



## President's Message December 2022

Happy holiday season to you all! There is so much to be grateful for this year.

Our events have all been in person, and let's hope that that continues!

We've had two delightful events this past month. One was the Ensemble Festival, which featured some excellent performances. The event space at UO worked very well, and we had two pianos once again. The Holiday Recital this past Sunday was a great success as well, with many students and teachers represented, and excellent performances. It's a delight to see us functioning so well again.

We hope to see you Monday at 7:00 for the annual potluck! Thank you to Grace Ho for offering her home. Please be sure to visit this link beforehand to give your RSVP and let her know what you'll be bringing: [https://uoregon-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/gho\\_uoregon\\_edu/EcXhMf-10QhOuO7JEpXsKRgBfmwDBs-Wn-YFkKHR7cL-Og?rtime=98ZIFITY2kg](https://uoregon-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/gho_uoregon_edu/EcXhMf-10QhOuO7JEpXsKRgBfmwDBs-Wn-YFkKHR7cL-Og?rtime=98ZIFITY2kg)

Good news on the Spring District recital - we have a chair, Sarah Burch.

We had an excellent presentation at the November meeting by Dr. Scott Price on teaching neurodiverse students. His gentle and supportive presence was an excellent model for working with our students who may not have a diagnosis but present a variety of challenges.

In line with what the board decided last fall, we continue having an online option for our meetings where possible. Please provide feedback on how this works for you and whether it makes The difference between being able to attend and not.

Nick Rieser, President, Eugene/Springfield chapter OMTA



## Holiday Potluck!

Hello everyone,

It's time for our December holiday potluck! This year, it will be held at the home of Grace Ho (me) at 7:00 on Monday, Dec 12.

The address is 652 Wimbledon Ct, which is part of the River Island Estates.

Please RSVP by signing up on this document:

[OMTA December Potluck](#)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Grace Ho  
Vice-President, OMTA Eugene District



### **Con Brio** **December 2022**

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

President: Nick Rieser, Vice-President: Grace Ho, Treasurer: Sarah Rose,  
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Neil Patton, editor

The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the January 2023 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, Jan 1, 2023.

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.

## Eugene District Baroque Festival

The Eugene District Baroque Festival will take place on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The recitals will start at 2pm at United Lutheran Church at 22 Washington Str, Eugene.

The event is adjudicated, and teachers may register students in competitive or non-competitive divisions. The winners of each division will be invited to the Baroque Festival Final Event on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> in Newport, OR.

Please check the Eugene OMTA calendar for details about the student age divisions, time requirements, and repertoire at <https://omta-eugene.org/event/baroque-festival/>

- Registration forms can be found on Leggiero.
- Registration fee is \$20 per student.
- Registration deadline is January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- Please mail completed registration forms and your payment by check to Olga Aynvarg at 3897 W 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, OR 97402. Postmark due date is January 22, 2023.

Please direct your questions about the event to Olga Aynvarg by email: [olga.aynvarg@gmail.com](mailto:olga.aynvarg@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Olga Aynvarg,  
Festival Chair

## Eugene District Fall Syllabus

November 12 & 13, 2022  
Final Report

Total Teachers: 10  
Total Students: 24  
Total Conferences: 10

Adjudicators: Sandy Hull and Heidi Evans

Eugene District had 3 days of Syllabus in-person adjudications, a smaller number of participants this year. Some Eugene students and teachers are taking advantage of the on-line Syllabus weekend and those students will be included in the on-line report from the on-line Chair. The registration break down was 18 Evaluation, 5 Demos, and 1 Creative Audition. I have not been advised of any forfeits.

Due to family illness, Carolee Harbour was unable to adjudicate for us on Saturday, 11/12. Sandy Hull graciously stepped in to sub for her. Also, we needed to change locations for the Saturday Syllabus and Genevieve Mason graciously stepped in to host for us. Eugene District teachers are wonderful to step in and help whenever needed! Thank you!

As we continue to emerge from this pandemic, I would remind everyone to be extra careful with illness. If teachers or students get sick at the last minute, arrangements could be made for on-line adjudications for the student. If a host teacher becomes sick, it could be possible to move to a different location or adjust for the adjudicator to hear on-line.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol White, NCTM and Kami Hendrix,  
District Chair and Co-Chair

## District Ensemble Festival Report

The Eugene/Springfield District ensemble Recital took place on November 20, at 1:00-3:00 at the U of O School of Music. It was a joyful event, and it was wonderful again to listen to all the young artists. We were very pleased with the venue, and the pianos. The recital went smoothly, and our adjudicator David Riley shared enthusiastically about his experience as a chamber music player and accompanist.

Thanks to Michael Reiter who helped with some settings after having tuned the pianos, and to Soria Phillips-Meadow and Nick Reiter for volunteering for help.

We had 16 students participating in 8 ensembles, from four different studios. Three ensembles were competitive.

From the 15-18 division, Cassidy Perkins and Elijah Brenn, students of Ellen McQuilkin, were invited to participate in the State Honors Recital. Ellie and Timmie Cho, students of Lucy Clevenger, were chosen as alternates.

From the 9-11 division, Mimi and Sammie Cho, students of Lucy Clevenger, were given an Honorable Mention.

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## Ensemble Festival State Honor Recital

The Fall 2022 State Honors Recital will take place on Saturday, December 10 at the same location as the district recital. Some changes with timing are happening. We will have two recitals. The first recital will begin at 1:45, and the second begins at 3:15. Students from all over Oregon are coming to perform. Please come to the recital. Everybody is welcome.

