

Ohio Music Teachers Association
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2016-2017

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OhioMTA Annual Report
President
2016-17

The Ohio Music Teachers Association has wrapped up a productive and successful 2016-17 year. Our strong financial health enables us to continue to offer excellent conferences for continuing education as well as teacher grants and student scholarships.

At the MTNA National Conference in Baltimore in March 2017, OhioMTA was recognized for establishing a \$20,000 Foundation Endowment. Special thanks go to Andrea McAlister, Immediate Past President, and Brent Schloneger, long-time treasurer, for setting up this fund along with the finance committee. Richard Van Dyke was also honored during the Gala as this year's Foundation Fellow from Ohio. Ohio was well-represented at the National competitions with more than twelve competitors in the finals. In addition, several Ohio members gave scheduled presentations.

The 2016 State Conference was held in Kent, Ohio, in November 2016, with sessions at the Kent State Conference Center and the University. Two guest artists were featured, Peter Mack and Alan Fraser. The concept of lightning talks continued as representatives from IMTF, Collegiate Chapters, and College Faculty Forums presented short sessions. Many Ohio presenters gave inspiring and information sessions on a wide variety of subjects. College students presented posters from their collegiate chapters for review. Sonya Szabo-Reynolds was chosen as the 2016 Certified Teacher of the Year. Pianos were generously provided by Mattlin-Hyde Piano Co.

The 2017 Conference will be held in Van Wert, with the Five Browns as featured artists and Irina Gorin as featured clinician. A new addition to the schedule this year is a State Winners Concert on Thursday night, which will showcase performers from the Buckeye and MTNA competitions.

Congratulations to our 2018 MTNA Foundation Fellow Nominee, Judy Bede! Judy will be honored at the 2018 MTNA Conference in Orlando, Florida. She is a long-time member who has served our organization tirelessly in many ways. We will be collecting donations for her fund as well as holding a raffle at the state conference in October.

The 2017 OhioMTA Certified Teacher of the Year is Susan Treer, also a newly certified teacher! Our districts are very active in conducting successful certification classes for teachers.

Our membership numbers remain strong as of the end of August. We anticipate many collegiate members will join in September. Our collegiate chapters continue to be active, with eleven chapters in total. We expect good participation from our collegiate chapters at the state conference.

Our organization communicates with members in three ways: an annual mailing delivered in August with information for the year, monthly E-notes sent to every member, and a website that is updated continuously with the latest information. Thanks to Richard Van Dyke for maintaining the site.

OhioMTA continues to offer student scholarships with money received from the Royal Conservatory of Music's Music Development Program, our state certificate program. Our teachers have potential grants for which they can apply, made possible by Mattlin-Hyde Piano Company.

We welcome our new board members since fall of 2016:

MTNA Foundation: Olga Rua
IMTF: Laura Flowers Benson
MTNA Young Artist/Chamber Music: Fan Zhang
MTNA Junior/Senior: Gulimina Mahamuti
Certification: Cicilia Yudha

Events Attended by the President in 2016-17:

- MTNA Leadership Summit (September 2016) – Cincinnati, Ohio
- OhioMTA Fall Conference (November 2016) – Kent, Ohio
- OhioMTA Executive Committee Meetings (Nov. 2016, Jan. 2017, May 2017)
- MTNA Central East Division Competition (Jan. 2017) – Mt. Pleasant, MI
- MTNA National Conference (March 2017) – Baltimore, MD
 - East Central Division Meeting
 - Ohio State Dinner
 - State President's Advisory Meeting
 - MTNA Foundation Gala
 - Annual Business Meeting of the Organization
 - Certification reception

Thank you all for your hard work and continued membership in OhioMTA!

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Newcomb, DMA, NCTM
OhioMTA President

President-Elect Annual Report

Constitution and Bylaws:

- The OhioMTA state constitution and bylaws continue to be in accordance with the FTC ruling.
- All of the districts' bylaws are now located in Dropbox.

Finance Committee:

- OhioMTA received special recognition at the 2017 MTNA National Conference Gala (Baltimore, MD) for investing \$20,000 in the MTNA endowment fund. Proceeds from this endowment, starting approximately in 2019, will go toward travel grants to MTNA Competition finalists representing Ohio.
- The reimbursement policy for President (or President-Elect) to attend the MTNA Leadership Summit and Eastern Central Division Meeting for was revised, voted, and approved by the Executive Committee.

Technology Committee:

- Constant Contact continues to be used for communicating monthly e-Notes with members.
- e-Notes are now linked to Facebook, and members are encouraged to “like” the post to increase attention and opening rate.
- Direct links to Conference Artist(s) and Featured Presenter/Pedagogue websites have been added to the state conference webpage, and will be a regular feature of future state conference webpages.
- Richard Van Dyke continues to keep the website up-to-date, and it continues to be a valuable resource to our members.

August Mailing:

- All OhioMTA members received a mailing in August containing a President's letter, conference information and registration form, applications for competitions and scholarships, and four ads (an increase of two ads from the previous year, helping to further defray the cost of printing and mailing).
- The ads spreadsheet is shared on Google Docs between the publicity chair (currently Brianna Matzke), President-Elect, and the host-district's publicity chair for the state conference. Advertisers can purchase ads for either or both August mailing and conference program book at the same time.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, NCTM
President-Elect OhioMTA

Vice President for Affiliated Associations Annual Report

The initiative to attain copies of each district affiliate's bylaws for the purpose of OhioMTA Board reference has been completed. These are available for viewing in the board's shared Dropbox folder.

Members of Summit County MTA raised questions regarding revising their bylaws and combining some of their board positions. Support and information was provided, including MTNA's handbook for local associations and sample bylaws, and the association was advised to correspond with MTNA headquarters directly about gaining the ability to collect local dues. Ongoing support and follow-up will be provided as needed.

District presidents will, as last year, meet for dinner during the OhioMTA Conference to share ideas and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Morin
VP for Affiliated Associations

Vice President for Conferences Annual Report

2016 Conference

November 3-5

Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center

Hosted by ME District: Karen Campo (Chair), Nancy Bachus, Lori Carlson, Maira Liliestedt, Kathy Merwin, Amy Sauriol.

