



Con Brio

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President's Corner

Spring District Recital: Many thanks to Jean Wilson for her work as chair of the Spring District Recitals. Thanks also to Sandy Hull, Jean's assistant, and to others who helped with the recitals. Having the recitals on Saturday was successful as we had 54 students participate.

There has been concern about having our recital programs look professional. When you send in your entries for the **Spring Theme Festival** please include the first and last name of the composer plus full information regarding the opus number, key of the piece, BWV, arranger, etc. Guidelines will soon be on the website.

April 8th District Meeting: Dr. Barry Hannigan from Buchnell University will be giving us a presentation on *Piano Pieces from late 20th century and 21st century*. The meeting will be held at the First Congregational Church, 2050 E. 23rd, **not the U of O** as stated in the Yearbook. We will have a refreshment/social beginning at 9:00, then a short business meeting from 9:20 to 9:40. Dr. Hannigan will be giving a **two hour presentation from 9:45 to 11:45**. After his presentation members may join us for lunch. The restaurant will be announced.

Valley River Inn Brunch: Our District annual brunch will once again be held at the beautiful Rogue Room at the Valley River Inn. It will be on Monday, May 13th from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. It is offered at a special price of \$14.00 including gratuity (remember this is a tax deductible professional expense). Feel free to invite family and friends.

Please place your reservation by e-mailing Genevieve Mason at ginou@soundmason.com or phoning her at [541-485-6263](tel:541-485-6263) or telling Genevieve at the April meeting. Genevieve needs to have payment prior to the brunch since we are responsible for paying Valley River for the number of people we say will attend the brunch. Either bring a check to the April meeting or mail your check to Genevieve (made out to the Eugene District OMTA) at 4815 Center Way, Eugene, OR 97405.

Musically yours,
Delores Tiktin

Beverly Soule Scholarship 2013

The third annual Beverly Soule Memorial Scholarship auditions will be held during the first weekend of May. This scholarship award competition is open to all high school seniors, whether or not the applicant plans to continue music studies after graduation. Students do not have to be enrolled in Syllabus in order to participate.

Students are required to perform from memory three pieces representing three of the five style periods, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionist and Contemporary; total time not to exceed 20 minutes. One award of \$250 will be given, with Honorable Mention(s) also selected. The winner will be invited to the OMTA meeting in June to perform and receive the award.

To enter, submit the completed entry form (see website) along with the application fee of \$10.00 to Ellen McQuilkin 4895 Donald St. Eugene, OR 97405 postmarked no later than April 15, 2013.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Ellen McQuilkin

Beverly Soule Memorial Scholarship chair
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OMTA Eugene Library

The district library items on the OMTA website were updated by David Tiktin (Delores's husband). Thank you very much for the beautiful update. Now, it is much easier for the members to find the items. Please check the district library on the website. If you are interested in any items, feel free to email me. You can get them at the district meeting or at my house.

Marti Csonka contributed her VHS: Walt Disney's Masterpiece, Fantasia. It is added to the library items now. Thank you Marti!

OMTA Eugene library
Nobuko Le Beau

The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the May 2013 issue of Con Brio is Saturday, April 27, 2013.

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.

Spring District Recital Report

The Spring District Recitals were held at the United Lutheran Church at 2230 Washington Street in Eugene, Oregon on Saturday, March 9, 2013. There were four recitals beginning at 1:00 pm, through 4:00 pm. They started on time and were about 35 to 40 minutes in length. That allowed for photos at the piano after each recital, and for people to exit and come in without confusion.

The performers did very well for the most part. The programs went very smoothly. There was one last minute change on the program, shifting Emma Shortt from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Jean Wilson was especially grateful to Sandy Hull for her help in putting the programs together, and to Betsy Parker Steinhardt for a great eye in editing. (Sorry that we didn't catch the omission of the c in Jacques Ibert.) Janie Kaminski provided the beautiful floral arrangement from her church. Several teachers helped check the students in, especially David Cragun, Jane Young and Sandy Hull.

There were 54 students performing and 13 teachers involved. Entry fees brought in \$413, venue rental was \$135, programs cost \$27.70, including a ream of paper, of which there is about one half left for future recitals. We saved \$20 by folding them ourselves. Thanks to Bob Wilson for helping with that, as well as providing the clamp on the rear wheel of the piano to keep it from rolling, and also posting signs to indicate the location of rest rooms.

Attention was called to the Ken Coulter organ, and an article about it was available to see in the lobby. The weather was beautiful and the whole event went very well. Thanks to all the teachers and students who participated.

Jean Wilson
Event Chair

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