

**Ohio Music Teachers Association, February 2015**  
**Affiliated with Music Teachers National Association**

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**Dear Members,**

I hope you have had a wonderful start to 2015! MTNA, OhioMTA, and your local districts have numerous opportunities and events available for you and your students this spring. Please see your district website for more details on local events.

**MTNA Conference and Registration Deadline:**

I hope to see you all at the 2015 MTNA National Conference in Las Vegas! Congratulations to all the Ohio members selected to present at the conference as well as the students representing Ohio in the MTNA National Competitions (see below). The conference rate of \$375 for members expires February 3rd. Please register on or before this date as the rate jumps to \$475 after this date.

More conference details can be found on the MTNA website:  
<https://members.mtna.org/conference2015/index.html>

**MTNA Students Compete at National Competition:**

Special congratulations go out to all the Ohio representatives at the East Central Division MTNA Competition! Winners of this competition will represent Ohio at the MTNA National Competition in Las Vegas.

**Composition:**

Young Artist - Bradley Harris (Douglas Knehans, teacher)

**Performance:**

Junior Winds - Charles Ballard (Antoine Clark, teacher)  
Senior Piano - Joseph Vaz (Richard van Dyke, teacher)  
Senior Voice - Jessica Flake (Katherine Krueger, teacher)  
Young Artist Strings - Henry Stubbs (Alan Rafferty, teacher)  
Young Artist Chamber Music - Lyseon Trio (Elizabeth Pridonoff, teacher)  
Jonathan Lee, cello; Susan Yang, piano; Minhee Bae, violin

**Collegiate Member News and Opportunities:**

MTNA is accepting proposals for Poster Presentations to be given at the 2015 National Conference. Proposals are due February 16.

<http://www.mtna.org/programs/conferences/yp-track-proposals/>

**MTNA Elections:**

MTNA Elections have arrived! Please participate in this important process to choose the next leaders of MTNA. You can vote online or download the ballot here:

<http://www.mtna.org/about-mtna/elections-2015/>

Bios of candidates can be found at the following links:

Nominees for President-Elect: Martha Hilley and Scott McBride Smith

<http://www.mtna.org/about-mtna/elections-2015/president-elect/>

Nominees for Vice President: Karen Thickstun and Martha Thomas

<http://www.mtna.org/about-mtna/elections-2015/vice-president/>

Nominees for Secretary/Treasurer: Sylvia Coats and Debra Florian

<http://www.mtna.org/about-mtna/elections-2015/secretary-treasurer/>

**OhioMTA Membership:**

Thank you to all 616 members of OhioMTA! Your contributions to the organization and music education are essential to the continued success of our students as well as our profession.

**OhioMTA Scholarship: Postmark Deadline, February 1, 2015**

- Open to any student of an Ohio teacher.
- Awards up to \$200 for continued music study in the area of the student's choice
- Winners will be notified by March 15, 2015
- <http://www.ohiomta.org/scholarships.html>

Stay warm out there!

Sincerely,

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OhioMTA President