



President's Message May, 2023

The year is almost over! This Spring seems a little extra hectic, or maybe it's just me... OMTA Eugene/Springfield has come through the Pandemic area with flying colors! Our programs are well attended and well-chaired, and are as strong as ever. We need to keep in mind the enormous value our musical work with students has had in the past few years and will hold for them in the future.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary and busy month we have had in the past month: the Spring District Recital, the Contemporary Music Festival, the Beverly Soule Scholarship Competition, and the Spring Syllabus. Bravo and brava all!

Please note the change in the meeting planning for May: we won't have a regular meeting this coming Monday. Instead, our end of year social and potluck will be on Monday, May 22 at 9:00 am at the home of Christine Mirabella. Details soon. The Martin Garcia Garcia master class will be this Monday, May 8 at 10:00 am in Beall Hall.

I want to thank the chairpersons and officers of our chapter for their hard work and tremendous support during the past year. You are the backbone of our work.

We are saying goodbye this month to Lucy Clevenger, who is heading to San Diego. Lucy, you have done so much for Eugene/Springfield and your shoes will be hard to fill but we wish you the best! We are having a going-away party next Saturday, May 13. Details to follow.

Don't forget to register for the state conference before May 24 for the early bird rate. Highlights this year include presentations on first years of piano study, interpretation, music fluency, and composition. A couple of others stand out as being very practical: repertoire for small hands, and - this ought to be good - making your teaching life easier!

The date for the biennial Sonatina Festival has been set: October 14, 2023, at Frohnmayer. The repertoire will be focus on women and lesser-known composers and works.

I hope to see you at the party and/or the social and potluck!

Nick Rieser
Eugene/Springfield District OMTA President



May District Meeting and Events

Dear OMTA Eugene-District,

Happy Spring! We will have two gatherings this May:

Monday, May 8: Acclaimed concert pianist Martín García García (first-prize winner of Cleveland and third-prize winner of Chopin international competitions) will give a master class at UO's Beall Hall at 10:00am.

Monday, May 22: Meeting and social gathering at the home of Christine Mirabella at 9:00am. More details regarding parking and potluck sign-up will come from me as the event gets closer.

I look forward to seeing you all at these events!

Sincerely,

Grace Ho
Vice-President, OMTA Eugene-District

Con Brio

May 2023

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

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Neil Patton, editor

The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the June 2023 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, June 4, 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 Teacher Showcase Concert

Hello fellow OMTA teachers!

This year, the spring teacher showcase and fundraiser will be **May 13th, 2023 at 2:00pm** at **Unity of the Valley** and we would love for you to play!! Unity has a BEAUTIFUL Yamaha 7' 6" piano, and we are encouraging people to play classical or popular styles. Also, feel free to invite non-OMTA performers to play with, and playing more than one song is welcome! The deadline to enroll is May 8th, but it would help us to know ASAP what piece you would like to play, if it's a solo or ensemble piece and how long it is.

This is our first in person showcase since the pandemic and I would love to have as many performers as possible! Let's all have a wonderful time together, and make this a successful fundraiser! I think it will be a really enjoyable concert! We welcome original compositions as well as existing repertoire and a variety of instruments!

This is the first time I am heading up an event for the OMTA, and Betsy Parker has so graciously offered her help! I am so thankful she's my co-chair!! So, feel free to contact either or both of us with questions!! My number is 541-510-6451.

My email is songbirdsarahb@gmail.com.

Betsy's email is betsyparker@comcast.net

Sarah B. Rose
Event Chair



MAY 13TH, 2023 2:00PM UNITY OF THE VALLEY

OMTA TEACHER SHOWCASE

Join us for a spring concert and fundraiser!



