



Editor's [Half] Notes

Dear Teachers,

It's March already, and Spring hath sprung a bit early here in the Valley. As we head into the many musical events that await our students (and our preparation), I hope it will be a season of new joy in music for all of us!

Our Spring District Recitals, the Composition Festival, and the Spring Theme Festival are all fast approaching. Visit our website (www.omta-eugene.org) for more information.

I hope you will join us this next Monday, March 9, for our monthly meeting (First Congregational Church, 1050 E. 23rd Ave in Eugene). We will gather at 9:00 for a time to catch up and snack, followed by our business meeting at 9:30. At 10:30, Michael Seregow will give us his lecture, "*The Big Picture: Strategies for Improved Sight Reading, Learning, and Memorization.*" This lecture will explore component skills for each of these areas, and will draw upon ideas of influential pedagogues of the past, such as Theodor Leschetizky.

Michael Seregow is currently serving as a Sabbatical replacement for Claire Wachter at the University of Oregon, where he recently completed his doctoral studies. He has won many scholarships and awards, as well as several competitions, including the University of Oregon Concerto Competition, the Oregon Music Teachers Association Young Artist Piano Competition, and the Vernon L. Wiscarson Concerto Competition.

Our guest presenter for our meeting on April 13 will be Dr. Peter Mack.

Sincerely

Neil Patton

Con Brio Editor

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Neil Patton, editor

Treasurer's Report

02/01/2015 to 03/01/2015

CHECKING ACCOUNT

DATE	DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSE	BALANCE
02/01/15	Beginning balance			\$ 4,608.34
02/06/15	PEAK Internet		11.31	
02/06/15	UO School of Music—Bach Festival		185.00	
02/06/15	OMTA—Bach Festival @ \$2 per student		56.00	
02/09/15	Dr. Joy Song—February program		200.00	
02/09/15	United Lutheran Church—Spring District Recitals		135.00	
02/10/15	Barnes & Noble Recitals Fundraiser	878.26		
02/19/15	District Bach Festival		10.70	
02/19/15	Corresponding Secretary		71.95	
03/01/15	TOTALS	\$ 878.26	\$ 669.96	\$ 4,816.64

Business Savings Account balance (Beverly Soule Scholarship Fund) \$ 5,038.10

Certificate of Deposit \$ 2,318.80

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt L. Burger

OMTA Eugene District Treasurer

OMTA Composition Celebration

I'm excited to announce that our 2015 Original Composition Celebration recital will be held at the Jazz Station this year (124 W. Broadway)! The recital will be on on Friday, April 10 at 4 pm.

With comfortable café style seating, this venue promises to ensure an enjoyable learning experience for our young composers. Our adjudicator, Laura Zaerr, will be on hand to share insights and general comments that will benefit all participants. A reception with light refreshments will follow the recital.

I will be at the March 9 meeting and can collect entries then, but if your students need another week, you may still submit them to me until **Monday, March 16**. Read the full description and download all forms from the web site. Write one check payable to OMTA for all your students, please.

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Ellen McQuilkin

Composition Festival Chair

The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the April 2015 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, March 29 2015.

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.

