



## President's Message May 2022

Hello everybody,

This is the 39<sup>th</sup> and last of the monthly President's messages that I will write. I am very thankful to have been able to serve the Eugene/Springfield District OMTA these past four years, and just like writers who acknowledge many people at the beginning of their book, today I mostly want to give thanks.

Deep from the heart:

We are so thankful to a volunteer staff that has been serving for so many years: Wyatt Burger who is our master email communicator; Alexis Gibbons who manages the Eugene OMTA website; and Neil Patton who edits the Con Brio monthly. Thanks for your great service these past 8, 9, more years? I did not have time to check. Anyway, you are pillars to the group!

We thank Janet Pollack who served as Vice-president for the past four years, who is the State Education Chair, and is taking on duties as Corresponding Secretary. Thanks for organizing great educational meetings!

We thank Cheri Richardson who served as Treasurer for the past four years. Her diligent and very organized work has maintained the group in good health!

We thank Soria Phillips-Meadow who has served as Recording Secretary these past two years, and is continuing these coming two years. Having been President for the past years, I have learned to really appreciate well edited minutes that I can refer to anytime!

We thank Sandy Hull who has been a very careful Corresponding Secretary, who gave monthly news to the state, and took good care about communicating with our members who need support.

We thank Carol White who has been the Student Activities Liaison and Syllabus Chair for the past four years. We had 76 students from 16 teachers participating on April 22-24. This has definitely been our most successful event this year. Bravo Carol for organizing this huge event!

We thank Nobuko Le Beau, our Student Referral, and also Librarian. People have found great OMTA teachers all year long!

And of course, we thank all of you who chaired/will chair festivals: Wyatt Burger, Alexis Gibbons, Olga Aynvarg, Winnie Kerner, Ellen McQuilkin, Lucy Clevenger, Paul Safar, Nick Rieser. Each of these events is a joyful reunion, where students find a meaningful sense to their studies by sharing their music. Thanks for your enthusiasm in organizing!

It takes a team to run this non-profit organization, and only together can we create this space where our passion for music is expressed. I am really thankful to be part of such a team, and I am thankful for each of you who are great friends and colleagues! Cheers!

Genevieve Mason  
Eugene/Springfield District OMTA President

PS: I hope to see many of you here at my house, or on zoom on Monday May 9. Read the following pages.

## May 9, 2022 Meeting/Program 9:00-11:00am

### A Hybrid event—both in-person and via Zoom

### An End of Season Celebration: from the Past into the Future



Dear Members,

You are cordially invited to gather at Genevieve Mason's home on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 9:00 am for social exchange and an important vote followed by an end of season celebration thanking our outgoing board members. If you are unable to make the meeting in-person, you are able to join us via the Zoom link that will be sent separately. At this meeting we will vote in our new board members and thank our outgoing board for shepherding our chapter through extremely challenging times for the last four years. In spite of a pandemic and its accompanying state mandates, the board continued providing valuable educational programs and masterclasses, developed creative ways to reach members online, hosted monthly Zoom meetings, sponsored online festivals and reached out to the piano community and welcomed new members along with a collegiate chapter. We were successful and thrived during the difficult times.

The schedule for Monday is as follows: 9:00-9:30am refreshments and social time; 9:30-10:00 vote for the new board and thank you to former board members.

Please note that the list of nominated board members can be found in our most recent Con Brio [*Ed: In the Minutes at the end of this Con Brio*]. Please join us in-person or via Zoom on May 9<sup>th</sup> to cast your vote and enjoy some much needed comradery. The meeting will be at Genevieve Mason's home located at 4815 Center Way, Eugene, OR 97405. If you encounter any problem, you may call Genevieve at 541-485-6263. Please feel free to bring a food item to share, if you wish.

Warm regards,

Janet Pollack, Outgoing Vice President

The deadline for submitting articles and announcements for the June 2022 issue of Con Brio is Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Send your news and announcements to district members between regular issues of Con Brio! Simply submit the news item or announcement as usual, indicating you would like it sent immediately. It will be formatted and sent via email to all members.



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## *Teacher Showcase*

2:00 PM, Saturday, May 14, 2022  
Zoom/YouTube

Seven member-teachers and the three *Beverly Soule Scholarship* winners will be performing in this year's Showcase Recital. Works by Bach, Beethoven, Brubeck, and many others will appear on a program you will not want to miss!

