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## Editor's [Half] Notes

Dear Teachers and Colleagues,

This past week, I received an email from the mother of a former student who had moved to the Seattle area last year. Her daughter, Jacqui, was in the hospital in really bad shape. Exploratory surgery had found numerous problems and not many solutions. The doctors kept warning the parents that this might not end well for Jacqui. They were simply waiting to see if things would heal, and they prayed for the best.

A music therapist was brought in, and they were able to set up an electric keyboard that she could play in bed while he played guitar. They improvised together and a little light came back to her eyes. She asked her mom to contact me, so I wrote back to her and encouraged her. The therapist came back and Jacqui played him some of the Faber pieces she had learned with me, and they played them together in her hospital room. Soon she began to heal, and was able to eat again, and finally, I believe she was able to go home this past Sunday, weeks ahead of schedule.

Her mother is convinced that the music therapy played no small role in her fast healing. Her connection with her old teacher still had a spark that lit her up again, as well. Who knows? But if our time together played a part in her future health and return to life, I'll gladly take it.

You never know what seeds you might be sowing in today's lessons.

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

Sincerely  
Neil Patton  
Con Brio Editor

## Con Brio

October 2016

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Neil Patton, editor

## October Meeting

Greetings, OMTA Teachers!

We have a wonderful program lined up for October: Minkyung Song will be presenting "Beethoven's Miniature Masterpieces: Bagatelles". Here is a message from her:

"Do you think Beethoven was always serious and solemn? Would you like to experience Beethoven's youthful passion, romance and humor? If so, I would love to introduce his miniature masterpieces, the Bagatelles. Beethoven pioneered the Bagatelle as a new genre for the piano. Most importantly, his Bagatelles marked the beginning of the character piece, which was one of the most important genres of piano music in the nineteenth century. You can especially feel Beethoven's emotional expression and psychological depth in the late Bagatelles. Piano teachers should recognize that Beethoven's Bagatelles have pedagogical merit for students who want to prepare for the performance of Beethoven's more advanced works."

Minkyung will be playing as well as speaking, and she is a wonderful pianist. This presentation will be a real treat for us!

Hope to see you at the First Congregational Church, Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>! We will gather at 9:00 for refreshments and connecting, followed by our business meeting at 9:30. Minkyung's presentation will begin at 10:15.

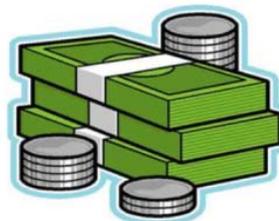
Sincerely,  
 Laura DuBois  
 Vice President

### Treasurer Report



#### CHECKING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

September 1 - October 1, 2016



DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
09/01/2016	Beginning Balance			\$ 2,775.69
09/05/2016	PEAK Internet	\$ 14.97		
10/01/2016	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 14.97</b>	<b>\$ 140.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,900.72</b>

Respectfully submitted,

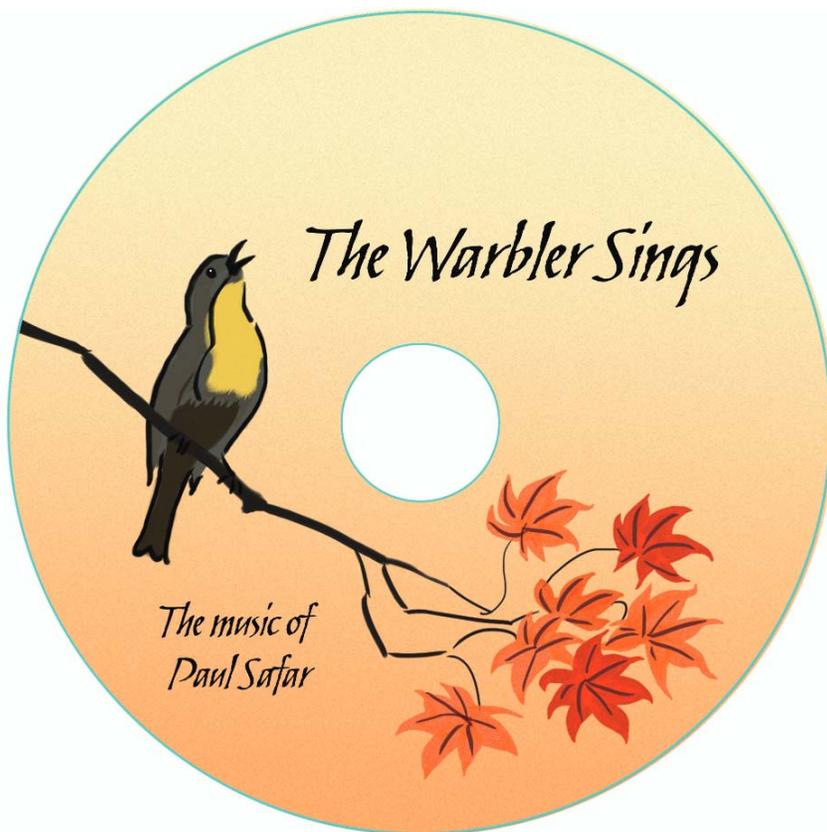
*Wyatt L. Burger*

OMTA-Eugene District Treasurer

## The Warbler Sings- music of Paul Safar CD Release Party!

Come celebrate the release of "The Warbler Sings - Music of Paul Safar" on Saturday, October 8th at the Jazz Station(124 W. Broadway) at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 general admission at the door/\$7 Jazz Station members.

The song cycle title track will be performed by Nancy Wood, soprano, Dave Bender, trumpet and Nathan Waddell, bass, along with Paul on piano. In addition, the Delgani String Quartet will make a special appearance and we might have some spontaneous music improv as well. Hope you can come out and enjoy this cross over music in an intimate setting!



The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the November 2016 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, October 30, 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.