2009. I am grateful to Eularee, Sharon and Neil who will guide our promising composers in a workshop January 11 and to Crystal who will share "Albums for the Young & Young at Heart" at our January 12 meeting.

A Happy Happy New Year to each of you,

Musically yours,

Carolyn

Con Brio Guidelines

Guidelines for submitting materials for publication in *Con Brio* can be found on page 44 of our current District Yearbook. In addition, here are a few additional suggestions and reminders:

1. The editor will correct **spelling** and **punctuation**, but cannot effectively alter the **grammar** and **content** of articles submitted for publication. Please write the article as you want it to read in the newsletter. The editor doesn't have time to rewrite, condense, or elaborate on the information submitted.
2. Please do not send articles and announcements using color text. It is so much more difficult to read than black text. Print should be no smaller than 10 point, or larger than 12 point.
3. One type of punctuation often used in announcements is the quotation mark. Remember that other punctuation such as commas and periods come **before** the end quotation mark. Note the placement of commas and the period in the following example:

The student performed "Dancing Butterflies," "The Singing Brook," and "March of the Dwarves."
4. Once you email an item for publication, you should receive a confirmation message verifying that it has been received. If you do not receive confirmation, please let me know before the deadline.
5. Event Chairs...don't forget to submit a summary of your event for publication in the issue immediately following the event.

Wyatt Burger

Con Brio Editor