Guest Artists: Alan Fraser, Peter Mack

Conference Presenters: Mario Ajero, Amy Chaplin, Andrew Focks, Maira Liliestedt, Janet Lopinski, Heather Malyuk, Joy Morin, Jeffrey Russell, Sean Slade

Commissioned Composer: Daniel Harrison, "Absence for Cello and Piano" performed by Caitlyn Chenault, cello, and Andy Villemez, piano.

95 people were in attendance.

2017 Conference

October 12-14

Niswonger Performing Arts Center, Van Wert, Ohio

Hotels: Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn Express North (free shuttle service available)

Hosted by MW District: Annette Hoverman (Chair), Marilyn Alessandrini, Mary Lou Anthony, Paula Deardurff, Dee Fisher, Tamara Mullenhour, Rebekah Ricker, Krysti Schey, Sarah Wells, Elisha Wey, Jeannine Zwibel

Guest Clinician: Irina Gorin

Guest Artists: The Five Browns

Presenters: Margarita Denenberg, Joy Morin, John Mortensen, Jeanmarie Strawbridge, Lucia Unrau, Victor Welsch, Eric M. Wilson

Commissioned Composer: Jennifer Bernard Merkowitz

2018 Conference

October 18-20

Cleveland State University

Hotels TBD

Hosted by NE District: Julia Russ (chair), Megan Denman, Andrew Focks, Amy Tang

Guest Artist: Logan Skelton

Submitted by Karen Campo
VP for Conferences

Vice President for Membership Annual Report

Membership

OhioMTA includes 452 paid members as of August 24, 2017.

As per the recently established protocol, the portal is being accessed each month to procure the latest membership information and update our email list. New and reinstating members are welcomed personally by email.

Past Year Ends (June 30th)

2006: 776	2012: 658
2007: 764	2013: 658
2008: 740	2014: 620
2009: 745	2015: 640
2010: 708	2016: 627
2011: 645	2017: 452 (Confirmed this number with MTNA National Headquarters.)
2012: 658	

Awards

During the Fall conference, the following 25-year members will be recognized. There were no 50-year members to be recognized this year.

A. Joan Benedict
Richard A. Chizmadia
Seymour M. Fink, NCTM
Joan Goth
Mary L. Hewitt
Amy Rebecca Laurence, NCTM
Laurie G. Loper
Tami L. Morris
Patsy Rabinowitz, NCTM
Annette Suhovecky, NCTM

The \$500 Teacher Scholarship sponsored by Mattlin-Hyde Piano Co. applications are due by September 29, 2017. The scholarship recipient will be notified by October 6, 2017 and recognized at the 2017 State Conference Membership Luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Benson
VP for Membership

Vice President of Student Activities Annual Report

OhioMTA Scholarships

10 students applied for OhioMTA scholarships. The following six scholarships were awarded (\$1,145 awarded, \$833 remaining):

- Grace Brown, \$200 scholarship (Western Reserve Music Festival), *student of Amy Barlowe*
- Sarah Hu, \$200 scholarship (MDP Level 7 Piano Exam & Level 5 Theory Exam), *student of Amy Immerman*
- Miette Schloneger, \$145 scholarship (MDP Level 8 Theory Exam), *student of Brent Schloneger*
- Vania Jiao, \$200 scholarship (Cooper Piano Festival, Oberlin), *student of Daira Skriblis*
- Abigail Maser, \$200 scholarship (InterHarmony International Music Festival, Italy), *student of Robert Satterlee*
- Michelle Cool, \$200 scholarship (Hartt Suzuki Summer Institute), *student of Laura Flowers Benson*

After decisions were made, an annual limit of \$1,000 was suggested.

Buckeye Competition

The finals of the Buckeye Competition were hosted by Dr. Michael Benson at Malone University on June 10, 2017. Piano judges were Mr. James Oakley and Mrs Raquel Teare. The string judge was Mrs. Janice Moore. The brass/woodwind judge was Mrs. Julie Sarver. Complete winners' results can be found on the website.

MTNA State Competitions

MTNA State Competitions were held at Oberlin Conservatory on October 15-16, 2016. Andrea McAlister was site coordinator. Complete winners' results can be found on the website.

For the first time, 2016-17 Buckeye and MTNA competition winners were invited to perform at the 2017 OMTA State Conference in Van Wert. Nine state winners will perform at 7:00pm on Thursday, October 12th in the Niswonger Performing Arts Center.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dr. Laura Melton
Professor of Piano & Chair of Music Performance Studies
Bowling Green State University

**Treasurer Annual Report
2016-2017 Fiscal Year**

Please see the attached Profit/Loss Statement for 2016-2017 and the Balance Sheet for 6/30/17.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Schloneger, Treasurer

Ohio Music Teachers Association
Profit & Loss
 July 2016 through June 2017

	Jul '16 - Jun 17
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Corporate Donation	155.95
RCM Rebates	1,015.00
Conference Income	
Registration	9,024.78
Exhibit Space	75.00
Ads	2,330.00
Total Conference Income	11,429.78
Composition Commission Matching	750.00
MTNA Competition	3,905.00
Dues	18,842.00
120 NEWS ADS	580.00
166 BUCKEYE AUDITIONS	1,925.00
170 INTRST CHKG	95.59
Membership Labels	108.00
Uncategorized Income	0.00
Total Income	38,806.32
Expense	
Collegiate Poster Session Award	400.00
MDP Medals and Expenses	366.90
MDP Scholarships	1,145.00
Immediate Past President	116.19
Executive Comm. Conf. Reimb.	
VP for Student Activities	156.81
Immediate Past President	1,050.00
President	2,407.31
VP for Affiliated Associations	300.00
President-Elect	2,867.08
VP Conferences	731.99
Treasurer	1,049.18
VP Membership	669.27
Total Executive Comm. Conf. Reimb.	9,231.64
Teacher of the Year	86.49
President-Elect	131.15
Vice President for Membership	139.00
Technology	596.00
ComposerOfYear	1,500.00
Conferences	
Seminars	5,671.00
Office/Misc.	341.15
Conferences - Other	5,551.83
Total Conferences	11,563.98
Newsletter Postage	204.34
Miscellaneous	50.00
MTNA Foundation	20,350.00
MTNA Competitions	
Hospitality	487.91
MTNA Travel Grants	0.00
Travel Grants	826.53
Judges	4,897.12
MTNA Competitions - Other	983.57
Total MTNA Competitions	7,195.13
Legal/Organizational	425.00
220 NEWS PRINT	919.73
Buckeye	

