



President's Message, May 2019

Hello everybody,

Today is June. The sun is shining, the temperature is nice, and beautiful flowers are blooming all around....and Alexis Gibbons had her baby on Sunday May 26! Congratulations Alexis. We wish you much joy in your new life as a musical mum!!!!

And life goes on with music.

On May 13, the brunch at Valley River was delicious and cozy. Much laughing, good team exchanges and reflection, and delicious truffles from Euphoria. Please read in the Minutes the decision that was made about "Fee relief." Again, much thanks to Janet Pollack for organizing!

The teachers' showcase on May 18 was a wonderful event with a varied repertoire. Two of our new members, Alainna Norland and Emily Lassen participated! Bravo! Much thanks to Wyatt Burger for chairing!

The calendar for next year's student activities is getting ready. It seems that we will be able to maintain all the activities we had this year. Amazing! Four members who are new to the "chairing" experience have agreed to be part of the committees for organizing festivals. At this point, Nick Rieser and Allainna Norland will be involved with the Ensemble Festival, and Olga Aynvarg and Andrew Pham will be involved with the Baroque Festival. Thank you so much!!! I am convinced that if we learn to work together in committees with respect, diligence, good communication and humor, the organization of these festivals will become a joyful team work! We will still do some phone calls, as more tasks should be covered. Let's volunteer!

It will take some time before the Eugene OMTA website will be updated with the information for the 2019-2020 school year. Our website maintenance expert, Alexis, is taking some time for herself and her family. Please be patient.

To be sure you are well aware, the annual OMTA State Conference is happening here in Eugene, on August 22-24. Some great artists are coming, including Dennis Alexander and Dr. Helen Marlais. During the conference, there is an event for new members if you want to participate. The information is wonderfully presented on the State OMTA Website. Be sure to register! Here is the link: <https://oregonmta.org/teachers/conferences/omta-state-conference/>

We will have our end of the year potluck on Monday evening, June 10. Please come, especially if you were not available for the Monday morning meetings. We would like to see you at Lucy and Bill Clevenger's welcoming house!

This will be the last Con Brio of this school year. Thanks to everybody for all the good work done for Eugene OMTA through this year, our officers who have worked diligently to run the association, our festival chairs, our committees chairs! And thanks to all teachers and students for participating! I wish to all of you a wonderful summer, some good time to relax and gather energy, and many fun musical times!!!

Genevieve Mason
Eugene District OMTA President



MEETING & ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER, June 10, 2019th

Hello Members,

Our OMTA meeting and **Annual Potluck** dinner is 7:00 pm, Monday, June 10th. Please come and join us for our last social gathering of the season! There will be a brief business meeting followed by a concert featuring the Soule Scholarship Winners. Please bring food of your choice to share.

Hope to see you there.

Janet Pollack

Vice President, Eugene District-OMTA

Details in Brief

Event date: Monday, June 10th, 2019

Location: Lucy Clevenger's home at 3345 Chambers Street, Eugene 97405

Social Gathering: 7:00-9:00 pm

Program: Concert presented by Soule Scholarship Winners

Con Brio

June 2019

Con Brio is the newsletter of the Eugene Chapter of OMTA, published and distributed monthly, except July and August.

President: Genevieve Mason, Vice-President: Janet Pollack, Treasurer: Cheri Richardson,
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Con Brio is posted on the Eugene District website on the Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting.

Neil Patton, editor

The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the September 2019 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, September 1, 2019.

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.

OMTA Eugene Treasurer's Report



Account Activity
May 1, 2019
through
May 31, 2019



Checking Account

| Date | Description | Debit | Credit | Balance |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| May 1, 2019 | Beginning Balance | | | \$ 3,366.83 |
| May 6, 2019 | Fee Reversal | | \$ 5.00 | |
| May 6, 2019 | Scholarship | \$ 1,050.00 | | |
| May 7, 2019 | Transfer | | \$ 105.00 | |
| May 14, 2019 | Scholarship | \$ 15.00 | | |
| May 17, 2019 | Valley River Inn | \$ 49.51 | | |
| May 22, 2019 | Membership | | \$ 185.00 | |
| May 28, 2019 | Adjudicator Fee | \$ 90.00 | | |
| May 29, 2019 | Leggerio - Baroque | \$ 72.00 | | |
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| May 31, 2019 | Ending Balance | | | \$ 2,385.32 |

Savings Account

| Date | Description | Debit | Credit | Balance |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| May 1, 2019 | Beginning Balance | | | \$ 10,880.78 |
| May 7, 2019 | Beverly Soule | \$ 105.00 | | |
| May 31, 2019 | Interest | | \$ 0.46 | |
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| | Ending Balance | | | \$ 10,776.24 |

Certificate of Deposit

| Date | Description | Debit | Credit | Balance |
|--------------|-------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| May 31, 2019 | Balance | | | \$ 2,350.28 |

Treasurer Cheri Ann Richardson

OMTA Event Fee Relief

As discussed in our May Brunch meeting at the Valley River Inn, those present voted to provide need-based scholarships for those students who may need extra help with entry fees for local and state events. The teacher will discuss the need with the student's family and make a request to the District. A fund will be endowed by the District for this purpose, the amount to be determined later this summer according to available funds.

