

## OhioMTA 2016 Fall Conference

The Middle East District is pleased to invite OhioMTA members to our exciting State Convention to be held November 3-5, 2016. The venue will be the beautiful new **Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center**, with an indoor pool and spa. It is conveniently located in the heart of Kent, a short stroll from local restaurants, shops and galleries. Evening recitals will be held minutes away in the Ludwig Recital Hall of the Kent State University School of Music, which is now an All-Steinway institution.



**We have two internationally known guest artists**, Peter Mack and Alan Fraser, who will both play solo recitals as well as make presentations. Alan Fraser will perform on Thursday evening and Peter Mack on Friday evening.



**Alan Fraser** became known for his unique approach to piano technique, through his first book and DVD *The Craft of Piano-Playing*. His study of the Feldenkrais Method has helped him understand how knowledge of the structure of the body can empower the hand itself as well as link the hand in a more organic, and artistically compelling way to the entire body. First he will lecture on various aspects of piano technique, and then he will bring these to action in his lecture-recital. He will also host a question and answer session where he will clarify and expand on the material presented.

**Peter Mack will be presenting two lectures:**

### ***Lower the Rear End of the Elephant Slowly onto the Keys***

He states that, "Our job as teachers is simple: know what to tell them, and try to do it in a way they will remember." In this talk Mr. Mack shares some of his most memorable metaphors that help students technically, artistically, and intellectually. Find out exactly how the hippopotamus helps you count, when the little fishies swim in the Sea of Chopin, and why the roof of the handy hen house had better not collapse!



### ***The Art of the Phrase***

It's easy to teach students to play more musically, once the basic principles of phrasing are understood. In this entertaining and illuminating talk, Peter Mack teaches how to recognize the basic phrase types, and how best to interpret them. Everyone can sound better, once they understand the art of the phrase! This talk also is for all musicians, not just pianists!

Mark your calendars and join your colleagues for a fabulous time in Kent, Ohio!