Ohio Music Teachers Association
Profit & Loss
July 2016 through June 2017

	<u>Jul '16 - Jun 17</u>
Judges	875.00
Total Buckeye	875.00
Treasurer Office/Misc	64.47
Total Treasurer	64.47
Total Expense	55,360.02
Net Ordinary Income	-16,553.70
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Scholarship Fund Interest	700.06
Total Other Income	700.06
Net Other Income	700.06
Net Income	<u><u>-15,853.64</u></u>

Immediate Past President Annual Report

The primary functions of this position include preparing the Annual Report, chairing the Nominating Committee, maintain the Job Descriptions, and act as Recording Secretary at the Executive Committee and Board Meetings.

Meetings attended as the Recording Secretary:

- Executive Committee Meeting - January 2017
- Executive Committee Meeting - May 2017

Other MTNA Meetings/Events attended

- MTNA National Conference - March 2017

The Nominating Committee is currently being formed to select the 2018-20 slate of officers for the OhioMTA Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea McAlister
Immediate Past President

Buckeye Auditions Chair Annual Report

Please accept this document as the 2017 Annual Report for OMTA Buckeye Auditions. I would like to thank all the District Buckeye Chairs (included below) for their detailed work and timely correspondence along with audition day volunteer Mrs. Denise Benson for her assistance during rehearsals on June 9 and the state auditions on June 10th.

2018 OMTA State Buckeye Auditions will take place June 15-16 at Malone University in Canton, Ohio.

The winners of the 2017 OhioMTA State Buckeye Auditions will perform on Thursday, October 12 at 7 PM in the Niswonger Performing Arts Center during the OMTA State Conference in Van Wert, Ohio. The Middle West district of OMTA will host the state conference.

OMTA District Buckeye Chairs for 2017:

Central East: Ms. Rose Zuber
Middle East: Mr. Joseph Licitri
Middle West: Dr. Margaret Young
Northeast: Ms. Megan Denman and Ms. Jennifer Howell
Northwest: Dr. Caroline Eva Chin
Southeast: Dr. Christopher Fisher
Southwest: Dr. Frank Huang
Western: Mrs. Laura Atkins

Volunteer

Denise Benson, Mary Haines

Adjudicators

Piano: Mr. James Oakley and Mrs. Raquel Teare
Brass/Woodwinds: Mrs. Julie Sarver
Strings: Mrs. Janice Moore

Awards

Elementary Strings:

Winner – Alex Zhu from NE District student of Wei-Fang Gu
Alternate – Nicole Lin from CE District student of Tatianna V. Hanna

Junior High Strings:

Winner – Maxwell Fairman from SW district student of Marion Peraza de Webb
Alternate – Joseph Lin from CE district student of Tatianna V. Hanna
Honorable Mention(s) – Dawei Liu from NW district student of Yang Kun Song
Samantha Ma from ME district student of Wei-Fang Gu

Senior High Strings:

Winner – Maria Wu from NE district student of Eugenia Poustyrev
Alternate – Christine Shih from CE district student of David Niwa
Honorable Mention (s) – Grace Brown from ME district student of Amy Barlowe
Sean Park from NW district student of Vasile Beluska

Elementary Brass and Woodwinds:

Winner - Liyanjin Zhu from CE district student of Beth Owen

Junior High Brass and Woodwinds:

Winner – Vance Raiti from the NW district student of Lori Bitz
Alternate – Stella Bixler from CE district student of Beth Owen

Senior High Brass and Woodwinds

Winner – Katherine Wang from NE district student of Amitai Vardi

Elementary Piano:

Winner – Jonathan Luo from SW district student of Benita Tse-Leung
Alternate – Cory Wu from CE district student of Kathleen Sadoff
Honorable Mention – Rebekah Hong from NE district student of Terry Moran

Junior High Piano:

Winner – Asya Akkus from NE district student of Ella Karasik
Alternate – Arun Kamath from SW district student of Richard Van Dyke
Honorable Mention(s) – Kristina Rana from SE district student of Christopher Fisher
Stanley Cao from CE district student of Nina Polonsky

Senior High Piano:

Winner – Catherine Baek from NE district student of Sean Schulze
Alternate – Changning Xu from CE district student of Nina Polonsky
Honorable Mention – Jack Li from SW district student of Luba Fedorov

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Michael Benson, Buckeye Auditions Chair

TO: Ohio Music Teachers Association Executive Board and Members

FROM: Cicilia Yudha, NCTM OhioMTA State Certification Chair

DATE: August 31, 2017

Certification Chair Annual Report

Please accept this as the annual report for Professional Certification or Nationally Certified Teachers of Music as it pertains to the state of Ohio from July 31, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

1. There were four newly certified teachers (NCTM) in OH.

Susan Treer, NCTM, Kathleen Merwin, NCTM, Lindsey Lee, NCTM, Anna Raquet, NCTM

2. OhioMTA recognized Susan Treer, NCTM as the Certified Teacher of the Year. Susan was nominated by the Central East District.

Susan will be the OhioMTA nominee for the MTNA Teacher of the Year Award. Her paperwork will be submitted online to MTNA by the 3 p.m. November 1, 2017 deadline.

