



Editor's [Half] Notes

Dear Teachers and Colleagues,

My new eight-year-old student arrived for his first lesson last week. He was so excited, he almost had trouble getting his words out in the correct order. He had been begging his mom for lessons for months, and she finally caved and called me at the recommendation of another student's mother. When we finally sat down at the piano and I opened his book to talk about how to sit at the piano, he got oddly quiet. I asked what was on his mind. He said, "Well, I don't really know how to read the stuff in these books." I asked if he meant all the dots and lines on the later pages in the book, and he confirmed my suspicion.

I asked him how many languages he could speak. He said, "Three: English, Spanish and Japanese." (He speaks English, but is also fluent in speaking Spanish at home, and he attends a Japanese immersion school.) I replied, "Well, you are about to learn a fourth language! And if you keep at it, you're gonna speak it very well. But you don't need to know anything, yet. I'll help you learn it a little bit at a time."

At this, both his thumbs went way up, along with showing me a big grin, and he got ready to start again.

Be encouraged. Love your students well. Keep making music together!

Sincerely
Neil Patton
Con Brio Editor

April Meeting

Our next monthly meeting will take place on Monday April 11, at the First Congregational Church, on 1050 E 23d Ave, Eugene OR 97405. We will meet at 9:00 for refreshments, 9:30-10:15 will be our business meeting.

At 10:30, Joan Bensen will give a presentation. Joan Bensen lives in Eugene. Her presentation will emphasize the clavichord and include its importance for the modern pianist. She will bring a clavichord. Please go visit her website at JoanBenson.com. You can learn about her great career there. Elsewhere in this edition of the Con Brio you can read her bio. I really think this is a great opportunity for us to have her share her experience. Don't miss it!!!

Sincerely,
Genevieve Mason
Eugene OMTA Vice President

Treasurer Report



CHECKING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

March 1—31, 2016



DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
03/01/2016	Beginning Balance			\$ 4,700.48
03/10/2016	PEAK Internet	\$ 14.97		
04/01/2016	TOTALS	\$ 14.97	\$ 0	\$ 4,685.51

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt L. Burger

OMTA-Eugene District Treasurer

Spring Theme Festival

This years Spring Theme recital will be celebrating music of dynamic and epic style, with the wonderful title of "Twas a Dark and Stormy Night".

The deadline for applications is April 8th. All forms and information can be found on the website. Have fun with your students finding repertoire for this recital, not only in finding dramatic pieces, but use the title as a stepping stone for "What happens next in the story".

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks,
Pat Morse

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Neil Patton, editor

Reach the World Right Where You Are – Become a Host Family!

What: Hosting Chinese middle/high school students participating in the 2016 Summer University of Oregon Music/English Camps

When: Multiple 7-10 Day Sessions in July and August 2016

Note: The host family provides transportation, breakfast and dinner on weekdays; 3 meals a day on the weekend and occasional sack lunches. Students may share a room but must have their own bed. Host families are strongly encouraged to take 2 students.

*A stipend is offered to cover expenses for meals, transportation, laundry and all activities. The number of days may vary slightly due to travel arrangements; stipend will be prorated accordingly.

Website:

<http://www.gpyinternational.org/hostfamily.html>

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The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the May 2016 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, April 24, 2016.

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.

