

CON BRIO



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Eugene District

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March *District* *Meeting*



Monday, March 9, 2009
Home of Virginia Buhn
2100 Ridgeway Drive, Eugene

An important contemporary American composer will be the topic as Alma Marianos of Salem presents a program on **Robert Muczynski Revisited**.

Her lecture-demonstration will include a performance of the Six Preludes, Op. 6. She will discuss other repertoire including pieces suitable for younger students, giving information about stylistic and technical considerations.

Alma Marianos began her music studies in Cairo, Egypt at the Conservatoire Tiegeman where she received a Licentiate in Performance from the Royal Schools of Music. She also obtained a degree in English Literature from the American University in Cairo. After moving to Oregon she continued her music studies with Nellie Tholen, then completed a Bachelor's Degree in Music at Oregon State University while studying with Rachelle McCabe. As a resident of Cannon Beach she appeared frequently as soloist and musician with the North Coast Chamber Orchestra. Now a resident of Salem she is State and nationally certified, maintains a large independent piano studio, and is an active member of OMTA.

Plan to arrive a 9 AM (PDT) to enjoy refreshments provided by Nancy Harris and Ellen McQuilkin, and to connect with colleagues. An important business meeting will follow, including reports by chairmen of various student activities.





Virginia Buhn

Eugene District Vice-President & Program Chair

Composition Celebration

The deadline for entries in the **OMTA Eugene district Composition Celebration** is Friday, March 13, 2009.

Please include the following for each student:

-  1 copy of the composition
-  completed entry form
-  entry fee
-  recording of the composition

Each composition should be submitted on white, 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper. Measure numbers should appear at the beginning of each staff or system. The student's name should **not** appear on the score. Recordings may be CD or cassette tape. Send entries to **Sharon Turner, P. O. Box 2211, Jasper, OR 97438**. I will be at the March meeting if you wish to give submissions to me then. Let me know if you have any questions about this event. Phone: (541) 968-3055.

Sharon Turner, District Composition Co-Chair

Treasurer's Report

Checking Account balance on 02/01/2009: \$1,419.68

EXPENSES

February 1, 2009 - March 1, 2009

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 02/05/09 | February CON BRIO | 64.92 |
| 02/05/09 | Eularee Smith-Composition Wkshp. | 65.00 |
| 02/05/09 | Neil Patton-Composition Workshop | 65.00 |
| 02/05/09 | Sharon Turner-Composition Wkshp. | 65.00 |
| 02/05/09 | Eularee Smith-Composition Wkshp. | 42.16 |
| 02/05/09 | PEAK Internet | 19.90 |
| 02/05/09 | Qwest | 37.17 |
| 02/07/09 | Sandy Hull - District Bach Festival | 73.91 |
| 02/07/09 | OMTA - Bach Festival Student fees | 124.00 |
| 02/07/09 | Alexandre Dossin-Bach Fest. Adjud. | 187.40 |
| 02/07/09 | Gina Pruit-Bach Fest. Adjudicator | 236.36 |
| 02/10/09 | Dorothy Fahlman - workshop | 400.00 |
| 02/10/09 | First Congregational Church | 50.00 |
| 02/13/09 | Regional Bach Festival programs | 29.00 |
| 02/27/09 | Hult Center Festival programs | 85.00 |
| 02/28/09 | Oliver Poida-Bach Fest. Adjudicator | 217.80 |
| 02/28/09 | Sandy Hull - Regional Bach Festival | 18.87 |
| 02/28/09 | OMTA-Regional Bach student fees | 52.00 |
| | TOTAL | \$1,833.49 |

INCOME

February 1, 2009 - March 1, 2009

| DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Composition Workshop | 440.00 |
| District Bach Festival student fees | 744.00 |
| Regional Bach Festival student fees | 210.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,394.00 |

Checking Account balance on 03/01/2009: \$ 980.19

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt L. Burger



Con Brio

March 2009

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

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All materials for publication are due on the Saturday preceding the first Monday of each month.

Con Brio is mailed to all members on the Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting, and can also be accessed on the district website.

Wyatt L. Burger, editor
 e-mail: westlanepiano@cvcable.com

Spring District Recitals

The Spring District Recitals will take place on Sunday, May 3rd, at the beautiful Wildish Theater in Springfield. Students have the opportunity to play on a Steinway Concert grand piano in a comfortable setting. What a terrific opportunity to try out Syllabus repertoire! A reminder that this recital is open to students at Syllabus level 2 and above. Memorization is strongly encouraged. The fee for each student is \$7. Please make checks payable to "Eugene OMTA." Entry forms and fees are due by **Saturday, April 18th**. Be sure the forms are in the mail by Thursday, April 15th. Please send all forms and fees to the event chair, Sarah Burch, 5080 Donald St., Eugene, OR 97405. Email: sarah_burch@hotmail.com.