3. There are currently 16 active applications for NCTM in OH. As of Dec. 2016, 21.8% of OhioMTA members are certified.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cicilia Yudha, NCTM

Collegiate Chapters Chair Annual Report

Collegiate Chapter Poster Sessions

The 2016 Collegiate Chapter Poster Session competition took place at the 2016 Ohio Music Teachers Association State Conference in Kent, Ohio. The results are as follows:

1st Prize: Ohio University

2nd Prize: University of Cincinnati

2017 MTNA National Conference

The Ohio University Collegiate Chapter of MTNA was selected by peer review to present their research at the MTNA National Conference this weekend in Baltimore, Maryland.

Collegiate Chapters

There are currently nine collegiate chapters in Ohio:

Bowling Green State University - Cole Burger
Capital University - Orlay Alonso
Malone University - Michael Benson
Miami University - Lian Tan
Northern Kentucky University - Diana Belland
Ohio State University - Ken Williams
Ohio University - Christopher Fisher
University of Cincinnati - Michelle Conda
University of Mount Union - Maira Liliestedt

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Fisher, DMA, NCTM
OhioMTA Collegiate Chapter Chair

MTNA Performance Competition Chair Annual Report

The 2016 MTNA State Competitions were held at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio on October 15th. Competition Chair Jennifer Howell was assisted by Timothy Huffman, Young Artist and Chamber Music Competitions Coordinator; Cole Burger Junior and Senior Competition Coordinator; and Site Coordinator Andrea McAlister. There were a total of 58 entries representing 13 categories.

The results were as follows:

Chamber Music String

Winner	Asteria Trio Melissa Deal Jacqueline Rogers Keru Zhang	Coached by Daniel Shapiro
Alternate	Troika Joseph Fansler Rachel Jackson Brendan Kim	Coached by John Kurokawa
Judge	Penny Thompson Kruse (BGSU)	

Chamber Music Wind

Winner	C5 Winds Jiyun Yi Jacob Martin Charlotte O'Connor Mackenzie Brauns Dobin Park	Coached by Mark Ostoich
Alternate	Ultra Violet Saxophone Quartet Kendra Heslip Christopher DeLouis Caleb Burkhardt Christopher Murphy	Coached by John Sampen
Hon. Mention	Impetuoso Katelyn Stessman Minjun Jo Wenbo Yin Nicholas Bissen	Coached by James Bunte
Judge	Kevin Schempf (BGSU)	

Junior Performance Piano

Winner	Naomi Yamaguchi Siciliano	Student of Sean Schulze/Mary
Alternate	Abhijit Devalapura	Student of Kathleen Stephenson
Hon Mention Judge	Jonathan Luo Thomas Rosenkranz (BGSU)	Student of Benita Leung

Junior Performance String

Winner	Andrew Yang	Student of WonBin Yim
Alternate	Cecilia Martin	Student of Tatiana Hanna
Judge	Penny Thompson Kruse (BGSU)	

Senior Performance Piano

Winner	Xiaohui Ma	Student of Robert Satterlee
Alternate	James Wilson	Student of Alvin Chow
Hon. Mention	Jiin Woo	Student of Sheila Vail
Judges	David Godar Gerald Lee (West Liberty) Anthony Fuocco (BW) Andy Villemez (CCM)	Student of Hitomi Koyama

Senior Performance String

Winner	Sean Lim	Student of Jan Sloman
Alternate	Lucas Orth	Student of Alan Rafferty
Judge	Penny Thompson Kruze (BGSU)	

Senior Performance Woodwind

Winner	Gretchen Hill	Student of Kevin Schempf
Alternate	Jason Guo	Student of Antoine Clark
Judge	Tom Lempner (CSU/BW)	

Senior Piano Duet

Representative	Wending Wu and Angela Lui	Coached by Nancy Bachus
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Young Artist Brass

Representative	Charles Ryan	Student of Roy Poper
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Young Artist Piano

Winner	Wenting Yu	Student of Tianshu Wang
Alternate	Zheyu Jiang	Student of Peter Takacs

Hon. Mention	Jayhwan Kim Narae Lee	Student of Haewon Song Student of Awadagin Pratt
Judges	Angelin Chang (CSU) Hitomi Koyama (CCM) Cicilia Yudha (YSU)	

Young Artist String

Representative	Soyoon Park	Student of Alan Rafferty
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Young Artist Voice

Representative	Mengyuan Yuan	Student of Debra Rentz
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Young Artist Woodwind

Winner	Kenneth Cox	Student of Conor Nelson
Alternate	Erin Cameron	Student of Kevin Schempf
Hon. Mention	Jacob Martin	Student of Mark Ostoich
	Kendra Heslip	Student of John Sampen
Judges	Mary Kay Robinson (CIM) Joel Tse (BGSU) Daniel Velasco (Akron)	

MTNA Composition Competitions Annual Report

Elementary Composition 5 entries

Winner:	Charlotte Geary	Student of Natasha Pence
Honorable Mention:	Margaret Chen Senuka Abeysinghe	Student of Mary Ann Griebing Student of Jessica Madsen

Ohio Junior Composition 3 entries

Winner:	Lucas Huang	Student of Bradley Sowash
Honorable Mention:	Edward Dan	Student of William Tennant

Ohio Senior Composition 3 entries

Winner:	Weston Gilbert	Student of Jessica Madsen
Honorable Mention:	Joe Welage	Student of Andy Villemez

Student Scholarship Program Annual Report

Beginning balance (7/1//2016)
Principal..... \$50,000.00
Interest \$473.62
Total..... \$50,473.62

Deposits
Interest \$700.06

Withdrawals..... \$826.53
Toward travel grants to National MTNA competitions

Ending Balance (6/30/2017)
Principal..... \$50,000.00
Interest \$347.15
Total..... \$50,347.15

Respectfully Submitted,
Brent Schloneger

Technology Chair Annual Report

2016-2017

During the 16-17 year, the Technology Chair received two requests for mailing lists of our membership.

OhioMTA continues to subscribe to a mass emailing service (Constant Contact) in order to keep in touch with its membership and Event Marketing to allow members to register and pay for events online.

