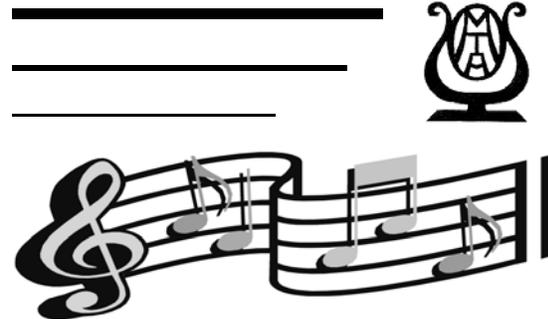


CON BRIO



Oregon Music Teachers' Association, Inc. Eugene District

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February District Meeting

Monday, February 9, 2009
First Congregational Church
1050 East 23rd Avenue, Eugene

A very special morning has been arranged for Eugene District with **Dorothy Fahlman** of Portland as guest speaker/clinician in a two-hour session made possible with a grant from the **Nellie Tholen Fund**. Dorothy is revered as one of the most successful and inspiring teachers in the Northwest. As an artist-teacher she has an astounding array of students who have won important competitions and scholarships. A true educator, however, her goal is always to use music to build the whole person, not just the performer.

Dorothy is nationally certified, a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Music and past president of OMTA. Active as adjudicator and clinician for state, division and national conferences, she also organized and chaired the exchange of teachers, artists and students between Russia and China. In addition, she was co-creator of the musical video "We Sing Together," co-author of three children's musical books and script writer/director for Puppeteers of America.

The morning will begin promptly at 9:00 AM with refreshments provided by Jean Wilson and Marti Csonka and a short business meeting with Carolyn McHan presiding. Dorothy's lecture, entitled "**Achieving Excellence**," will be followed by a master class with music of varying levels and styles. After the presentation, everyone is invited to an informal no-host lunch at the Valley River Inn.

Virginia Buhn

Eugene District Vice-President & Program Chair

Composition Workshop

The **Composition Workshop** was a success by any measure! The presenters did an outstanding job of rotating through the student groups and providing material that was informative and interesting. We are hopeful that this turnout will mean a greater interest in the upcoming Composition Festival. But we all know that it won't happen by osmosis. Please encourage your students to participate. Neil, Sharon and I are willing to talk students through any musical stumbling blocks and we do expect teachers to follow through either by calling us or giving the information to the students. Our contact information was on the packets that were handed out at the Workshop.

It is our intent to do this again next year. We did get some helpful feedback and many kudos from those who attended, both teachers and students. Thank you to Upstart Crow Studios for hosting the event and providing a student volunteer and to Sharon and Neil for their tremendous work on behalf of our students.

The total number of students involved was 45, with 20 teachers represented - 4 teachers from out of the area.

Eularee Smith



Teacher Web Pages

Go to our district website under "teacher directory" to view personal web pages for Jane Young, Wyatt Burger and for me. Ellen McQuilkin is also on the list with a link to her personal site. If you would like a personal web page or a link to your personal web site please send your information or questions to:

Delores Tiktin

Website Coordinator

ddtiktin@gmail.com

Eugene District website teacher directory:

<http://www.omta-eugene.org/directory.shtml>

Treasurer's Report

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

EXPENSES

January 1, 2009 - February 1, 2009

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
01/07/09	January CON BRIO	69.30
01/21/09	Qwest phone & directory listing	37.20
01/21/09	PEAK Internet	19.90
01/29/09	Jr. Bach Festival programs	82.00
	TOTAL	\$208.40

INCOME

January 1, 2009 - February 1, 2009

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DUES	34.00
OMTA NTF Fund for 2/9/09 workshop	296.00
TOTAL	\$330.00

Checking Account balance on 02/01/2009: \$ 1,419.68

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt L. Burger

Eugene District Treasurer

Report: Beverly Soule Memorial Fund

Thanks to the search by Ellen McQuilkin through the secretary's files and by Wyatt Burger through the treasurer's books, and thanks to the input of Lea Mirabella, we now have some specifics on which to proceed.

