



President's Message

Dear Teachers,

I just received an email from a parent of one of my students:

Thank you for teaching Joshua a Christmas carol; he's been playing it constantly and delighting his little sister.

Monica

(I changed the names).

This is the type of email I like to receive. Although it is simple, it summarizes the reason I teach music to children and adults: **to empower them to delight others with their music!** In the process, they delight themselves as well. What better cause could we have than that?

As stated in our bylaws, we are dedicated to the "advancement of musical knowledge and education." As we look forward to 2015, we have classes, meetings, student events, concerts, and many other details to attend to. While these are important details to grow our organization and our businesses, let us first of all remember the reasons for doing what we do. In other words, let us not miss seeing the forest for the trees.

We have an important meeting and class on Mon, Jan 12th, at 9:00 at First Congregational Church in Eugene. Claire Wachter will, I am sure, delight us again with her insights. On Sunday, Feb 1st, our students will participate in the Oregon Junior Bach Festival. Make sure to support our event chairs, officers, and volunteers as they work hard to organize events for all of us! Let's remember to thank them.

Finally, let's remember to empower our students with the wonder of music. When we do, they will delight us and many other people in their life!

David Cragun

Con Brio

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Upcoming Meetings

Monday, January 12

We will meet at the First Congregational Church (1050 East 23d Avenue, Eugene). Like usual, we will meet at 9:00 for refreshments, and at 9:30 we will have our business meeting. At 10:30, an exciting presentation!!! Claire Wachter will introduce "The Virtual Piano Pedagogue," a new video master course in piano pedagogy. This series of videos was funded through the generosity of the Oregon Community Foundation's Nellie Tholen Fund, the University of Oregon and supported with in-kind contributions by private donors. Claire will show us how to use the videos for our students' syllabus preparation, auditions, recitals and festival performances. The video topics include music of Bach, Scarlatti, Schumann, Chopin and The Art of the Phrase. We hope many of you can come to benefit from Claire's experience!

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Monday, February 9

We will meet at First Congregational Church (1050 E 23rd Ave, Eugene) at 9:00, with a 9:30 business meeting. Following our meeting, Dr. Joy Song from Seoul, Korea will be giving a presentation entitled, *Sonatina Secrets*.

Treasurer's Report

12/01/2014 to 01/01/2015

CHECKING ACCOUNT

DATE	DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSE	BALANCE
12/01/14	Beginning balance			\$ 4,580.09
12/14/14	PEAK Internet		20.89	
01/01/15	TOTALS	\$ 180.00	\$ 104.89	\$ 4,559.20

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt L. Burger

OMTA Eugene District Treasurer

Student Member Honored by Eugene Mayor



Eugene District OMTA Student Member Asia Wooten was recently honored by Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy for her many accomplishments as a student, a musician, a scholar and a citizen. Well done, Asia! We are proud to have you as a part of our District! (Follow this link for a video of the Mayor's Proclamation: <http://youtu.be/Yepl9k0B1ak> .)



The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the February 2015 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, January 26 2015.

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.