Event Summary: *Music Teacher Showcase*

Our third annual *Music Teacher Showcase* was held Saturday, May 18, at Unity of the Valley. We had a total of 10 participants in this year's event. Participants included Eugene District teachers performing music in a variety of styles, and including works for solo piano, voice, piano 4-hands, and ensemble. Unfortunately, none of the student scholarship winners were available to perform.

A combination of ticket sales and contributions totaled \$400.00, which has been added to our scholarship fund.

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to this recital: the performers for their practice and rehearsal time, and to the volunteers who gave so generously of their time to help the recital run smoothly. The recital was fun for both performers and audience.

The audience numbered approximately 60, just slightly more than last year, and included music lovers of all ages.

I will be forwarding a copy of the Showcase recital program to the entire membership. If you were unable to attend, please look over the program, and consider being a part of next year's event.

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt Burger, Chair Music Teacher Showcase

Live in Concert



Neil Patton



special guest
David Nevue



Ryan Marvel

Friday, June 7 - 7:00 PM
Emerald Community Fellowship
631 E 19th Ave - Eugene, OR

Teacher Referrals (2018-19)

Over the past year (May 2018 - April 2019) I provided teacher referrals to 24 families. Sources of the referrals were:

- 20 - our website (last year: 17)
- 4 - OMTA teachers (last year: 7)
- no other sources (last year: 1 from Pacific Winds)

As noted above, four referrals came via our own membership referring families to me. Thanks to all of you who helped potential students connect with another OMTA teacher if you were not able to accommodate them in your studio.

Make sure you are included in our website's Teacher Directory if you want more students:

<https://omta-eugene.org/directory/>

Michelle (Alainna) Norland will be taking over as our district Referral Chairperson. If you have any updates about your teaching to help Michelle match potential students to you, please feel free to contact her:

michelle.music.studios@gmail.com

541-337-4380 (prefers text)

It has been my honor and joy to have served as Referral Chair for the past 15 years. I am delighted that Michelle is willing to bring fresh energy to this important role. Please help her get to know you and your teaching.

Jane Young



Festival of Popular Music

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Unity of the Valley

The **Festival of Popular Music** is an afternoon of fun and entertaining recitals, allowing students to perform popular music in a relaxed, informal setting. Jazz, Blues, Ragtime, Gospel, TV/movie themes, and musical theater, are just some of the musical styles students may perform. Arrangements, improvisations and ensemble works are always welcome.

Since the **Festival of Popular Music** is one of our first events in the Fall, now is a good time to begin preparing students by assigning popular music to practice over the summer.

The entry fee is still \$10. Students entering this event should have some previous recital experience, and be at approximately Syllabus level 2 or above.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the festival, or need repertoire ideas. Looking forward to record setting participation this year!

Wyatt Burger, Chair
Festival of Popular Music

westlanepiano@cvcable.net

NOTES

Eugene District OMTA • Discussion
Monday, May 13, 2019 • Valley River Inn, Eugene

The discussion began at 10:30 am.

Student Activities

Tentative event dates:

10/19/2019

Sonatina Festival

10/26/2019

Popular Music Festival

11/10/2019

Ensemble Festival

12/7-8/2019

Barnes & Noble

Event Committees: for the Ensemble and Baroque Festivals, we will use a three-person committee to handle event chair functions. The three roles are: registration and fees, hosting and recital program, and adjudicator relations. For the Ensemble Festival, we have two spots filled. The slot for registration and fees is open.

Fee relief: The members present unanimously approved the following: *starting in the 2019-2020 season, teachers will mediate requests for activity fee relief on behalf of students in need, for both local and state events.* In other words, the teacher will discuss the need with the student's family and make a request to the District. A fund will be endowed by the District for this purpose, the amount to be determined later this summer according to available funds.

Meeting programs: (VP Pollack) Please email her with ideas, suggestions, and requests. Upcoming topics include women composers and a master class with Peter Mack. Oregon Community funds are more limited now, but "dream big" because some funding can be obtained from the Nellie Tholen Fund. Ideas might include local composers, technology. Forrest Kinney and Alexander Tutunov were also mentioned. *Deadline for submitting requests for specific programs to VP Pollack is June 15, 2019.*

Announcements

OMTA annual conference: Reminder: the conference is in Eugene this year, August 21-23, 2019. Don't forget to register soon!

Dates to note: Genevieve will be in France this July. Alexis's due date is June 1.

Potluck location for June is Lucy Clevenger's house.

Unfinished business

Teacher conference scholarship funding: this was tabled.

President Mason adjourned the discussion at approximately 11:15 am.

Attendees: Neil Patton, Carol White, Jane Young, Janet Pollack, Jean Wilson, Mary Ellen Yost, Wyatt Burger, Sandy Hull, Genevieve Mason, Nick Rieser, Lucy Clevenger, Nobuko LeBeau, Fern McArthur, Alaina Norland.

In Good Hands: Eugene

In Good Hands: Eugene Concert
 Saturday, June 29 at 3:30 pm
 Unity of the Valley
 3912 Dillard Road, Eugene, OR 97405

This annual concert joins talented young Oregon music students and dedicated music instructors in collaborating with local composers to bring a diverse mix of new art music to life!

For the first time, In Good Hands includes concerts both in Portland (on June 22) and this Eugene concert! Each concert features an entirely different repertoire and a fresh roster of talented performers.

Join us in either city (or both!) to support and celebrate the fascinating present and robust future of new classical music. Admission is free!