The Memorial Fund was established in 2000 following a recommendation by Lea Mirabella. The purpose was 1) to give an annual scholarship as incentive to our students and 2) to serve as a memorial to Beverly for effective leadership. When Lea moved to Eugene in 1981 she found that the only district activity for students was an occasional recital, often cancelled due to lack of participation. It was because of Bev's backing as district president that Lea was able to introduce ideas brought from the East Coast, turning the district into a vibrant organization.



Con Brio

February 2009

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, and can also be accessed on the district website.

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

The first money came from the sale of Beverly and Ed Soule's music following their death and was listed in September, 2000 as \$1,967.35. It is unclear exactly how the money has been invested through the years, whether as part of savings or a CD, but the last mention in the treasurer's books was the amount of \$2,587.21 in June 2006.

The rules for the competition were drawn up by Lea, based on scholarships in Maryland. She has said that "changes, deletions and additions should be made to conform to current times."

Because all of this has proved to be elusive and without a firm foundation at this time, it is the recommendation of the committee that we:

- ♪ Postpone awarding a scholarship until Spring, 2010.
- ♪ Ask the budget committee to establish a separate fund for the scholarship. In addition ask the membership to agree on a method for adding to the amount.
- ♪ Consult with other OMTA districts which have scholarship programs to get ideas for effective administration.
- ♪ Take time to establish rules for the competition which promise to work smoothly and efficiently.
- ♪ Announce requirements six months prior to the first competition.

Virginia Buhn, Chairman
David Cragun, Ellen McQuilkin, Eularee Smith

Recording Secretary's Report

Eugene OMTA

District Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM at the home of Fern McArthur

19 Members in attendance

I. Introductory Items

A. Introduction of prospective new Members:

1. Matthew Wimer

2. Jessica B.

B. Con Brio is to be posted on website

C. Links can be made from the Eugene website to members' private pages.

Contact Delores Tiktin for more info.

D. Virginia Buhn's former student Anna Ballard has published a new student assignment book.

Limited copies are available as promo copies.

F. OMTA State Brochures distributed.

II. Chinese music Camp Jan 29-Feb2 Feb3-10

A. Need host families

B. Stipends available (which can be returned to OMTA)

C. Raised \$600 in past year

III. Treasurer's Report (Wyatt Burger)

A. CD Matures on March 15.

IV. Old Business:

A. Motion to accept Executive Committee recommendation to raise dues \$5 for general & \$3 for senior effective 2010 (When State changes rates) MSP

Total district dues will then be \$22 (general)/\$10 (senior)

It was clarified that a senior membership begins at age 65

B. Beverly Soule Memorial Scholarship Fund (Virginia Buhn)

1. Research has been done (thanks to Ellen McQuilkin, Wyatt Burger, Lea Mirabella)

2. Full history available from Virginia or Secretary

3. Last available total amount was \$2587.21 in June, 2006

4. Committee recommends:

1. Postpone awarding a scholarship until Spring, 2010

2. Ask the budget committee to establish a separate fund for the scholarship. In addition ask the membership to agree on a method for adding to the amount.

3. Consult with other OMTA districts which have scholarship

programs to get ideas for effective administration

4. Take time to establish rules for the competition which promise to work smoothly and efficiently

5. Announce requirements six months prior to the first competition.

5. Tabled

V. New Business

A. District Committee Reports:

1. Website

1. Dave & Delores Tiktin are upgrading the website for free

2. Thanks to McQuilkins for all their work establishing the website so wonderfully!

2. Teacher Referrals (Jane Young)

1. Write up in Con Brio (Next issue)

3. Barnes & Noble Fundraiser (Mary-Ellen Yost)

1. Held Sunday, 12-7-08

2. Went very well!

3. 21 Eugene District teachers presented students from 10:50 Am to 7:00 PM

4. \$1059.68 gross / \$778 Net income

5. Additional publicity did not seem to increase sales. In future, promotion should be done through individual studios.

6. Better understanding needed among students and parents re: use of vouchers. Many purchases were being made without the vouchers.

a. Teachers should bring extra vouchers with them to provide for families.