Note that we had a District Ensemble Recital in Eugene last January 2022. At that event, Ellie and Timmy Cho, and Mimi and Sammy Cho, students of Lucy Clevenger, were invited to participate in the State Honors Recital. So we will have the joy of listening to them on December 10 also.

I hope to see some of you there!

Genevieve Mason, Janet Pollack  
Ensemble Festival Chairs

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## Help Needed!

Hello Everyone,

Our district is hosting the State Ensemble Honors Recital this Saturday (December 10th) from 1:00-5:00 pm at the University of Oregon. We would like to make a good showing but need your help in doing so. Genevieve Mason and I are co-chairing the event and are in need of several others to insure it runs smoothly. Some of the help we require is as follows:

- someone to check in students as they arrive
- a greeter to help arriving students, family and spectators find the correct room
- a person to direct students to the practice room (room 66), if they wish to warm up
- a helper to set up the refreshments table and oversee it during the afternoon
- members to clean up between the two recitals and at the end of the day

If you are able to help, please let me know by responding to this email or call me on my cell phone. I know this is a busy time of the season so be assured that your time is appreciated. *Please consider to help.*

*Happy Holidays!*

All best,  
Janet P., co-chair of State Ensemble Honors Recital  
[janetkippollack@comcast.net](mailto:janetkippollack@comcast.net)  
970-556-3729

## Winter Holiday Recital Report

The Winter Holiday Recital was held on Sunday, December 4 at the United Lutheran Church. We had three recitals with thirty-six students participating from nine teachers. Five students had to cancel at the last minute due to illnesses. We had a non-member teacher who had two students sign up for the recital. This caused a problem with Leggiero because non members do not have access to Leggiero. I registered the students under my name to get them on the program. The non-member teacher paid for those two students and paid an additional \$35 fee.

Thank you to all the teachers that had participating students and for everyone who helped me the day of the recital.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alexis Gibbons, NCTM

## OMTA Eugene Treasurer's Report



Account Activity  
November 1st, 2022  
through  
November 30th, 2022

Treasurer: Sarah B. Rose  
Address: 1348 Modoc Street,  
Springfield, OR 97477  
[songbirdsarahb@gmail.com](mailto:songbirdsarahb@gmail.com)  
541-510-6451

Checking Account				
Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
11/1/2022	Beginning Balance			\$4,739.15
11/1/2022	United Lutheran Church Rental	\$150.00		
11/4/2022	Syllabus and Pop Music Fest.		\$1,423	
11/22/2022	Syllabus- Fall Classical Piano	\$1,228		
11/23/2022	Envelopes/stamps for treasurer	\$15.20		
11/30/2022	Rob Tobias- Comp. Consultant	\$250.00		
11/30/2022	David Riley- Adjudicator	\$55.00		
11/30/2022	Ending Balance			\$4,463.95

Beverly Soules Scholarship Fund				
Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
11/1/2022	Beginning Balance			\$10,421.32
11/30/2022	Interest		0.43	
11/30/2022	Ending Balance			\$10,421.75

MINUTES  
Eugene District OMTA \* BOD Meeting via Zoom  
November 14, 2022 Minutes

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President RIESER called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Attendees: Nick Rieser, Grace Ho, Sarah Rose, Janet Pollack, Genevieve Mason, Wyatt Burger, Kumiko Vanderbush, Sandy Hull, Carol White, Betsy Parker, Lucy Clevenger, Soria Phillips-Meadow

October minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was reviewed as summarized in the Con Brio.

**Student Activities**

**Festival of Popular Music:** Chair: Ellen McQuilkin reported that it was a successful Festival with 13 students performing 16 pieces featuring a variety of music including singing.

**Syllabus:** Chair: Carol White with Cami Hendrix co-chair. Carol reported that 24 students participated over 3 days between 2 locations and included 18 evaluations, 5 demonstrations, and 1 audition. Sandy Hull stepped in last-minute to adjudicate along with Heidi Adams. Genevieve stepped in to host for Alexis. Syllabus was a success thanks to these teachers coming together without advance notice or planning. It is hoped that Syllabus registration for spring will be accessible via Leggiero.

**District Ensemble Festival:** Chairs Genevieve Mason and Janet Pollack. 13 students have registered with 8 ensembles which is more than last winter. David Riley will be the adjudicator. Genevieve will be hosting and overseeing the Festival. Janet will oversee the State Festival. It will be held in Room 163 of the University SOMD.

**District Holiday Recital:** Chair, Alexis Gibbons. To be held on Sunday, December 4. Full details are in the Con Brio.

**Spring District Recital:** Sarah Burch has offered to chair. Ellen will confirm with her.

**Other Business:**

The Collegiate OMTA Chapter held a potluck and social gathering on October 15th hosted by Grace Ho and featuring performances by UO students from the Liszt Concert.

The OMTA Winter Potluck will also be hosted by Grace Ho and held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. An announcement will be sent out with a Google Doc to sign up.

There was discussion around the possibility of moving next year's Winter Potluck to a different month to lighten schedules during the busy Holiday Season.

The Teacher Showcase will need a new chair as Wyatt steps into other roles. Nick will reach out to members.

It was announced that the BOD approved Eugene District OMTA covering the cost of mentors taking new members out to lunch up to \$30 to welcome them and introduce them to the benefits of joining and to answer questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Soria Phillips-Meadow  
Recording Secretary