



Ohio Music Teachers Association
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Greetings!

We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

The **MTNA National Conference** will be in Chicago this year. Take advantage of the current Registration Discount by signing up by the February 3, 2014 deadline. Check this link for details, <https://members.mtna.org/conference2014/index.html>

OhioMTA News

- 2014 Fall Conference dates have been set. It will be October 16-18, 2014 at Wilmington College. Remember to save the date. Be sure to check the OhioMTA website for details, <http://www.ohiomta.org/fall-2014.html>
- The 2014 East Central Division MTNA Competitions were held at Baldwin Wallace University, January 11, 2014. The performances were at the highest caliber. For complete competition results for Ohio and the East Central Division, check this link for details, <http://www.ohiomta.org/mtna-competitions.html>
- The OhioMTA Scholarship Program enables students to attend summer camps, workshops, conferences, take music assessments, further their music studies or pay for additional summer lessons. **The deadline for the application is February 1, 2014.** The money for these scholarships has been donated by the Royal Conservatory Music Development Program, endorsed by the OhioMTA as its state certificate program, and by private donations. For an application, please check this link, <http://www.ohiomta.org/scholarships.html>

Buckeye Auditions

All information regarding the State Competition is available on the website at <http://www.ohiomta.org/buckeye-auditions.html> , including forms. Remember to check with your local district for the District Competitions. This year the state competition will be held at Malone University on June 13-14, 2014.

CCM-MTNA is the MTNA Collegiate Chapter of the Year.

CCM's MTNA Collegiate Chapter is proud to announce it has been named MTNA's 2013-2014 Benjamin Whitten Collegiate Chapter of the Year. Advised by Michelle Conda, PhD, and led by Brianna Matzke, president, Peter Oehrtman, vice president, Andy Villemez, Treasurer, and Sophie Wang, Secretary, the 13-member chapter will be honored during the Business Luncheon at the MTNA National Conference in March. The chapter was selected for the award based on its activities in arts outreach and professional development. Click on [CCM-MTNA](#) to access the complete story on our fine student ambassadors.

Collegiate Chapters attend the 3rd Collegiate Piano Pedagogy Symposium

Student chapter members attended the 2013 Symposium held at Brigham Young University this past November. OhioMTA members featured as presenters included Bill Mullins, Ohio State University, Brianna Matzke, UC-CCM, and Sophie Wang, UC-CCM. For more details Click on [Collegiate Chapters](#)

MTNA Fellows from Ohio

OhioMTA as successfully named two **MTNA Fellows** for this year. **Christine Steiner**, Middle East District, and **Eileen Weber**, Middle West District, will be honored at the MTNA Gala in Chicago on Monday, March 24, 2014. If you haven't yet signed up to attend the Gala, please do so to support newest MTNA Fellows.

Royal Conservatory Music Development Program

The State Gold and Silver Medal of Excellence Winners for the Academic Year of 2012-2013 are now available. The Gold Medal is awarded to the students who receive the highest mark in the State of Ohio on their Performance Assessment, per instrument, per level. The Silver Medal is awarded to the students receiving the second highest mark in the State of Ohio. This year there were thirty-one Gold Medals and twenty-one Silver Medals awarded.

[Gold and Silver Medals 2012-2013](#)

Registration is now open for the Spring Assessments. The Deadline for registration is February 11, 2014. Please consult the **[Music Development Program](#)** website for complete details and for a location nearest to you.

2013 OhioMTA Certified Teacher of the Year

Bruce Piper has been selected as the Ohio Music Teachers Association Independent Teacher of the Year. He was recognized at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, September 28th, 2013 during the OMTA State Conference at the University of Cincinnati. Bruce has served OhioMTA Central East District as Treasurer for seven years, helping to assure financial well-being and security for our organization with his keen knowledge and wise leadership. He has been an MTNA member for almost 30 years and in that time, has gained a reputation for fine musicianship and teaching. Many of us know Bruce as the positive, kid-friendly Pianorama conductor with the big smile and contagious laugh. He has led many of our events and programs, including the Graves Competition, Summer Scholarships, Buckeye Auditions, Grants for Professional Development, Certification and Advertising with a judicious level head and ever-positive demeanor.

Twenty-Five Year Members for 2013

Five Members were recognized this past year for their 25 Year anniversary as MTNA Members. They include Nancy E. Herr, Carlynn Sue Framstad, Heather MacPhail, Cristina Choy and Mary Margaret Barlage. OhioMTA salutes these members for their dedication to teaching and promoting music Education.

Newly Certified Teachers

Five teachers have taken the steps to become Nationally Certified. They Include Lizbeth Atkinson, Danielle Bachman, Marsha Holcomb, Twinkle Ratnasamy and Jennifer Stadler. Congratulations to our newly Certified Teachers

We are in the process of reformatting the Newsletter and are hoping that a new format will be available soon. In the interim feel free to examine the website frequently for updates. Thank you for your patience in the transitions that we are making.

Dr. Richard Van Dyke, DMA, NCTM
OhioMTA President