7. Lawson's charged \$100 more than last year (\$200 this year).

8. Expenses \$139 more than last year

9. More details available in handout on file with Secretary

4. Composition Workshop (Eularee Smith /Neil Patton)

1. Held 1-11-09 at Upstart Crow Studios, with Eulare Smith, Sharon Turner-Parmenter and Neil Patton presenting

2. Very Successful

3. Hoped for 20 students, ultimately had 46 registered students.

a. 24 beginner and 22 intermediate students

b. 20 teachers involved

c. Four teachers from out of the area participated (Portland, Coquille and Bend)

d. Admission: \$10 per student

4. Total Income: \$460

5. Total Expenses (pending decision re: payment of presenters): \$46.66

6. 413.34 Net

7. Suggestion has been made that net earnings could be used

to fund the Composition Festival.

5. Junior Bach Festival (Sandy Hull)

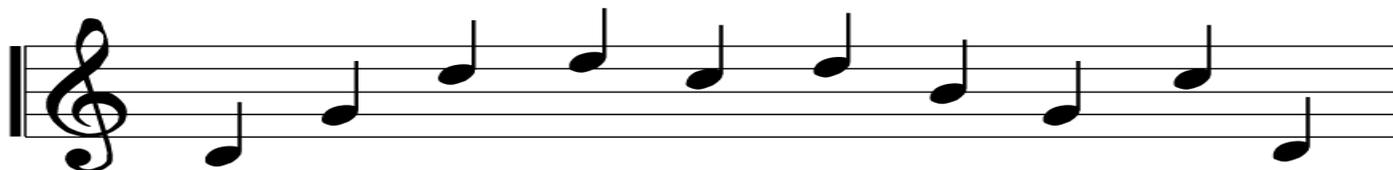
1. Will take place 2-1-09, Cascade Manor

2. Virginiaia and Robert Hurwitze will adjudicate

3. Piano will need tuning (included in budget?)

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District Telephone Number

for teacher referrals: 242-1024

Visit the OMTA website at

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 March 2009
issue of *Con Brio* is

Saturday, February 28, 2009.

Send to westlanepiano@cvcable.com

Visit our website at www.oma-eugene.org

March Meeting

Monday, March, 2009

Home of Virginia Buhn

2100 Ridgeway Drive, Eugene

9 AM Meeting



PROGRAM:

“Robert Muczynski Revisited”

Guest Speaker: Alma Marianos, Salem

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4. Re: Regional Festival: In past, district has paid fees (\$15 per student)
 - a. This policy is still in effect.
5. United Lutheran for Regional (no opposition)
6. Genevieve Mason and Bethany Foster are assisting
6. Spring Theme Festival
7. Composition Fest (Sharon Smith)
 1. April 5 (Registration Deadline: March 13)
 2. Encouraged teachers to start working now.
 3. Recording and Score required for each entry
 4. Possible panel "master-class"/American Idol adjudication?
 5. Encourage non-participants to come, as well
 6. Mentorship: contact Sharon, Neil, Eularee for ideas...
 7. Location- Studio 1
8. Syllabus (Lucy Clevenger)
 1. Time Requests (no fees) Deadline: Feb 9
9. Spring District Recital at the Wildish to be chaired by Sarah Burch
 3. Possible inclusion of outstanding student compositions in this event? Positive feedback...

The Business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:22. It was shortly followed by a wonderful presentation by Crystal Zimmerman entitled: Albums for the Young & Young at Heart.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Patton

Recording Secretary

OMTA State Conference

July 31 - August 2, 2009

University of Oregon

Conference Artist: **Santiago Rodriguez**

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

The Eugene District fundraiser at Barnes & Noble, held on Sunday, December 7, 2008, was very successful in terms of teacher and student participation and money raised. Feedback from those participating was positive. Twenty-one Eugene District teachers presented students from 10:50 AM to 7:00 PM. Students and families enjoyed the event.

The fundraiser netted \$778.00. Andrew Kim of Barnes & Noble, Eugene OMTA, and one teacher donated \$25 gift cards for the raffle. The winners were:

STUDENTS: Sierra Sharma (Jane Young)
Laura Teel (Nancy Harris)

PURCHASER: Mrs. Lois DeAngelis

I appreciate the wonderful cooperation of the participating teachers. A special thanks goes to Janie Kaminski for publicity, Carolyn McHan for encouragement, and to our excellent Treasurer, Wyatt Burger, for making sure that the financial segment of the fundraiser went smoothly.