The redesigned website (ohiomta.org) is being continually updated by Richard van Dyke. Comments and suggestions regarding the website are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent Schloneger, Technology Chair

Webmaster Annual Report

The primary function of the OhioMTA website is to keep its members informed about important issues communicated by MTNA, the OhioMTA Executive Committee, OhioMTA Board and members at large. OhioMTA has contracted with GoDaddy.com to host and provide services for the website. The current design and layout was created by Richard Van Dyke using a Standard Go-Daddy Templates. OhioMTA renewed its subscription with Go-Daddy for an additional three years until June 2020.

OhioMTA Site Map:

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The Executive Committee and Board Members should review and submit additions or updates to the website intermittently to ensure accuracy. All updates should be submitted directly to the webmaster upon approval by the appropriate executive committee member.

- Be proactive and notify the webmaster with changes.
- Submissions should be concise and to the point. Minor edits may be necessary to fit the page.
- Please indicate which webpage you wish to post your submission.
- Send a single E-mail message to the Webmaster with all appropriate updates/additions include the page, text and photos you wish to have edited. The more complete the detail the more quickly posting may occur

- Text files should be as a DOC or DOCX. Any editing that may be needed is best done using these formats. Conversion to PDF files will be done as needed by the webmaster.
- Photos should be submitted in JPEG format. Please do not submit photos as part of a .pdf file. Though conversion to JPEG is possible there is often a loss of clarity in the process.
- Upon the update/change is complete, the webmaster will notify the President and appropriate Executive Committee Member. Please respond to verify that all changes are correct.

Future updates to the website include the creation of a *Summer Festivals Page* and completion of the *Past Conferences Page*.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Van Dyke
Webmaster

Wellness Annual Report

1. The current webpage for OhioMTA Wellness – <http://www.ohiomta.org/forums.html>
2. MTNA Wellness Resources webpage - https://www.mtna.org/MTNA/Learn/Wellness_Resources/MTNA/Learn/Wellness_Resouces/Musician_Wellness.aspx?hkey=55fa497e-af7a-4192-a0ab-0a90c78693b1
3. Wellness related sessions at this year’s OhioMTA State conference include *Yoga with Sarah Hope Wells* and *Connecting the First Years of Piano Teaching with Hand Injury Prevention*, presented by Margarita Denenburg and Victor Welsch.
4. MTNA Pedagogy Saturday on March 18, 2017 in Baltimore, MD, included a wellness track, “Overcoming Obstacles – Keeping Musicians Physically and Emotionally Healthy,” co-chaired by Gail Berenson, Serap Bastepe-Gray and Julie Nagel.
4. MTNA Webinar – Dr. Christine Guptill presented a Wellness Webinar on October 21, 2016. Archived webinars can be found on the MTNA website under the LEARN heading.
5. College Music Society Webinars – archived and upcoming wellness-related webinars can be found on the CMS website - <https://www.music.org/>

**Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Singleton, Chair Wellness Forum**

Central East District Annual Report

Membership

There were 165 members in 2016-2017, down by five from the previous year. The annual luncheon for new members and board members continues to include all members and was held in conjunction with Spring Conference and Annual Membership Meeting.

Financial Report

As of May 1, 2017, our total assets were \$42,253.24. (\$12,099.06 of this amount is invested in Pimco Total Return bond funds.) In January 2017, our district gave \$3,000 to begin an endowment fund, the donations to which will honor people for their efforts to the music community and/or the OhioMTA Central East District. The fund allows us to serve future generations in perpetuity and continue the legacy of excellence in music education. When contributions reach \$10,000, the Finance Committee will withdraw 5% per year to be added to the district budget. The Executive Board will decide how to best allocate the funds.

Student Events

Scale Olympics was held on October 22, 2016 at Otterbein University. 276 students from 29 teachers participated. We have expanded to nine events, the newest event being Ear Training (which used to be included with Theory but is now a separate event). Profits totaled over \$5,500. **District Festival** has been discontinued as an event, due to the steady decline in participation over the last five years. A new committee was formed to assess the needs and interest of the district so that a replacement event might be considered. As of May 2017, our new student event will be a one-day summer camp that will take place in July 2018. The **Central East District of OhioMTA/Graves Competition** and **Winners Honors Recital** at Graves Piano & Organ Company were held in March, with 59 entrants representing 25 teachers. There were three **Solo & Ensemble Recitals** held in Columbus. Nine students were awarded scholarship money in totaling \$2,050 by participating in the **Summer Study Scholarship Auditions**. One **String Workshop**, a cello master class, was held on November 5th.

Teacher Educational Activities

The speaker at the **Fall Conference** was Dr. Jerry Wong, whose presentation was entitled “You Be the Judge!” He shared insights and experiences as both a competitor and an adjudicator. The second half of the conference was presented by a panel of experienced adjudicators, who shared their ideas and lead the audience in a mock adjudication of YouTube performances. 24 teachers attended.

The **Spring Conference** speaker was Jennifer Hambrick, broadcast producer and music director of Classical 101 (WOSU Public Media). Her presentation was entitled “Rescuing the person: Music, the Emotions and the Body.”

The fall **IMTF discussion** on October 7 focused on sharing ideas for lesson planning. On February 3, teachers gathered to discuss Ruth Price’s book, “Right Before Your Eyes: A Fresh Approach to Interpreting a Piano Score.”

The annual **Martin Luther King Day Piano Master Class** (one of our Piano Workshops), was a master class led by Dr. Lucia Unrau. The other **Piano Workshops** were led by Dr. Steven Glaser and Dr. Robert Weirich. Our **Independent Certified Teacher of the Year** was Susan Treer, NCTM.

Community Involvement

The **Out & About: Sound of Mind & Body**, our public service performing opportunity, continued to provide music at Riverside Hospital, St. Ann's Hospital, Sunrise on the Scioto, and Mozart's Cafe.

