

# CON BRIO



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## *Eugene District Annual Brunch*

**Monday, May 9th at 9:00 AM!**

Our annual brunch will be held at the beautiful Rogue Room at Valley River Inn. It has a lovely view of the Willamette River. Our gourmet brunch will be prepared by Chef Michael Thieme (spouse of our member Melissa Thieme). It is offered at a special price to our members of \$13.00 including gratuity and room rental. (Remember this is tax deductible.) The actual cost per person is \$14.64 but our district will absorb the extra cost. Please feel free to invite family and friends.

If you haven't made your reservation already please place your reservation by emailing me at [ddtiktin@gmail.com](mailto:ddtiktin@gmail.com).

Please make out your check of \$13.00 to "Eugene District OMTA." You may pay at the door or mail your check to Delores Tiktin at 1865 Charnelton St., Eugene 97404. A check in advance is preferable.

Besides having a delicious brunch and socialization with our members we will be discussing important district issues.

I look forward to seeing everyone.

*Delores Tiktin*

OMTA-Eugene District Vice President & Program Chair

## *District Spring Recitals*

Sunday, May 22, 2011

Recitals on the hour, beginning at 1:00 PM

**Cascade Manor**

65 W. 30th St., Eugene

Entry fee: **\$7 per student**

Deadline for entry forms and master list: **Friday, May 6, 2011.**

Students of Syllabus level II and above may perform all styles of music, solo and ensemble.

Please send entry forms to:

WYATT L. BURGER  
P. O. Box 307  
CHESHIRE, OR 97419-0307

*Wyatt Burger*

OMTA Eugene District Recitals Chair

## Spring Theme Festival

On Sunday, April 10, 86 of our talented young students, representing 17 members, presented four recitals of music from every country, time period and genre imaginable in our "Picture This" Spring Theme Recitals, held in Westminster Presbyterian Church. Many students created lovely original artwork to accompany their performances, which were beautifully displayed in the foyer, and enjoyed by all of our guests. I received many positive comments about the high level of our students' musical performances, and the polish with which they presented themselves by following our requests for appropriate recital attire. Bravo to all of our participating teachers for such diligence in the preparation of your students!

A very great thank you to Dr. Crystal Zimmerman, who handled the display of all of the artwork created by our students, helped with set up and take down, and kept us running on time! Thank you also to Wyatt Burger for printing and organizing our lovely programs, and to Janie Kaminski for providing our lovely flowers. A special thank you to our host, Donna Snider of Westminster Presbyterian Church, who so graciously took care of all of our needs on the recital day. Thank you also to all of the participating teachers for helping to direct your students and families so well and helping us start each recital on time!

The lovely, warm atmosphere of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the beautiful piano made for such a glorious afternoon of music. We hope to be able to return to Westminster in years to come. If you personally enjoyed the venue, please take the time to write a small note of thanks to the church in hopes that we may be able to hold recitals there again. Currently, the board of the church has put a hold on renting out the space due to financial constraints. However, Donna was so impressed with our students and our conduct, that she would very much like to see us return there in the future. It is at her suggestion that I mention writing a personal note. If you wish to do so, you may send them to:

DONNA SNIDER  
c/o WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
777 COBURG ROAD  
EUGENE, OR 97401-6424

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah Burch*

Sprint Theme Festival Chair

## Eugene District Potluck

**June 6th, 7:00 PM**

Notice the change in date for the June potluck. It will be on Monday, June 6th instead of June 13th. It will be at Carolyn McHan's home at 7 PM. Everyone may bring their favorite dish and family and friends.

*Delores Tiktin*

Eugene District Vice President & Program Chair



## Con Brio

May 2011

*Con Brio* is the newsletter of the Eugene Chapter of OMTA, published and posted on the district website monthly, except July and August.

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*Con Brio* is posted on the Eugene District website on the Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting.

Wyatt L. Burger, editor

## Festival of Popular Music

**Save the Date!**

Sunday, October 30th

United Lutheran Church

2230 Washington St, Eugene (corner of 22 and Washington)

While we are busily preparing for Spring OMTA activities, please mark your Fall calendars for **Sunday, October 30th for the Festival of Popular Music with an entry deadline of Friday, October 14, 2011**. Following the hard work students invest in preparing for Spring recitals, learning music from a wide variety of popular, jazz, and contemporary genres is the perfect reward and change of pace for students as they complete their Spring activities and look toward Summer.

Last Fall's Festival of Popular Music brought such inspiring performances, I look forward to another year of hearing our talented young pianists. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

*Soria Phillips-Meadow*

Festival of Popular Music Chair

**The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the June 2011 issue of *Con Brio* is Saturday, June 4, 2011.**

## *Teacher Referrals*

Over the past year I provided referrals to 40 families, compared to 49 the year before. Hopefully some students have found their teacher through our website Teacher Directory, without going through me. Make sure you're included in the Teacher Directory, if that would be useful to you.

I am always happy to help a potential student or parent connect with an OMTA teacher. I usually give them several teachers' names. If you are not able to accommodate a student in your studio, you can have them contact me for guidance in finding the best teacher for them. If you have any other suggestions for me, I would welcome hearing from you.

*Jane Young*

Teacher Referrals Chair

### Eugene District OMTA Referrals

May 2010 - April 2011

2010-2011 MONTH	District Telephone Line	website	Piano Liquidators	Arts Umbrella	Lawson's Keyboard Center	Pacific Winds	OMTA Teacher
May							1
June	1				1		
July		2			1		
August	1	3			1		1
September	1	1			1		1
October	2	2			1		
November	1	1			2		
December	2	1					
January	1				2		
February					1		1
March		1					1
April	4						1
<b>TOTALS</b>	13	11	0	0	10	0	6

**TOTAL for 2010-2011: 40 referrals**