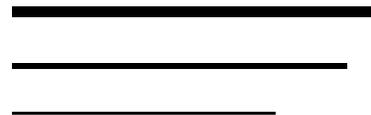


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Special Holiday Meeting for Eugene OMTA

We hope all members and their spouses can join us on Monday evening, December 14. *Carolyn and Jim McHan* have invited us to their lovely home for our annual potluck, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Their home is at 34324 Deerwood Drive in Pleasant Hill. Please bring whatever you wish to share...appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert. From past experience we know there will be great food, along with wide variety.

A special musical treat awaits us. *Crystal Zimmerman* will perform for us some favorites from her current repertoire. Crystal is preparing to receive her Doctorate in Piano Performance from the University of Oregon School of Music. The program will serve as the "inaugural concert" for Carolyn's new 7 foot Steinway grand, making it a very special evening, indeed.

Virginia Hawley Buhn

District Vice-President & Program Chair

President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

'Tis the Season for tinsel, mistletoe, parties, and music. What a privilege to live in an area with so many groups bringing us such variety in musical attractions. Our family is looking forward to the Chambers Family Yuletide Celebration at the Hult, several church programs, our own Barnes and Noble Play-a-thon, the Holiday Recital and wishing for more hours to take in all of the other exciting programs in town.

Last week Jim and I sat spellbound as we listened to Alexander Dossin's marvelous performance of Beethoven's First Piano Concerto with the Eugene symphony. Where else could a husband with a loyalty and love for music AND sports slip out during intermission, get the score of the Civil War game, actually hear the fans cheering from Autzun Stadium (Go Ducks!) and return for the glorious music of Brahms (Bravo Eugene Symphony!)

As you recount your blessings and relish time with family and friends this Holiday Season remember you are a valued and much appreciated member of the Oregon Music Teachers Association. It's your support and loyalty that gives OMTA the ability to offer an enriched musical experience to our music students.

I want to extend a personal invitation to each of you to join us Monday, December 14 for a Holiday potluck and music at our home.

May each of you be blessed with the joy of family and friends during this Holiday Season and may the New Year bring you an abundance of health & happiness.

Musically yours,

Carolyn McHan, President, Eugene District OMTA

Fall Syllabus

Eugene District Fall Syllabus took place on November 14, 2009. It was very small this year—8 participated teachers and 25 students (comparing to 15 teachers and 39 students last year). The adjudicators were Liz Willis and Velma Schludermann. There were 19 successful evaluations, 4 demonstrations, 1 audition and 1 forfeit. Most of the students were lower division (1 student level X and 2 students level VIII). Special thanks to Christal Zimmerman for arranging beautiful studios at U of O for us. I also wanted to thank all the participating teachers for bringing their students on time, which allowed adjudicators follow the schedule.

Lucy Clevenger

Eugene District Syllabus Chair

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Wyatt L. Burger, editor

Ensemble Festival

Our Eugene District Ensemble Festival took place on Sunday, November 9 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. Seventy students registered, 15 teachers participated. Our adjudicator was Jean-David Coen. Our first recital was noncompetitive, the second and third were 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 5th grade, 6th to 8th grade, and 9th to 12th grade.

The K-5th age section winners were Hunter Ignatious, Joseph Yamaguchi, playing “turkey in the Straw,” and American Folk Song arr. by Henry Holt. and “Fire Dance” by Timothy Brown, students of Irina Wilborn; Corina MacWilliams, Wesley Georgiev, Hugh MacWilliams, playing “Three to Get Ready” by Robert Vandall, students of Christine Mirabella. The 6th-8th grade section had no winners.

The 9th-12th age section winners were Mira Howard, Amber Ruck playing “Romance” from Six Pieces Op. 11 by Rachmaninoff, students of Lucy Clevenger; Grant Crider-Phillips, Alex Crider-Phillips, playing “Spanish Dance” Op. 12, No. 2 by Moritz Moskowski, students of Delores Tiktin; Hannah Larson, Malachi Marlan-Librett, Erik Barnes, Joseph Han, playing “Perpetual Commotion” by Kevin Olson, students of Christine Mirabella.

Alternates for this section were Pema Maretich, Katherine Rowland, playing Waltzes Op. 39, No. 2 and 5 by Brahms, students of Christine Mirabella; Joseph Han, Connor Hertzberg playing “Blues Nocturne” by Robert Vandall, students of Christine Mirabella; Chris Ren, Andrew Gao playing “Waltz” from Six Pieces Op. 11 by Rachmaninoff, students of Lucy Clevenger.

All the winning ensembles will perform at the State Ensemble Festival, in the Russell Tripp Performance Center in Tadena Hall, LBCC, Albany, on December 5th and 6th.

Our income was \$560, our expenses were \$699. So we have a deficit of \$139.

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

Genevieve Mason