



Ohio Music Teachers Association, March 2015
Affiliated with Music Teachers National Association

Dear Richard,

I hope you are surviving the winter weather! It seems as though all of Ohio has had a pretty rough one. The good news is that spring arrives soon - if only according to the calendar!

MTNA Conference:

The 2015 MTNA National Conference in Las Vegas is coming in a few weeks! I hope you all have a chance to attend what looks to be an exciting conference. If you are not able to attend, we will be posting several reports in the e-notes to keep you up-to-date on MTNA news and student competition winners. Good luck to all Ohio representatives at the MTNA Competition.

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

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

MTNA Foundation Fellows:

A special congratulations go out to Janice Cook and Kate Young, Ohio's Foundation Fellows for 2015! Ms. Cook and Ms. Young will be honored at the MTNA Gala at the 2015 Conference.

Our two Foundation Fellows were nominated by the state for their excellent work on behalf of OhioMTA and also their tireless dedication to music education. The Foundation Fund provides grants and awards to students, composers, and teachers by raising money through programs such as the Foundation Fellow program. Thank you to all who contributed to this very worthwhile cause on behalf of Janice Cook and Kate Young!

MTNA Elections:

You still have time to vote in the MTNA Elections. The deadline of Monday, March 2 is quickly approaching so exercise your right as a member soon!

<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/>

Music Development Program

The OhioMTA Executive Board voted to renew the Music Development Program as our State Certificate Program at the January Executive Board Meeting. It is an exciting time for the Music Development Program of the Royal Conservatory of Music as they launch their new syllabus and materials this month.

Congratulations to the medal winners from the December 2014 exams. These students received marks of 90 or above on their performance assessments:

Rhea Umrani (Preparatory A - Piano)
Katlyn Williams (Preparatory B - Piano)
Shyla Aggarwal (Preparatory B - Piano)
Irene Zhang (Introductory - Violin)
Veda Adusumalli (Level 1 - Violin)

To learn more about the Music Development Program of the Royal Conservatory of Music, please visit:

<https://www.musicdevelopmentprogram.org>
<http://www.ohiomta.org/certificate-program.html>

Sincerely,

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OhioMTA President

