



Editor's [Half] Notes

Dear Teachers,

Welcome to May! With the end of our Spring Syllabus exams comes the end of our student events for the 2014-2015 school year. It has been an amazing year for our District, but some down time might be just what we need. As some of us prepare for our own year-end studio recitals, may we keep pressing forward and learning how we can serve our students and their gifts more fully in the coming year!

I hope you will join us this next Monday, May 11, for our Annual May Brunch and Business Meeting at the Valley River Inn. The meal is \$14, and we will be meeting at 9:00. The food and discussion promises to be excellent! Friends and spouses are welcome. Please contact Genevieve Mason to let her know that you will be attending. If possible, please mail a check to Genevieve in advance, or bring a check on Monday morning.

Our final Member event of the year will be our annual Spring Potluck on Monday, June 8 at 7:00 PM. Our location and program will be announced soon!

Sincerely

Neil Patton

Con Brio Editor

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Neil Patton, editor

**The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the June 2015 issue of
Con Brio is Sunday, May 31, 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.

Treasurer's Report

04/01/2015 to 05/01/2015

CHECKING ACCOUNT

DATE	DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSE	BALANCE
04/01/15	Beginning balance			\$ 4,589.89
04/06/15	PEAK Internet		14.97	
04/06/15	Valley River Inn - Brunch deposit		350.00	
04/20/15	2014-2015 Membership Dues	25.00		
04/20/15	Composition Celebration - student fees	315.00		
04/20/15	Laura Zaerr - Composition Celebration adjudicator		300.00	
03/20/15	Westminster Presbyterian Church piano tuning		90.00	
05/01/15	TOTALS	\$ 340.00	\$ 754.97	\$ 4,174.92

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt L. Burger

OMTA Eugene District Treasurer

OMTA Composition Celebration

The 2015 Original Composition Celebration recital was held at the Jazz Station on Friday, April 10 at 4 pm. Our adjudicator, Laura Zaerr, welcomed the students and played a beautiful short piece she composed for harp based on her brother's phone number. As she played, she shared aspects of her creative process (form, transitions, development of motifs) to the delight of the audience. Following her presentation, 15 students performed their original compositions for the audience of about 60.

Seven teachers with a total of 18 students submitted compositions to the celebration this year. Chosen to represent Eugene District at the state recital in May are:

Senior High Division: **Reed Reese-Steiner**, student of Paul Safar

Junior High Division: **Cameron Vanderpool** and **Kyle Jensen**, students of Susane Reis

Elementary Division: **Faith Piowaty**, student of Susane Reis

Primary: **Cadence Hopkins**, student of Ellen McQuilkin

This festival was a lot of fun. It is very inspiring to hear how our students integrate what they are learning in an original piece of music. I hope to see you and your students there next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen McQuilkin

Composition Festival Chair

Teacher Referrals

Over the past year I provided teacher referrals to 39 families.

This year, 18 referrals came via our own membership referring families to me. Thanks to all of you who helped potential students connect with another OMTA teacher. I am always happy to give students several options of good teachers if you are not able to accommodate them in your studio.

The remaining 21 referrals came via our District website.

Students also are finding 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. Contact Delores Tiktin for further information.

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

Jane Young
Teacher Referrals Chair