Cooperative Activities with Local College Music Departments

Students from Otterbein University, Capital University, and the Ohio State University assisted with several events.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Mauricio Mills, NCTM
President, Central East District of OhioMTA

Middle East District Annual Report

Membership: We currently have 82 active members,

Activities:

The Fall District Conference, September 30, 2016, was held at the First United Methodist Church on Mill Street in Akron. Dr. Sean Schulte from CIM presented a program on pedaling.

OhioMTA State Conference (see report)

Buckeye Auditions: April 30, 2017, Akron

Chair: Joe Licitri

Judges: Angelin Chang, Heidi Williams, Cicilia Yudha

Winners: Ryan Si, William Baughman, Wending Wu (piano)

Samantha Ma, Grace Brown (strings)

Local chapters Summit County and Stark County held several teacher and student programs throughout the year. Summit County recently changed its' name to "Western Reserve Music Teacher's Association."

In February we lost a dear member of our district, Robert Vandall. He is truly missed, along with his lovely wife Karen, who has retired from the profession.

Officers for 2017-2019:

Co-Presidents: Dr. Maira Liliestedt and Karen Campo

VP for Teacher Activities: Karolyn Rice

VP for Student Activities: Joe Licitri

Secretary: Elaine Strock

Treasurer: Brent Schloneger

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Campo, MM, NCTM

Co-President, Middle East District OhioMTA

Middle West District Annual Report

The MWOMTA teachers met 6 times studying the following topics: How to get a good start with new students including the interview, led by Dee Fisher. Annette Hoverman led us in the preparation needed for Music Evaluation Day. We shared ways to avoid distractions while teaching led by Elisha Wey. We welcomed Joy Morin who shared some wisdom found in older or less used method books. Another guest, Sara Tomlinson shared her journey to becoming a published composer. For our final program we performed our favorite power pieces for revitalizing students followed by lunch together. Student activities included the Duettist Competition held at Ohio Northern University on October 29, 2016 chaired by Kathy Jendrusik. 20 pairs were judged by Dee Fisher and Dr. Rebecca Casey with winners receiving trophies. On November 18, 2016, students performed at Bluffton University in MWOMTA's Annual Ribbon Festival. 243 students representing 31 teachers were critiqued and awarded blue ribbons. This event was organized by Paula Deardurff. Music Evaluation Day, April 15, 2017, was also held at Bluffton University with Karen Heath and Annette Hoverman in charge. 28 students participated with each receiving a plaque on the successful completion of all 5 categories. Buckeye Auditions were held at Ohio State University Lima on April 30, 2017. Dr. Margaret Young chaired this event. There were 11 students representing 2 teachers. We also awarded two \$150 scholarships to our graduating seniors who will major in music in 2017-2018.

Much of our business this year centered on preparations for the 2017 State Conference. Annette Hoverman was our leader in the planning process.

In May we elected the following officers for 2017-2018:

President	Krysti Schey
President Elect	Annette Hoverman
Vice President of Programs	Vicki Mills
Vice Presidents of Marketing and Membership	Philip Schey and Paula Deardurff
Secretary	Elisha Wey
Treasurer	Marilyn Alessandrini

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley McPherson, 2016-2017 President

Northeast Division Annual Report

Officers:

President: Julia Russ

Vice President of Events: Andrew Focks

Vice President of Information and Record: Jason Simon

(Note: This position oversees and maintains memberships, our NEOMTA.org website, our NEOMTA@gmail.com account, and taking minutes of the 4 board meetings each year)

Festival Chair: Oksana Melnychenko

Festival Co-Chair: Amy Tan

(Oksana and Amy are in charge of hosting our annual Fall and Spring Festivals)

Buckeye Chair: Megan Denman

Buckeye Co-Chair: Jennifer Howell

YAF Chair: Sungeun Kim

(Note: Sungeun is in charge of our annual Young Artist Festival)

Treasurer: Jan Bis

Membership:

Our confirmed members this year are numbered at 49

Members still in database but are overdue for annual fee: 41

Our Programs:

Fall Teacher's Workshop:

Held in September 2016 at Steinway Gallery, the event featured OSU piano faculty Steven Glaser. The workshop is titled "How to solve technical difficulties musically"

Fall Festival:

Held in October 2016 at Cleveland State University, this event host 132 students in piano, violin, and cello

Young Artist Festival:

Held in January 2017 at Cleveland State University, this event host 12 high level piano students

Spring Teacher's Workshop:

Held in February 2017 at Steinway Gallery. The event featured CIM piano faculty Daniel Shapiro. The Workshop is titled "how to teach different styles from different musical period"

Spring Festival:

Held in March 2017 at Baldwin Wallace College. The event host 147 students of piano, violin, guitar, and voice

Spring Masterclass:

Held at CIM in April, 2017. This was a joint event host by NEOMTA, CIM, and Tri-C college. The featured artist was world-renowned concert pianist Jon Kimura Parker. Three extremely high level students were selected through an audition to be coached by Maestro Parker

Buckeye:

Buckeye audition of our division was held at Cleveland State University in April 2017.

Participants were numbered at 24. These students were advanced to the State:

Elementary Piano: Rebekah Hong

Junior Piano: Asya Akkus

Senior Piano: Catharine Baek

Elementary Violin: Alex Zhu

Senior Violin: Maria Zou

Senior Clarinet: Katherine Wang

Finance:

Our current usable fund for 2017-18 school year is \$9797.53

Others:

Our district will be hosting OMTA State Conference in 2018. The venue will be held at Cleveland State University. Featured Presenter is Michigan University piano faculty, Logan Skelton. An executive board is formed for this purpose:

President: Julia Russ

VP: Andrew Focks

Marketing/Publication: Megan Denman

Treasure: Amy Tan

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Russ

Northwest District Annual Report

The Northwest District sponsored a Piano Pedagogy Seminar on February 18, 2017 in the Moore Musical Arts building of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. After beginning the day with the annual district meeting, attendees attended sessions and a master class given by Dr. Lucia Unrau of Bluffton University. BGSU students gave us some fun and insightful Lightning Talk presentations.