Sarah Burch

Spring District Recitals Chair

Membership

I would like to welcome the following new member to the Eugene District:

Jessica Burris
 3414 Kinsrow Ave., Eugene, OR 97401
 (971) 285-2479
 PIANO, ELECTRIC BASS, GUITAR

Delores Tiktin, Membership Chair

Regional Jr. Bach Festival

Eugene District had the honor of hosting the Regional Jr. Bach Festival recital this year on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at Cascade Manor. We had recitals at 1:30, 2:30 and 4:00 with receptions following the 2:30 and 4:00 programs. We hosted 26 students and 15 teachers from Eugene, Linn-Benton, Rogue Valley and Roseburg Districts. Our adjudicator was Oliver Poida from Portland, Oregon. His positive and constructive comments were well received by students and teachers.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Regional Festival and to the top 30% chosen to participate in the State Final Event listed below:

Group I (grade 3-7):

Jennifer Dai (Mary Ann Guenther)
Elizabeth Yin (Joan Gathercoal)
Amy Yin (Joan Gathercoal)

Group I Alternates:

Sujin Kay (Genevieve Mason)
Sungwoo Kay (Genevieve Mason)
Jejin Lee (Fern McArthur)

Group II (grade 8-12):

Gloria Parks (Rachelle McCabe)
Jenna Han (Christine Mirabella)
Amanda Cooksey (Elena Abel)
Hannah Larson (Christine Mirabella)
Shannon Cahill Weisser (Rachelle McCabe)
Eric Larson (Christine Mirabella)

Group II Alternates:

Danning Yao (Mary Ann Guenther)
Eric Fang (Rachelle McCabe)
Andrew Gao (Lucy Clevenger)

The State Jr. Bach festival Final Event will be held Sunday, March 1, 2009, 2:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th St., Newport, Oregon.

Thank you so much to all the teachers that helped make this event run smoothly. Wyatt Burger-programs; Genevieve Mason-reception; Fern McArthur, Virginia Buhn, Carolyn McHan, and Lucy Clevenger-reception goodies and helping check-in students and music. I could not have done it without you.

Sandy Hull

Regional Bach Festival Chair

Teacher Referrals

Here is a summary of the referrals I have made so far this school year to OMTA teachers, and the source of the referrals. I usually give several teachers' names when I respond to a request for a referral. Most of the referrals were for piano lessons, with some requests for strings, guitar and voice.

September 2008: 14 total; 10 - District Telephone line; 1 - Arts Umbrella; 3 - OMTA teachers

October 2008: 5 total; 4 - District Telephone line; 1 - OMTA teacher

November 2008: 2 total; 1 - District Telephone line; 1 - OMTA teacher

December 2008: 8 total; 5 - District Telephone line; 1 - OMTA teacher; 1 - Lawson's; 1 - e-mail*

January 2009: 12 total; 4 - District Telephone line; 2 - OMTA teachers; 4 - Lawson's; 2 - e-mail*

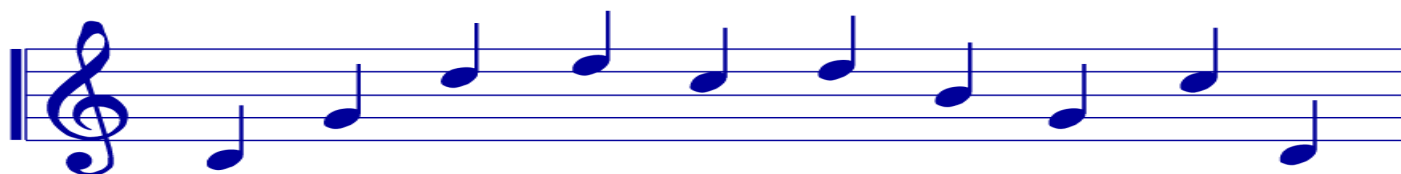
*Source unknown, possibly website

Jane Young

Referral Chair

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The **Original Composition Celebration** is a state wide event which provides students with a unique opportunity to both perform their original work and have them reviewed by experienced composers for guidance and direction in this noble pursuit.

At the District level, submitted works should be sent with the application (in Yearbook page 39), audio recording, notated score and entry fee by March 13, 2009. All compositions will receive a written evaluation and students will perform at the recital on April 5, 2009.

Recital Date: April 5, 2009

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: The Studio at the Hult Center

Submission Fee: \$8 per student K-8; \$10 grades 9-12

Please send submissions to Sharon Turner, P. O. Box 2211, Jasper, OR 97348.

The deadline for submitting materials for the April 2009 issue of *Con Brio* is Saturday, April 4, 2009. Send to westlanepiano@cvcable.com

District Telephone Number

for teacher referrals: **242-1024**

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www.oregonmta.org

where you will find

Music News online

Forms for OMTA Syllabus and festivals

Directory of Oregon districts

Calendar of events

OMTA State Conference

July 31 - August 2, 2009

University of Oregon

Conference Artist: **Santiago Rodriguez**

Visit our website at www.oma-eugene.org

Recording Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Eugene District Meeting February 9, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM at the First Congregational Church.

