



# Con Brio

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## *President's Message*

At our annual District buffet breakfast at Valley River Inn we surprised Carolyn McHan with a *District Honorary Lifetime Membership Award*. This was an award well earned from all her years serving our district as president.

We want to thank Carolyn McHan for graciously opening up her home for our June Potluck and Soule Performance. We enjoyed performances by Lucy Clevenger's students Stephen Lu, the Beverly Soule winner and Andrew Goa who received an honorable mention.

On Monday, June 11th, 9:00 a.m., the district board and committee and event chairs will meet at my home for planning the events this coming school year. Our new vice-president, Genevieve Mason, and Claire Wachter are planning an interesting year of programs for our district meetings. Our first district meeting will be on Monday, September 10th.

This summer Dave and I will be working on the 2012-2013 District Yearbook and updating the website. **Please send me updates for events or committees on which you are working by July 20th.**

If you would like to have a "Teacher's page" on our district website you may send me your information and a photo. Dave will format it for you. Or if you have a website we can put a link to it on our website.

If you haven't already signed up for the State Conference in June I would urge you to do so. I have always found the conferences to be a wonderful experience. There are great presentations, beautiful music, good food and company.

Best wishes to all of you for a great summer!

*Delores Tiktin*

**The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the September 2012 issue of Con Brio is Saturday, September 1, 2012.**

**Send your news and announcements to district members between regular issues of Con Brio!** Simply submit the news item or announcement as usual, indicating you would like it sent immediately. It will be formatted and sent via email to all members.

*Festival of Popular Music  
Reminder before summer!  
Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>*

United Lutheran Church 2230 Washington St., Eugene (corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> and Washington)

As summer quickly approaches, be sure to mark your calendars and choose repertoire for the **Festival of Popular Music to be held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> with an entry deadline of Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012.** Following the hard work spent on 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 look forward to summer.

I look forward to seeing you then! Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. Thank you.

For more information, contact:  
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Festival of Popular Music Chair  
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**Spring Syllabus 2012**

Spring Syllabus was held this year on May 3-5. We had 140 participating students, 29 teachers and nine adjudicators. There were 106 successful evaluations, 17 demonstrations, 13 auditions and three forfeits. Six Level X students graduated this year with five successful evaluations and one audition.

For syllabus exams, various teachers' studios were used as well as U of O School of Music facilities. Claire Wachter, Dean Kramer and Toby Koenigsberg let us use their studios and we are very grateful for that.

I also wanted to thank our liaison Chrystal Zimmerman who is the best. Big thanks to all the teachers for their hard work and for providing lunches for adjudicators.

*Lucy Clevenger*

Syllabus chair

### Beverly Soule Memorial Scholarship Competition 2012

The annual Beverly Soule Scholarship competition took place at the UO on Sunday, May 6, 2012. There were three contestants (all high school seniors) representing two studios. Patti Petersen, NCTM of Bend graciously served as adjudicator.

The winner of the \$250 award is Stephen Lu, student of Lucy Clevenger. He is invited to perform his program at our June potluck, at which time he will receive the award.

Andrew Gao, also a student of Lucy Clevenger, received Honorable Mention. He is invited to play one selection from his program at the potluck.

We congratulate these fine pianists and their teachers and look forward to hearing them perform in June!

Respectfully submitted,

*Ellen McQuilkin*

Beverly Soule Scholarship Committee Chair, 2012

### OMTA Fundraising Opportunity

You're invited to support this OMTA fundraising opportunity again. Please encourage student parents and friends to host some wonderful Chinese students.

**What:** Hosting Chinese piano students and teachers participating in the **2012 Summer University of Oregon Piano Camp**

**When:** July 3 to 13, 2012

**Note:** Host family provides transportation, meals and hospitality. Guests may share a room but must have their own bed. Host families are strongly encouraged to take 2 guests. All host families are invited to participate in the final concert.

**Stipend:** Stipend will be offered to cover expenses for meals, transportation, and activities. **Host families are encouraged to donate part or all of their stipend to OMTA.** (The number of days may vary slightly due to travel arrangements; stipend will be prorated accordingly.)

**Gift:** Each host family will receive two tickets to the Oregon Bach Festival concert "The 5 Browns" <http://oregonbachfestival.com/events/detail/1820/>

**Contact:** LuAnn 541.517.5915 [luannlangford@gpyinternational.org](mailto:luannlangford@gpyinternational.org)

For more detailed information, visit [www.gpyinternational.org/hostfamily.html](http://www.gpyinternational.org/hostfamily.html)

## Teacher Referrals

Over the past year I provided referrals to 39 families. I know that some students have found their teacher through our website's Teacher Directory, without going through me. Make sure you are included in the Teacher Directory if you want more students.

I am always happy to help a potential student connect with an OMTA teacher. I usually give them several teachers' names. If you are not able to accommodate a student in your studio, please have them contact me for guidance in finding the best teacher for them.

If you have any updates about your teaching to help me match a student to you, please feel free to contact me.

*Jane Young*

Teacher Referrals Chair

Eugene District OMTA Referrals  
May 2011 - April 2012

2011-2012	District	Piano	Arts	Lawson's	Pacific	Buy	OMTA		
Month	Telephone Line	Website	Liquidators	Umbrella	Keyboard Ctr	Winds	& Sell	Teacher	Technician
May	1	2			1				
June	1			1	1			1	1
July	3				2				
August	1	1	1					1	
September	5		1						
October	2		1					1	
November	3	1						2	
December								2	
January		1							
February	1								
March									
April	1								
TOTALS (39)	18	5	3	1	4	0	0	7	1
2010-2011									
Totals (40)	13	11	0	0	10	0	0	6	0

## Neil Patton in Concert!

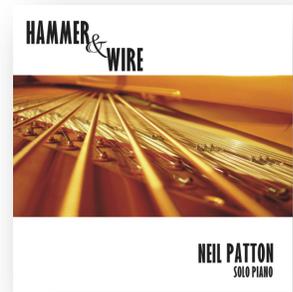
The month of June has one more opportunity to see our own Neil Patton perform his original solo piano music live (including pieces from his new CD: *Hammer & Wire*). If you have students interested in contemporary solo piano music (i.e., New Age, Pop, Rock, “Neo-classical”), this event might be an opportunity to inspire new ideas...

### Touring the Ivories with Scott D. Davis and Michele McLaughlin (With Special Guest: Neil Patton)

Wednesday, June 20, 7:30, \$15 admission

Emerald Baptist Church (Corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Patterson in Eugene)

Scott and Michele are stopping in Eugene on their West-Coast tour, and Neil will be joining them for one night only. The evening promises to share a broad range of contemporary solo piano styles, from gentle New Age reflections to aggressive rock piano (Scott is well known as a rock pianist, and does not disappoint). Audience members will be seated on the candlelit stage with the artists, giving an intimate view of the performance. Tickets will be available at the door, or in advance at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).



## *Con Brio*

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**Neil Patton, editor**