



Editor's [Half] Notes

Dear Teachers and Colleagues,

Fall is in full swing. As an introvert, I find myself winding up each time one of my new students comes to the door. "Will they like me today? How did their first week of practicing go? Are they already looking for a new teacher and just haven't told me yet?" Then the lesson starts, and the fears slip away and we are making music together, and more often than not, they are smiling. This honeymoon might end in the coming weeks, but for now, I have the opportunity to welcome them into the world of joyful music making, and it's a good thing.

Be encouraged. Love your students well. Make music together!

Sincerely

Neil Patton

Con Brio Editor

October Meeting

This is to remind you that the Eugene OMTA October meeting will take place **a week earlier** on October 5th instead of October 12th. It will be at the First Congregational Church, 1050 E 23rd Ave. We will meet at 9:00 for refreshment, our business meeting will be at 9:30, and then the presentation begins at 10:30.

Our OMTA State President, Cindy Petersen's lecture will include: The tangible benefits of MTNA membership, the national certification process, and some useful apps for private teaching. I think it would be especially interesting to our new member!

See you this next Monday!

Con Brio

October 2015

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Neil Patton, editor



Festival of Popular Music

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Recitals on the hour, beginning at 2:00 PM

United Lutheran Church

2230 Washington St., Eugene (corner of 22nd & Washington St.)

Entry deadline: Friday, October 9!

Please refer to our district website for additional information.

Mail entry forms and master list to:

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Treasurer's Report

09/01/2015 to 10/01/2015

CHECKING ACCOUNT

DATE	DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSE	BALANCE
09/01/15	BEGINNING BALANCE			\$ 3,239.27
09/09/15	Syllabus - refund: uncashed check expired	57.20		
09/10/15	PEAK Internet		14.97	
09/14/15	Membership - BBQ		25.40	
09/18/15	Membership dues	75.00		
09/18/15	Nelie Tholen Fund	400.00		
10/01/15	TOTALS	\$ 532.20	\$ 40.37	\$ 3,731.10

Important reminder:

Please use the **District Remittance Form** to submit checks to the treasurer. Use the **District Request for Payment Form** to request reimbursement. To find these two forms, go to our district website home page. From the list of options on the left, under *Student Activities*, select "forms." This will take you to the *Eugene District Forms* page. Near the bottom of the page just above State Forms, you will find both the *Remittance Form* and the *Request for Payment form*.

Respectfully submitted,

Wyatt L. Burger

OMTA Eugene District Treasurer

Welcome New Members to Eugene OMTA, Fall 2015

We are pleased to welcome 6 new members to our district this fall. I hope new members will take the time to submit your bios and picture to our Con Brio editor, Neil Patton, neil@pattonmusic.com, for publication in future issues of our newsletter so we can get to know you. It is our goal to make all new members feel welcome and part of the group as soon as possible. Our membership committee will be assigning mentors to new members within the next few weeks so you should expect a call from a mentor soon. Mentors will be current members willing to answer questions and guide you through participating in our many student activities and teacher training opportunities. New members include:

Peter Brownlee, from Central Oregon, joining as dual membership.

Tessira German, student, University of Oregon, Piano

Cara Haxo, student, University of Oregon, Piano

Heather Kunz, Active Member, Piano, just moved here from Canada with husband and 2 children. We look forward to her energy and enthusiasm for teaching piano.

Matthew Pavilanis, Active Member, Piano, has been teaching in the area for the past 7 years and received his Masters in Piano Performance from the University of Oregon with Dean Kramer. Matthew and his wife live in the South hills area of town with their 2 dogs. Matthew performs piano recitals regularly and often features contemporary composers that are less known as well as traditional classical composers. I'm looking forward to hearing his performance of the Listz Transcendental Etudes and the Ives Concord Sonata soon.

Toby Koenigsberg, Active Member, University of Oregon, Professor of Jazz Studies, Piano. We are so grateful for Toby's time, effort and expertise in revising the OMTA Jazz Syllabus which he presented to our membership at our September meeting. The newly revised jazz syllabus is now available on the OMTA website. His presentation was very well received and we all came away with great ideas on how to implement Jazz into our daily teaching. Thanks Toby for being patient with us and answering all our questions.

Nicholas Rieser, Active Member, Piano, teaches at the Harmony Roadhouse in South Eugene. Nick plays jazz around town and is very active in the community. We look forward to his enthusiasm and love for teaching to inspire us all.

We look forward to your membership and involvement in our district. Please call me, Sandy Hull, Membership Chair if you have any immediate questions at 541-485-3524 and hope to see you at future district meetings.

Sincerely submitted,

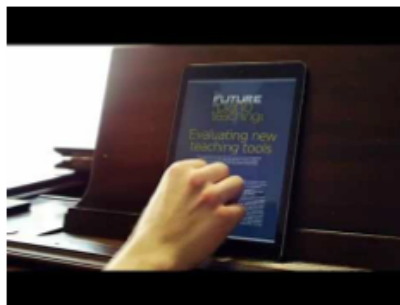
Sandy Hull, NCTM

Eugene OMTA Membership Chair

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A Look Back in Time...

Wyatt Burger found a Eugene District membership list from 1984-1985, and it was a bit of fun to see these names again, including some who still serve and teach among us now. (*Editor's Note: As a student who was raised with OMTA teachers, I remember many of these names myself! I was 12 years old this particular year and was studying with Dorothy Munz.*)

Eugene District Membership Roster: 1984-1985 (30 years ago)

Homer Keller	Lavina Honey	Lea Mirabella	Esther Megargel
Helen Hunter	Cherie Capps	Patricia McAlister	Dorothy Munz
Constance Bittner	Francis Bittner	Gloria Hodges	Joyce Cameron
Beverly Soule	Barbara Gault	Wyatt Burger	Esther Cleveland
Frances Stronach	Marlene Thal	Dr. Morrette Rider	Ricketts Baldwin
Diane Super	Muriel Willingham	Dorothy Clark	Marilyn Rigby
John Hakes	Carol White	Enid White Townsend	Exine Bailey
Christine Mirabella	Wanda Eastwood	Elaine Armes	Pauline Norris
David Chase	Theresa Janes	Bruno Madrid	Lee Howard
Rachel Aldrich	Tama Rowan	Sharron Smith	Wendy March
Isabelle Weight	Norma Levy	Patricia Chase	Ronald Lepp
Helen Robinson	Helen Brown	Helen Hagen	Amy Jo Butler
Arlene Kirchner	Dorcas Wicklund	Reitha Bauman	Carol Hawn
Robert Wilson	Fern McArthur	Patricia Morse	Barbara Possman
Elizabeth Muller-Lorish	Jovita Hunt	Margaret Barnard	Sylvia Smith
Nancy Jones	Linda Wickes	Dean Kramer	

Contributed by Wyatt Burger

The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the November 2015 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, October 27, 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.