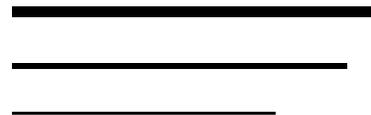


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October Meeting



We look forward to our meeting on October 12 when FRANZ LISZT, MASTER TEACHER OF THE GOLDEN ERA will be the topic of a presentation given by *Marti Csonka*. Marti explored the life and music of Liszt in connection with her Master's Degree in Piano Pedagogy at the University of Oregon. "While working on this project I was hugely impressed by what an extraordinary person and artist Liszt was. I was also surprised to learn how often he is misunderstood and has been misrepresented. In this brief overview I hope to share some of what I have learned about him."

We will assemble at 9:00 at the home of *Mary Ellen Yost* to greet colleagues and enjoy refreshments provided by *David Cragun* and *Mary Elma Shotts*. *Carolyn McHan* will preside over the business meeting as we learn more about plans for the year.

Mary Ellen's residence/studio is at 84544 Hideaway Hills South, Eugene 97405. Her directions follow.

Virginia Buhn

Eugene District Vice-President

Coming from I-5 South (from Creswell or Cottage Grove)

1. Exit #186 Goshen.
2. Left at stop sign right off the freeway, go over I-5, then left at stop sign. You will be traveling on Hwy. 99 South.
3. Right on Dillard Road. (You will cross RR tracks and drive about 1.4 miles on Dillard.)
4. Left on Hideaway Hills South. House and studio about 1 mile up this road. The road makes a right turn. You will pass a row of mailboxes and a road to the left—**do not** take this road. Proceed up the hill. **Our house is the last house on the paved road on the right.** It is a two-story off-white house with brown trim. We are in a small forest. There are houses past ours, but they are on a forked gravel road.

Coming from I-5 North (from Eugene and Springfield)

1. Exit #188 (also listed as 188A on one sign) into Goshen. (Watch closely as there is construction.) Once you have exited the interstate, veer to the right at the fork.
2. Right at stop sign at the bottom of the exit.
3. Left at stop sign into Hwy. 99S.
4. Continue on 99S to Dillard Road. Follow directions above #3 & #4.

Coming from Eugene over Dillard Road

1. Take East Amazon to Dillard, then right on Hideaway Hills South. Follow #4 above.

Festival of Popular Music

Sunday, October 18th
United Lutheran Church, 2230 Washington St.
(corner of 22nd & Washington)

Thank you to all of you who sent in your entry forms. I will contact you ASAP with recital times. Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. Also at the recital, please find me as soon as you arrive to check your students in. I look forward to sharing a wonderful afternoon of music together.

Soria Phillips-Meadow

Festival of Popular Music Chair

Clavier Companion

The *Clavier Companion* subscription is going in on October 12 right after the October meeting. Have your checks made out to Jean Wilson for \$20 if you want to get in on the group subscription rate. Hopefully the new subscriptions will start with the November-December issue. So far, I have 7 renewals or new subscribers. Some people have renewed on their own. E-mail me to tell me if you want to be included. Send a check by mail to **Jean Wilson, 860 E. 43rd Ave., Eugene, OR 97405**. Thanks.

Jean Wilson

Clavier Companion subscriptions chair

The deadline for submitting materials for the November 2009 issue of *Con Brio* is Saturday, October 31, 2009.
 Send to westlanepiano@cvcable.com



Con Brio

October 2009

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Wyatt L. Burger, editor
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Fall Syllabus

Fall Syllabus is November 14-15, 2009. **Due date for all syllabus forms and fees is Monday, October 12.** Please do not send another time request form. For any questions contact me at 541-434-0231, and mail the forms to **Lucy Clevenger, 1142 Brookside Drive, Eugene, OR 97405**.

Lucy Clevenger

District Syllabus Chair

OMTA Eugene District Website

www.omta-eugene.org

Teacher Referral phone number

242-1024

November Meeting & Program

9:00 AM, Monday, November 9, 2009

Home of Mary Elma Shotts
 2235 Turnberry Court, Eugene

PROGRAM: Christine Mirabella
Strategies for Successful Teaching

President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

"Vision helps us see the possibilities of tomorrow within the realities of today, and motivates us to do what needs to be done." —Stephen Covey

I see the truthfulness of this statement as I look at the accomplishments of our district over the years. I see it in our members—some of whom stretch their wings bringing us excellent programs throughout the year, others who practice diligently sharing their fine musicianship with us in musical selections and still others who carry on the excellent variety of recitals and other events for our students. We rub shoulders monthly with "visionaries."

Sandy Hull has recently turned a personal vision into an accomplishment. It was with pride that we learned she completed all requirements for National Certification this past summer. Our congratulations to you Sandy! Others of us may want to seriously consider taking this step. I would encourage any of you who have had a slight interest in certification to turn that interest into a vision. Requirements will change in 2010 and I am told it is to our advantage to make application to start the process by the end of 2009.

Yours for expanding our visions,

Carolyn McHan

President, Eugene District OMTA



Ensemble Festival

The Ensemble Festival will be on Sunday, November 8, at 1:00, at the School of Music of the University of Oregon, room 163 (formerly 198). The deadline for application is Wednesday, October 21. All information is in the yearbook, p. 23 to 26. Read carefully the rules for the competitive recitals. Note that we have now three age groups for the competitive recitals.

K through 5th grade with a limit of 5 minutes
6th through 8th grade with a limit of 7 minutes
9th through 12th grade with a limit of 10 minutes

The purpose of the Ensemble Festival is to encourage music students to prepare and perform ensemble music as well as to hear and enjoy other groups perform. Prepare well!

Genevieve Mason

Ensemble Festival Chair

Membership

I would like to welcome the following new members to our district:

Melissa Norland
21 N. 2nd St.
Creswell, OR 97426
870-4781 PIANO

Amy Goeser Kolb
310 Dublin Ave.
Eugene, OR 97401
346-5881 OBOE

Christina Yue
1830 Manihi Drive
Eugene, OR
510-5172 PIANO

Jessica Mellott
26505 Sunnyview Lane
Eugene, OR 97405

David Servias
(contact info. on current
membership list)
PIANO

Vida Scott
P. O. Box 23912
Eugene, OR 97401
PIANO/VOICE

Delores Tiktin

District Membership Chair