We mourn the loss of Helen Hunter, a voice teacher, who passed away on February 7th.

Esther Megargel will present at the State Convention as the composer of the year. She is looking for six high school students to accompany soloists. Please refer to email for details. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students!

We welcome two new members, Katie Cully, who joined in the Fall, and Jessica Burris, who just turned in her application today.

Two reminders: the Spring Theme Concert will be on March 1st and the District Spring Festival will be on May 3rd at Wildish.

The Composition Recital will be on April 5th at the Hult Center in conjunction with other art events. The deadline is March 13th and recordings and notation of compositions are required. Contact Sharon Parmenter, Neil Patton, or Eularee Smith for any questions or help needed with the composition process. There was a suggestion during the meeting that the yearbook should include a more detailed description for the composition workshop and recital. Arro Beaulieu will be adjudicating.

The Bach Festival was a success—a big thank you to all those who helped! The expense report is as follows:

Gross income: \$744
Adjudicators: \$187.40 and \$236.36
Supplies: \$81.74
\$2/student fees: \$124
Adjusted income: \$144.50

The Regional Bach Festival will be at 2 PM at Cascade Manor and will include students from Lane, Linn-Benton, and Roseburg districts. Sandy Hull will email the time for the second program. She is asking for help with the reception following the two recitals. Sandy still has Bach music scores from the February 1st festival. Please remember to write your name in the scores so that she can contact you if you forget your music!

Linda Plant brought music to give away. She will donate what was not taken to Goodwill.

Please contact Delores Tiktin if you would like to either create a personal web page or link your website to the updated OMTA website. All you have to do to get a personal web page is to email your info and maybe a photo. Delores already got a call about piano lessons after creating her web page!

The next OMTA meeting will be held at the home of Virginia Buhn. Our guest Speaker will be Alma Marianos and she will be presenting and playing all of Muczynski's Preludes Op. 6. You are strongly encouraged to bring scores to follow along.

Spring Syllabus

All forms and fees for the Spring Syllabus are due Friday, March 20. Please be prompt and send your forms on time. If you have any questions contact me by e-mail: wrclevenger@comcast.net. Thank you.

Lucy Clevenger

District Syllabus Chair

President's Message

Dear Members,

Our deep sympathy goes out to the family of Helen Hunter. In loving memory of her, our district is giving to the Eugene library, the book "All You have to Do Is Listen: Music From the Inside Out," written by Rob Kapilow and printed in September of 2008. Christine Mirabella will represent our district at the Memorial service February 28, telling of Helen's connection with OMTA and presenting the book at that time.

Helen shared her love of music from the inside out for many years here in Eugene as a soloist, voice teacher, and choir member. She joined OMTA October 1, 1954, remaining an active and loyal member for 55 years. We will miss her support and friendship. She will be remembered for her generous encouragement to members through her letters and phone calls.

As I reflect on Helen's contributions to our organization I also think of the many members who are deeply committed to supporting and working hard for our district. I am continually amazed at the marvelous volunteers who are an active part of our district.

Sandy Hull has, this month, completed two Junior Bach Festivals (District and Regional) shouldering the responsibility with her ever ready beautiful smile. Both events were well attended and carried out with impeccable professionalism. A big thank you, Sandy.

Because of time restraints at the February meeting, we postponed the discussion regarding the receipt of Con Brio until our May meeting. I heard several comments after Dorothy Fahlman's Workshop that day calling it a "best ever."

Our most capable vice president, Virginia Buhn, has arranged another informative program for March 9. I hope you can join us at Virginia's lovely home that day for another "best."

Musically yours,

Carolyn

Yes We Can! The Power of Creative Expression is being hosted by **Upstart Crow Studios** and **The Jacob's Gallery** in celebration of young artists in our community. Artists, age 18 and under, are invited to showcase their original works as part of this event. The Jacob's Gallery Exhibit of the Hader Collection creates the backdrop for this event. The Haders were prolific illustrators and authors of renowned children's books, magazines and toys in the early 1940s, a time when a child's imaginations were their greatest plaything.

Celebrating the passion and dedication of young artists will be the theme of this event to be held on April 5, 2009 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The OMTA will showcase young composers at 2:00 PM during this event. Writers, composers, musicians, dancers and thespians round out the event, performing their original works. Joy Rich, the Haders niece, will also speak at the event, sharing her life with the Haders and their wonderful friends, like Rose Wilder, daughter of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Elmer Hader was the illustrator for such books as *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck.

This event is free to the public, so encourage your students and their families to join other young artists at this event.

Date: April 5, 2009. Time: 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Location: The Studio and The Jacob's Gallery at the Hult Center. Free to the public. OMTA Composition Recital: 2:00 PM.

ADDRESS UPDATE:

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McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413