For more info, contact:
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Contemporary Music Festival Report

Festival of Contemporary music took place on Sunday, April 16, at United Lutheran Church. There were 29 students participating in two afternoon recitals and seven teachers - Sandy Hull, Nobuko LeBeau, Wyatt Burger, Genevieve Mason, Alexis Gibbons, Winnie Kerner and Lucy Clevenger. That was a delightful event. The repertoire was diverse and very well performed. All the forms and fees were submitted by teachers in a timely manner. Thanks to all the teachers for all their hard work!

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Clevenger, NCTM



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WITH MARTÍN GARCÍA GARCÍA

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10:00AM
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MINUTES
Eugene District OMTA Meeting
Berwick Hall BOD Rm.
Monday, April 10, 2023

President RIESER called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Attendees in-person: Nick Rieser, Grace Ho, Genevieve Mason, Alexis Gibbons, Wyatt Burger, Lucy Clevenger, Kumiko Vanderbush, Sandy Hull, Paul Safar, Ellen McQuilkin, Soria Phillips-Meadow

Attendees via zoom: Sarah Rose, Kami Hendrix March minutes were approved.
April's Treasurer Report will be emailed out. **STUDENT ACTIVITIES:**

Contemporary Music Festival: Lucy Clevenger, chair. To be held at United Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 16 with recitals at 1:30 and 2:30. Alexis will update the website.

Piano UO Festival: To be held on Sunday, April 30 1:00-6:00 pm at the UO School of Music and Dance. Registration deadline is April 14. The theme is character pieces, however, repertoire does not have to be strictly character. If, for example, a student has a piece memorized for Syllabus or a Sonatina they would like to perform, they are welcome to participate.

For more information, please contact Grace Ho or visit <https://blogs.uoregon.edu/pianouofestival/>.

Composition Festival: Chairs: Paul Safar and Nick Rieser. To be held on May 6 at 4:00 at Broadway Metro with a showing of the video of student compositions.

Teacher's Showcase: Chair: Sarah Rose. It will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 2:00 at the Unity of the Valley Church. The deadline for registration is Friday, May 5.

Teachers are encouraged to participate including collaborating together on duets. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear us play.

MEMBERSHIP: Genevieve reported that Bokyoung Lee was very grateful for the support provided by our Eugene District.

We have new guitar teacher, Noa Trevor, at Harmony Road Studio.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Banner: If you are the chair for the next upcoming recital, please take the banner at the meeting.

Scheduling of our monthly meetings: Discussion was raised of the scheduling of our Eugene District OMTA meetings on Mondays when a number of involved teachers are unable to attend.

Nick plans to poll the teachers to determine whether a solution to this issue might be possible. It was noted that one of the Portland districts holds their meetings on rotating days in order to accommodate more teachers.

The online option is also important for several teachers. Nick will discuss the results of the poll at the final meeting.

Winter Festival: Nick will also poll teachers to determine whether we should continue the Winter District Recital as we did this year or pursue a different venue in order to have a yearly recital similar to Barnes and Noble.

For venues, Unity of the Valley will continue to receive a special OMTA rate until January of 2024 when the rates could go up to \$265. United Lutheran is also still available.

UO SOMD Performing Arts and Career Fair: To be held in Rm. 190 at the UO School of Music. OMTA will have a table with brochures. If teachers would like to help out at the table, it will be a fun opportunity to meet with students and share what OMTA offers.

Masterclass: Martin Garcia Garcia will be holding a masterclass on Monday, May 8 at 10:00 am in Beall Hall. This is our final OMTA guest presentation of the year. In addition, Mr. Garcia will be performing in Corvallis the day before on Sunday, May 7.

End of the Year Social & Potluck: On Monday, May 22 at 9:00 am, Christine Mirabella will host our end-of-the-year gathering. Christine will send out details with her location and parking.

Mary Ellen Yost: Mary Ellen is at Green Valley and arrangements can be made to visit her through her daughter, Heidi. We are welcome and encouraged to visit her. Please contact Nick for details.

Respectfully submitted,

Soria Phillips-Meadow Recording Secretary

