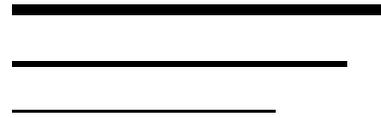


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## *Ready for a New Season...*

September brings the start of a new teaching year and Eugene District is prepared with a full roster of meetings, programs and events to help make it the most successful ever. Please join us on Monday morning, September 14, as we launch the 2009-2010 season.

The meeting will begin at 9:00 at the home of *Carol White*, 961 McKenzie Crest Drive in Springfield, with time to greet colleagues and enjoy refreshments provided by *Genevieve Mason* and *Virginia Buhn*. *Carolyn McHan* will preside over an important business meeting, outlining the many activities planned for district members and students.

The program will be presented by three of our members, *Janie Kaminski*, *Pat Morse*, and *Betsy Parker*, who have been asked to share valuable TEACHING TIPS with us. Each will give a brief presentation on a special area of pedagogy, followed by a period for questions and answers. Come prepared to take back to your studio many practical ideas gleaned from their experience and expertise. We look forward to seeing you.

*Virginia Buhn*

Eugene District Vice-President & Program Chair

## *Festival of Popular Music*

**Sunday, October 18th**

**Beginning as early as 1:00 PM**

**United Lutheran Church, 2230 Washington St. (corner of 22nd & Washington)**

**Deadline for entries: Friday, October 2**

**Registration Fee: \$7 per recital for each student**

What a wonderful way to start the new school year! This is the perfect opportunity to showcase students who have worked over summer or to wrap up favorites from Spring. Join us in the beautiful setting of the United Lutheran Church as we begin our 2009-2010 season of OMTA events. Please call or e-mail me with any questions. I look forward to seeing you all there. Please mail entries to me at 2449 Harris St., Eugene, OR 97405.

*Soria Phillips-Meadow*

Festival of Popular Music Chair

## *Important reminder to all activities chairs...*

Please submit your budget planning forms to the treasurer by October 1, 2009. The budget planning form is available at the OMTA website, or use the following link: [http://www.oregonmta.org/images/Budget\\_Planning\\_Form.pdf](http://www.oregonmta.org/images/Budget_Planning_Form.pdf)

## *Barnes & Noble Fundraiser*

The Barnes & Noble Fundraiser will be held December 6-8. The performance kickoff will be on Sunday, Dec. 6. The deadline for signup is October 1; however, teachers may signup after the deadline, but their names may not be able to be on the advertising and the times would not be included on the posters. Beginning Wednesday, September 9, teachers may signup either by phone, email or at the first meeting on September 14.

Teachers will be able to signup for 20 minute time slots. As it was last year, there will be 5 minutes between teachers. Also, if two teachers share a time slot, it can be 45 minutes total, eliminating the 5 minute break if students from both teachers are present for the 45 minutes. This will not allow time for teachers to break when one studio is finished; however, when they are both through, there will be a 5 minute break to get the next group settled. Presently, the time slots begin at 10:50 AM and conclude at 5:50 PM. If additional time is needed, it can be added on either at the beginning or end.

Again this year, we will have a gift card drawing—2 cards at \$20.00 per card with both cards going to students. 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

**The deadline for submitting materials for the  
October 2009 issue of *Con Brio* is  
Saturday, October 3, 2009.  
Send to [westlanepiano@cvcable.com](mailto:westlanepiano@cvcable.com)**

**OMTA Eugene District Website**

[www.omta-eugene.org](http://www.omta-eugene.org)

**Teacher Referral phone number**

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## *Con Brio*

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## *October Meeting & Program*

9:00 AM, Monday, October 12, 2009

Home of Mary Ellen Yost  
84544 Hideaway Hills Road S., Eugene

PROGRAM: Marti Csonka  
*Franz Liszt, Master Teacher of the Golden Age*

## President's Message

*Dear Colleagues,*

*It's back to work time for many of us!! Some have had a few months off from teaching, even enjoying exotic vacations, while others have continued with various projects or regular work. What ever you've done I trust you were rejuvenated by lovely weather and the beauties that surround us here in Oregon.*

*It was good to see a number of you at the OMTA Convention here in Eugene, that our own Fern McArthur organized with her usual charm and expertise. Bravo's to you, Fern, for such an excellent program!*

*If you're like me, around this time of year, a desire to get back in the saddle, to settle down to more formal schedule and to make connections with my OMTA friends begins to creep into my thinking. Well, there is good news—Monday, September 14, at Carol White's is the day this will happen. Don't miss this opportunity to get the latest "news" from your friends. You'll also hear firsthand about the activities planned for this year.*

*Because of the dedicated and persistent work of Nancy Harris, our Yearbook chair, and each of our Students Activities Chairs our Yearbook will be given out at our first meeting. Many thanks to Nancy and to each of you who contributed information. Also to Linda Plant for her excellent salesmanship as our Advertising Chair. Additionally Dave and Delores Tiktin have worked diligently to install the complete Yearbook on the Web. Many thanks Dave and Delores.*

*I thought of our District as I read a quotation by Steven Covey, author of 7 Habits of highly Successful People," made at a medical school commencement last Spring. "Success comes to a complementary team when strengths are made productive, and weaknesses are made irrelevant." He was challenging medical school graduates, saying their knowledge will bring more benefit to society when they are open to listening and working with others. He suggested a complementary team paradigm— "One in which we always work in a team spirit being open to each member's feedback."*

*It's this spirit that I have seen at work in our District and that has made my job so enjoyable. Thanks to all of you for being those "highly effective people" who bring inspiration and beauty to this world. Not only in our District activities but in whatever type of musical pursuits you are involved. I am energized as I look forward to working with you another year.*

*Musically Yours,*

*Carolyn McHan*

President, Eugene District OMTA

## Eugene District Website

Our district website now has all the current information for the 2009-2010 year. The website is very user friendly. A complete calendar of activities is on the website. Check it periodically for reminders of upcoming events and deadlines. You can find maps for the location of our meetings and events. All of the forms are editable and printable!

If you are on a committee please check to see that the information is correct for your event. Also, please check your e-mail address which appears at the lower left hand corner when you hold your cursor over your name.

Dave has put all the descriptions of student activities in a standardized format. Also, notice that there is only one entry form and one master list for four recitals: the Popular festival, the two district recitals and the Spring theme festival.

If you have any pertinent news or photos during the school year for our website please send those to me. You may contact me if you are interested in a page or link to the Teacher Directory. Please report any incorrect information or problems with the website to me at [ddtiktin@gmail.com](mailto:ddtiktin@gmail.com)

*Delores Tiktin* Website Coordinator