The Northwest District OMTA Buckeye Auditions were held March 11, 2017 at Bowling Green State University.

The affiliated chapters and county chairpersons within Northwest District organized a wide variety of programs and performances throughout the year:

- The annual Lucas County OMTA Festival was held on March 11, 2017 at the University of Toledo. Approximately 70 students participated.
- The Wood-Ottawa Counties Music Teachers Association held six meetings throughout the year. In addition there was a field trip to the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit on October 7, 2016. The association also held two Wood-Ottawa Counties Recitals on November 6, 2016 and March 26, 2017.
- The Findlay Area OMTA held five meetings throughout the year. We celebrated Local Piano Month with a fun informal program at Coffee Amici in downtown Findlay. Students created artwork to match their pieces and played on a full size keyboard while the public listened to different styles of music. Findlay held the Inaugural Honors Recital on November 6, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church. The 40th annual Findlay OMTA Ribbon Festival was held on March 12, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church; 111 students registered for this event. The association mourns the passing in 2016 of Joanne LaRue, who chaired the Ribbon Festival for many years.
- The Seneca-Sandusky Counties Heidelberg Music Festival was held March 12, 2017 at Brenneman Music Building, Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio. Seventy-four students and twelve teachers participated in this fun event.
- The Music Teachers Association of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties held seven meetings (always fun and educational), including the following two festivals. The Fall Music Festival had 32 participants and was held on November 19, 2016, at St. John's Christian Church in Archbold. The 58th Annual Student Recital had was held on March, 2017, at 1st Presbyterian Church in Bryan; 12 students participated along with several teachers playing duets. A senior living outreach was also held on February 17, 2017, at Fairlawn Haven in Archbold.

Although the Toledo Piano Teachers Association is not officially an OMTA organization, it includes many OMTA members. TPTA held four meetings plus two special events commemorating its 100th anniversary. The first, a kickoff celebration, on September 11, 2016, was a historical presentation and luncheon with interviews of past presidents of the association. On May 7, 2017, a 100th anniversary concert was held at the University of Toledo featuring mostly piano performances. In addition a student recital was held on April 8, 2017 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo.

2016-17 District Officers

President	Twinkle Ratnasamy
President-Elect	Jessica Briggs
Treasurer/Membership	Denise Eikum
Immediate Past President	Ana Yoder Coulter
Annual Handbook	Jessica Briggs
Website Administrator	Joy Morin
Buckeye Auditions	Caroline Chin
Lucas County Music Festival	Bonnie Rowe
Seneca-Sandusky County & Heidelberg Music Festival	Carlynn Framstad

2016-17 County Association Chairs

Defiance-Fulton-Henry-Williams	Judy Lewis
Wood-Ottawa	Jessica Briggs
Findlay Area	Marlene Rayl

Respectfully submitted,

Twinkle Ratnasamy, *OMTA Northwest District President*

Southeast District Annual Report

OhioMTA Southeast District Officers 2016-2017

- President: Wendy Blackwood
- Vice-Chair – Student Activities: Carole Cordray-Syracuse
- Vice-Chair – Teacher Activities: Dr. Youmee Kim
- Vice Chair – Membership: Katherine Fisher
- Treasurer: Marsha Reilly
- Secretary: Merewyn Weinkauff

Committee Chairs

- Buckeye Auditions: Dr. Christopher Fisher
- Certification: Carole Cordray-Syracuse
- Pianothon: Wendy Blackwood, Katherine Fisher, Trisha Lachman, and Marsha Reilly
- Webmaster: Beth Kloes

Teacher Activities

- **Fall Conference:** September 9th, 2016 – Members of the Ohio University Jazz Faculty talked through how to prepare kids for their first experience with a jazz combo in preparation for our new Pop Music Showcase. It was a time to learn new terminology and share rep ideas.
- **Spring Conference:** April 7th, 2017 – Ohio University Voice Department professors, Kelly Burns and Debra Rentz, gave a humorous and insightful presentation on “How to Work with Singers”. Then Allyn Reilly, Professor Emeritus of Theory, presented an example-filled session on using theory to enhance performance. The district held meetings immediately following both the Fall and Spring Conferences in addition to a planning meeting on May 12th, 2017.

Student Activities

- **Pop Music Showcase:** November 19th, 2016 – The first Pop Music Showcase was hosted at Ohio University. 37 pre-college students pre-prepared pieces in a variety of pop styles, rehearsed with a drummer and bassist (Ohio University students) the day of the event, and performed in afternoon shows for enthusiastic family and friends. Many said, “I’ve never had so much fun performing in all my life!”
- **Pianothon:** 20 elementary students participated in our annual spring student event. The students performed 2 memorized repertoire selections and received written comments from one of the two judges who presided over the recital portion. In addition, the participants received scores in the areas of technique and sightreading in the level at which they were competing. Successful completion of all three categories won them an engraved medal commemorating the day.
- **Buckeye Auditions:** One student was sent to represent the Southeast District, and she received an Honorable Mention in the Junior High Piano category.

Ongoing membership drive initiatives saw 2 previous members return and 2 new members join. Personal contact with teachers has been the key to increasing membership. Information can be accessed regarding events and opportunities on our district website at seomta.org or our Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Blackwood, Southeast District Chair

Southest District Annual Report

District Officers – 2016-2018 Installed June 2016

Brianna Matzke	President
Shawn Wyatt	Immediate Past President
Rebecca Slater	President Elect
Shelley Dumoulin	VP Communications
Kate Krueger	VP Student Activities
Clinton Pratt	VP Membership
Darlene Suggs	VP Programs
Peter Oehrtman	Treasurer
Eve Warner	Secretary

Membership

The Southwest District membership is at 144 members. This number has increased from 127 during 2015-2016.

Program Meetings/ Workshops/Conferences

All workshops and conferences are offered free to our membership. Student activities have a fee per student.

September **Beginning of the Year Meeting – 9/9 – Cincinnati Music Academy**
“The Final Method Book is Complete: Exploring New Options.”

