



Con Brio

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President's Corner

Greetings to Eugene District Members. We had a large turn-out for Susane Reis' great presentation on the "Harmony Road Method". Thank you Susane for inviting us to your studio. I also want to thank Soria Phillips-Meadows for her work on the Popular Festival at the end of October. In addition I would like to thank all our members who keep our organization running so smoothly. It is a pleasure to be your district president.

Please come to our next district meeting on **Monday, November 12th** to listen to **Genevieve Mason and Mary Ellen Yost who will be participating on a "Teacher Panel"**. We will be meeting at **David Cragun's home at 1621 Adkins Street, Eugene**. David moved a few months ago so be sure you have his correct address. Our refreshment/social time will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by a business meeting at 9:30 and then our presentation.

Looking ahead to our December 10th meeting we will have a "December Party" in the morning instead of the evening. We will have the pleasure to listen to our teachers perform at Virginia Buhn's home.

Musically yours,

Delores Tiktin
Eugene District President

The November 1st master class at the University of Oregon has been POSTPONED.

Our guest artist, Julian Martin, lives in Manhattan. His flight was cancelled as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Given the volume of flights that were cancelled as a result of the storm, I am not able to get him to Oregon in time to lead the master class series that was scheduled for November 1-6.

The Oregon Community Foundation is committed to the 2012 Nellie Tholen Fund Piano Master Class Series. Julian Martin will come to Oregon in early February to lead the series. You will be notified, once a new date in February has been selected for the master class at the University of Oregon.

I am sorry we have to postpone the master class series and any inconvenience this may cause. I hope to see you at the master class in February!

Jessica Currier
Coordinator, Nellie Tholen Fund Master Class Series
The Oregon Community Foundation

***Festival of Popular Music showcases
a wide variety of repertoire to begin the new recital season***

On Sunday, October 28th, 16 teachers and 56 students participated in the 2012 Festival of Music. The Festival was held at the United Lutheran Church from 2:00-5:00. Students were well prepared and enthusiastic about the dynamic pieces they played. A highlight of this year's Festival was that in addition to piano duets there was a violin/piano duet and a voice/piano duet. All of the students played beautifully.

I want to thank all of the teachers who prepared their students so early in the season and made the Festival a success. It was an impressive demonstration of how hard these students worked in a very short time.

I want to give special thanks to all of the teachers who participated for proof-reading the programs and helping determine the best order of students and pieces for the programs. It is so beneficial to have teacher input and proof-reading support in compiling the programs.

If you have input or suggestions for next year, please e-mail me as I may not be able to attend the November meeting. I will then compile the suggestions into the Festival Report.

Thank you again for making the recitals so successful!

Sincerely,

Soria Phillips-Meadow

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**The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the December 2012 issue
of Con Brio is Saturday, November 24, 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.

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Neil Patton, editor

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
2013 Winter University of Oregon Music & English Camps

When: **January 28 - February 4, 2013** OR
January 30 - February 6, 2013

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 host 2 guests. All host families are invited to participate in group camp activities.

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.**)

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