



# Con Brio

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## *President's Corner*

**Spring Theme Festival, April 21st:** I would like to thank **Crystal Zimmerman** (chair) and **Marti Csonka** (assistant) for their work on a very successful Spring Theme Festival: "Around the World in 88 Keys". The programs were beautiful with a very creative cover of the world. Thanks also to others who helped during the recitals and to the teachers for preparing their students to perform beautiful music for us.

**Valley River Inn Brunch:** I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our District annual brunch on **Monday, May 13th** from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Thanks to **Melissa Thieme** and her husband Michael who is chef at Valley River Inn for making it possible to have our brunch at the Valley River Inn.

**June Potluck:** Our annual June Potluck will take place on Monday evening, **June 10th** at 7:00 p.m. It will be at **Fern McArthur's** home. Entertainment will be performed by our district members. (We had no participants in the Soule Scholarship Audition.) Genevieve Mason will be in contact with our members with information regarding the potluck and the entertainment.

Musically yours,  
*Delores Tiktin*

## OMTA Eugene Library

Alexander Schwarzkopf contributed his CD to our library. Thank you Alexander.

About this CD: *Figures: 17 Choreographic Etudes for Piano* by Falko Steinbach, Alexander Schwarzkopf, piano. This is a cycle of seventeen Etudes that sets a new standard in compositional process for piano music. The etudes distill the physical interaction between the body and the keyboard into progressions of movements, or figures, which are the genesis of the cycle."

- Alexander Schwarzkopf

*Nobuko Le Beau*  
OMTA Eugene Library

### OMTA Composition Celebration 2013

The performance portion of the annual Composition Celebration took place on Sunday, April 21, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Six of the eight students who submitted original compositions played their pieces on the 2:15 pm recital.

Our adjudicator, Rebecca Oswald, spoke briefly and awarded certificates to each young composer. She named three Honored Composers who will represent Eugene District in the State Composition Festival to be held in Portland on May 15.

The winners are:

Senior High: Isaac Meyer, student of Virginia Buhn. His composition *Courage* is for bass trombone and piano.

Junior High: Maxfield Poizat-Newcomb, student of Katie Caulley. *Invention #1* is for piano solo.

Primary: Daniel Pavlosek, student of Fern McArthur. *Wings* is also for piano solo.

Congratulations and kudos to *all* of you teachers for encouraging your students to compose original music. We would love to see a greater number of entries in next year's Composition Celebration. Many thanks also to Crystal Zimmerman for welcoming the Composition Celebration participants to play on the Spring Theme program.

*Ellen McQuilkin*

Composition Celebration Chair



**The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the June 2013 issue of Con Brio is Saturday, May 25, 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.

**Festival of Popular Music***Save the Date!***Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

As we find ourselves quickly approaching the final weeks of the school year, please take a moment to mark your fall calendars for **Sunday, October 20th, 2013 for the Festival of Popular Music** with an entry deadline of Friday, October 11th. This is such a fun recital for students who enjoy music from a variety of popular, jazz, contemporary, and other favorite popular genres.

At our May Brunch, I will have programs from the past several festivals if you are interested in finding ideas for repertoire.

Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions. Thank you!

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