Description: With the vast amount of repertoire available to music teachers today, how do we decide the best and most interesting path for students as we move them out of the standard method books? The early intermediate piece Ballade op. 100 #15 by Burgmueller is published in the last book of the most popular method series; we'll use it as a starting point to systematically discuss advancing students to the most popular Advanced Repertoire. Presented by Dr. Richard Van Dyke, NCTM

October **Fall Conference – 10/8 – 9:30am-4pm - Cincinnati Conservatory of Music**
“The Perfect Wrong Note” and “Un-Masterclass” presented by William Westney
Chairs - Brianna Matzke and Shawn Wyatt

Masquerade Musicale –10/29-30 - Barnes and Noble at Newport on the Levee

Chairs – Terry Granick and Amy Immerman

This is a good fundraiser for our district. Students play in 30 minute recitals throughout the day and can dress up in costume.

November - **OMTA Conference – 11/3-5 – Kent State University Conference Center**
Members are encouraged to attend. The president attended this conference, and there were some presentations by some of our local members.

- December **Holiday Carolfest** – 12/17 – Home of President Brianna Matzke
Social affair for teachers to get together and share food, drink and music. Potluck, performing and socializing.
- January **Program Meeting** – 1/13– Anderson Center
Chair: Darlene Suggs

Topic: Technology for the Music Studio: Create Your Own Curriculum
Presenter: Peter Oehrtman, NCTM
- February **Winter Pedagogy Conference** – 2/4 – NKU
The NKYMTA hosts this conference. We contribute towards this conference each year in an effort to work together. We gave \$200 this year.
Co-sponsors: NKU School of the Arts, NKMTA, OMTA-SW
Featured speakers: Dr. Gregory Partain, Dr. Sophie Wang, Natasha Pence, CCM-MTNA Collegiate Chapter
- March **Auditions Festival** – 3/12 – Cincinnati Conservatory of Music
Chair - Clinton Pratt
Adjudicated event for piano and vocal students. Students are evaluated by a judge and scored according to each student’s level. Advanced level students performed in a recital format and were adjudicated and awarded trophies. The vocal category
- April **Program Meeting** – 4/7 – Music Makers
Topic: Roundtable Discussions
Buckeye Auditions – 4/28-29 – Xavier University
Chair – Frank Huang
- June **Program Meeting** – 6/2 – Price Hill Firehouse
Topic: Music in Community, speakers from community music organizations
MyCincinnati: Eddy Kwon
NoteAble: James Meade
Creative Echoes: Mini Ayachit
Music Resource Center: Karen D’Agostino

Fiscal Report Summary

Please see attached for our Fiscal Report for the 2016-17 year.

Community Outreach

This year our OhioMTA Southwest District Collegiate Chapter Grant was awarded to Miami University. It is a \$1000 grant to be awarded to the collegiate chapter in the fall of 2016 to use for chapter events and help students attend OMTA or MTNA conferences.

We created a new Chair of Community Outreach, Polina Bepalko. She will work to serve as a liaison between other community organizations and our own.

We gave \$250 to help support our Ohio fellow honored by the MTNA – .

Respectfully Submitted,

Brianna Matzke, President – OhioMTA Southwest District

Western District Annual Report

Officers for 2016-17

Andrea Arese-Elias, President
Samee Griffith, Vice President - Programs
Jia Yu How-Vandermeer, Vice President – Student Activities
Marsha Holcomb, Vice President – Certification
Sonya Szabo-Reynolds, Vice President – Membership
Angela Vaubel, Recording Secretary
Angie Wickizer, Treasurer
Kathleen Husko, Immediate Past President

Student Activities – Co-chairs:

Andrea Arese-Elias, Music Development Program
Laura Atkins, Buckeye Auditions
Judy Bede, Student Composition Contest
Merri Kozlowski-Klode, Student Recitals

Teacher Programs/Events – 2016-2017:

September 7, 2016: “Our Year Ahead”: An information session for members about the upcoming year’s District, State (OhioMTA) and National (MTNA) student and teacher events. We welcomed three new members and our total membership was 51 members.
Oct. 1, 2016: “Members Night Out” Special Event – Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra Concert at the Schuster Center featuring pianist Anastasia Rizikov.
Oct. 5, 2016: Adam Alonzo, “Programming and Music Selection at Discover Classical 88.1, WDPR”
January 11, 2017: Dr. John Mortensen, “Effective Practice Habits of Overachievers”
February 1, 2017: Joy Morin, “Grounded in the Beat: Planting and Cultivating the Seeds of Rhythmic Awareness”
March 1, 2017: Dr. Samee Griffith, NCTM, “The Stories of Erno Dohnanyi’s Winterreigen Suite”
April 5, 2017: Jennifer Shoup, “The Matthey Solution – Troubleshooting with Concepts of Color and Sound in Early through Advanced Repertoire”
May 10, 2017: Annual Member Luncheon

Student Events – 2016-17:

November 6, 2016: Student Recital
December 17, 2016: Ribbon Festival & Scale Olympics, Wright State University. Unfortunately, this popular student event and fundraiser had to be cancelled for bad weather conditions leaving us with a tight budget for next year.
February 12, 2017: Student Recital
May 7, 2017: Student Honors Recital
Western District showcased 12 accomplished student performers and included these competition winners in the Honors recital:

Western District Composition Winners

Elementary Division	Callahan Riley	Teacher: Christina Sidaras
Elementary Division	Gunes Sunar	Teacher: Christina Sidaras
Middle School	Rilo Oberg	Teacher: Christina Sidaras
Middle School	Mackenzie Hammock	Teacher: Christina Sidaras
High School	Rachel Giffin	Teacher: Judy Bede
High School	Hari Parameswaran	Teacher: Christina Sidaras

Western District Buckeye Auditions Winner:

Elementary Division: Junchen Wu Teacher: Daira Skriblis

Other **WD Buckeye Auditions** winners were: Nobel Zhou (Junior Division) and Vania Jiao (Senior Division), both students of Daira Skriblis

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Arese-Elias, President 2017-18
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