



President's Message January 2023

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and feel energized and ready to take your teaching and OMTA Eugene/Springfield into new challenges!

We have had two significant events recently. One is the passing of Harley McArthur, beloved husband of Fern. The other is the serious injury suffered by longtime member Mary Ellen Yost. She is recuperating at the Green Valley Rehabilitation Center, 1735 Adkins St., Eugene. Please contact her daughter, Heidi's Yost, to visit or to play on the facility's piano for her. Please contact me for Heidi's contact information.

It is advisable to be aware of the latest COVID information from the health authorities. The most recent variant, XBB.1.5, is extremely transmissible, even though it is not more serious than the others, but Lane County is still advising masking for those in higher risk categories. Also as teachers we are in extended close contact with many students weekly, something to keep in mind.

January's in-person meeting is this coming Monday at 9:00 the First Congregational Church. It's a hybrid meeting, so it will also be available on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3602287348#success>. The program, "The Creativity of the Baroque Repertoire", will be presented by Dr. Crystal Zimmerman at 10:00. Her handout is available now on our website under Teacher Resources. Click on the handout link at the top of the page.

I hope to see you there!

Nick Rieser
President, OMTA Eugene/Springfield Chapter



January Meeting

Dear OMTA Eugene District,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday season.

Our next OMTA meeting and program is coming up on **Monday, January 16 at First Congregational Church**. Please note that we are meeting on the **third Monday** instead of the second Monday this month. As always, the meeting will be at 9:00am, and the program will begin at 10:00am.

Below are the details about the program:

“Late Elementary and Early Intermediate Music by Women Composers”

Presenter: [Dr. Crystal Zimmerman, NCTM](#)

Location: First Congregational Church

In this presentation, Dr. Crystal Zimmerman will feature the music of unknown women composers included in her new anthology, *Women Composers, Book 1* (published in the FJH Masterpiece Anthology series). Compositions and biographies of Hedwige Chrétien, Elisabetta de Gambarini, Amy Beach, Mel Bonis, and Marie Jaëll will be covered. The pieces are for late elementary and early intermediate students and span the eras of Baroque to late Romantic.

OMTA Eugene District Vice President,
Grace Ho

Con Brio ***January 2023***

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The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the February 2023 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, Feb 5, 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.

Dear Colleagues,

It is with sadness that we inform you that Harley McArthur, husband of Fern McArthur, passed away on January 2nd with Fern and their daughters by his side. Fern has been a long-time colleague and dear friend who has given very generously to OMTA of her time and talents, both locally and to the State. Harley was her solid life-time companion of 54 years, and we hope that she and her family will find peace in this time of loss.

You can reach Fern at 2128 Elysium Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

Eugene District Baroque Festival

The Eugene District Baroque Festival will take place on Sunday, February 5th, 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 25th 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 21st, 2023.
- Please mail completed registration forms and your payment by check to Olga Aynvarg at 3897 W 18th 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

Respectfully submitted,
Olga Aynvarg,
Festival Chair

OMTA Eugene Treasurer's Report



Account Activity
 December 1st, 2022
 through
 December 31st, 2022

Treasurer: Sarah B. Rose
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Checking Account				
Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
12/1/2022	Beginning Balance			\$4,463.95
12/5/2022	Payment to Scott Price	\$200.00		
12/7/2022	Payment to Genevieve Mason	\$43		
12/8/2022	Nellie Tholen Grant		\$800	
12/8/2022	Ens Festival and Holiday Recital		\$955	
12/9/2022	UO SOMD	\$170		
12/13/2022	Alexis Gibbons	\$162.94		
12/31/2022	Ending Balance			\$5,642.72

Beverly Soules Scholarship Fund				
Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
12/1/2022	Beginning Balance			\$10,421. 75
12/31/2022	Interest		0.43	
12/31/2022	Ending Balance			10,442.1

A photographer took pictures of composers before and after she called their music beautiful