Mary Ellen Yost

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser Chair

Junior Bach Festival

The Eugene District Jr. Bach Festival was held Sunday, February 1 at the Cascade Manor. We had 5 recitals scheduled at 1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:15, and 5:15. I am pleased to report we had a very big turnout despite the changes from the state this year. Playing exclusively Bach was certainly not lacking in excitement and nuance as we have some very fine teaching in our community and the playing was very good. There were only a few duplications of pieces.

We had 19 teachers enter a total of 62 students of which 7 cancelled. We had 36 in competitive and 25 in non-competitive and 1 already won 3 medals.

We are so grateful for our adjudicators that filled in at the last minute, Dr. Alexandre Dossin from the U of O and Gina Pruitt from Portland. They did a wonderful job with very helpful comments and choosing the winners to go on to Regionals.

I have to thank all the teachers that helped make this day go smoothly—Wyatt Burger, programs; Bethany Foster, Certificates and Comment Sheets; Genevieve Mason—programming and flowers; Claire Wachter—helping me finding adjudicators Friday night; and Fern McArthur—helping clean up. Thank to teachers that checked in students and music—Bethany, Genevieve, and Fern. Thanks especially to Cascade Manor for providing this lovely space for our festival and any teachers I left out.

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The Regional Jr. Bach Festival will take place Sunday, February 15, 2009, 2:00 PM at Cascade Manor, 65 West 30th Avenue, Eugene. Our adjudicator will be Olivier Poida from Portland. The State Jr. Bach Festival will take place on Sunday, March 1, 2009 in Newport, Oregon.

Congratulations to our Eugene District students and teachers chosen to participate in the Regional Jr. Bach Festival:

Group I (grade 3-7):

Claire Luan Wells, violin - student of Cheryl Luan
 Everett Young - student of Carolyn McHan
 Claire Luan Wells, piano - student of Christine Mirabella
 Jejin Lee - student of Fern McArthur
 Sujin Kay - student of Genevieve Mason

Group I Alternates:

Sungwoo Kay - student of Genevieve Mason
 Monya Maleki - student of Christy Matheson
 Hunter Ignatius - student of Irina Wilborn

Group II (grade 8-12):

Hannah Larson - student of Christine Mirabella
 Andrew Gao - student of Lucy Clevenger
 Stephen Lu - student of Lucy Clevenger
 Jenna Han - student of Christine Mirabella
 Louis La Ricca - student of Carolyn McHan
 Westin Young - student of Virginia Buhn
 Eric Larson - student of Christine Mirabella (already has
 won 3 medals and therefore eligible to advance
 to the final event and not counted in 30%)

Group II Alternate:

Chris Ren - student of Lucy Clevenger

Tiredly submitted,

Sandy Hull

District Jr. Bach Festival Chair

President's Message

Dear Members,

Today's sunshine streaming through the office window brings the realization that Spring is just around the corner. As some students were arriving today, to review their Bach pieces, I looked down at the barren soil and noticed our bulbs peeking through the earth. Such a hopeful sight. This made me think of all the students who've been taking barren Baroque notes and making them come to life as they've diligently practiced for Sunday's Junior Bach Festival. They will reward us with 5 recitals and bring renewed hope to parents and teachers for what they can accomplish.

The State Board meets this month. On the agenda will be a report of the committee studying changes in the Junior Bach Festival guidelines. These will be reported to you as soon as possible.

Forty six students stretched their wings of creativity at the Composition Workshop, January 11. Our thanks to Eularee, Sharon & Neil who did an outstanding job. It was a resounding success!

Your board wants to keep in step with positive changes that will benefit our district. I am happy to report *Con Brio* can now be accessed on our website. You will find Wyatt continues to create an artistic newsletter. At Monday's meeting we will vote on how much to utilize the web format in the future. Keep in mind that a large part of our budget is spent in mailing *Con Brio*. And remember you can post your own website by contacting Delores or Dave Tiktin.

Hope to see you at Monday's meeting which promises to be superb.

Musically Yours,

Carolyn