Preparation for the May 14th video premier is well underway. All videos should be received by Neil Patton no later than this Friday, May 6th. Members will receive an email with the Zoom link and a .pdf file of the recital program. It is very important that you share these with your students; on social media, and with everyone you know.

A fundraiser will be established to raise funds for the *Beverly Soule Memorial Scholarship*, once the Showcase recital is posted to YouTube.

Wyatt Burger  
Teacher Showcase Chair

[westlanepiano@icloud.com](mailto:westlanepiano@icloud.com)

## Contemporary Music Festival Report

The Contemporary music festival took place on Sunday, April 1, at United Lutheran Church. We had 17 participating students and 6 teachers in two recitals at 5 pm and 5:45 pm. The recitals were short but very enjoyable, it was lovely to be back to experience live performances.

The repertoire was very diverse, one student even performed her own composition. Everyone was well prepared and played really well. Audience was small but enthusiastic and everyone had a good time.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lucy Clevenger NCTM,  
Festival chair

## Eugene District Spring Syllabus Report April 22 - 24, 2022

Number of Teachers: 16

Number of Students: 76

Number of days of adjudication: 10

Adjudicators: Sandy Hull, Barbara Roberts, Liz Willis, Crystal Zimmerman, Karen Huntsberger, Carolee Harbour

Eugene District held successful Spring Syllabus evaluations with a combination of in-person and on-line exams. Our on-line days consisted of a part day on Saturday plus 2 students scheduled earlier in the week due to complications in scheduling for the weekend. Our Friday in-person day was a little short due to working with the church where the Syllabus was held. All the other Saturday and Sunday in-person schedules were full.

The majority of students and teachers chose in-person exams; however, having the option of on-line exams is very valuable for students, families, teachers and the Chair when unexpected illness or scheduling conflicts arise. I hope this option for Syllabus will be continued post-pandemic.

Registration and scheduling went smoothly. We had 2 students forfeit after the Registration deadline. Those students were not scheduled nor were the fees reimbursed.

We had three Level 10 students, all students of Alexis Gibbons:

Morgan Young

Hazel Barrett

Emilie Nelson

Congratulations to Morgan, Hazel and Emilie and to their teacher! Bravo!

Respectfully submitted,

Carol White, District Syllabus Chair

### ***Con Brio*** ***May 2022***

Con Brio is the newsletter of the Eugene Chapter of OMTA, published and distributed monthly, except July and August.

President: Genevieve Mason, Vice-President: Janet Pollack, Treasurer: Cheri Richardson,  
Corresponding Sec: Sandy Hull, Recording Sec: Soria Phillips-Meadow, Past President: Genevieve Mason  
Con Brio founder and first publisher: Lea Mirabella  
Con Brio is posted on the Eugene District website on the Wednesday prior to the monthly meeting.  
**Neil Patton, editor**

## OMTA Eugene Treasurer's Report



**Account Activity**  
**April 2, 2022**  
**through**  
**April 30, 2022**



### Checking Account

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
April 2, 2022	Beginning Balance			\$ 4,736.39
April 2, 2022	Composition Celebration		\$ 115.00	
April 11, 2022	Contemp. Fest.		\$ 170.00	
April 11, 2022	Spring Syllabus		\$ 3,212.00	
April 13, 2022	Contemp. Fest.	\$ 5.30		
April 15, 2022	Spring Syllabus	\$ 3,212.00		
April 29, 2022	Bev Soule Adj.	\$ 90.00		
April 30, 2022	Transfer - Bev Soule		\$ 790.00	
<b>April 30, 2022</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$ 5,716.09</b>

### Beverly Soules Scholarship Fund

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
April 2, 2022	Beginning Balance			\$ 9,970.87
April 19, 2022	Bev Soule Audition		\$ 60.00	
April 19, 2022	Sale of Music Donation		\$ 434.49	
April 30, 2022	Transfer - Scholarship	\$ 790.00		
April 30, 2022	Interest		\$ 0.42	
<b>April 30, 2022</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>\$ 9,675.78</b>

Treasurer Cheri Ann Richardson

## Minutes May 11, 2022

### OMTA Eugene District

Recording Secretary for this meeting: Janet Pollack

Meeting began at 9:05 am in the small conference room in Berwick on the campus of the University of Oregon.

Six members attended the business meeting: Alexis (with Iris in tow), Nick, Genevieve, Janet and Lucy.

### Committee Reports

Composition Celebration took place at United Lutheran Church. Nick, co-chair, declared it a success, with six participants and Daniel Vega adjudicating. The term "Small but Mighty" was used to characterize the event. It was proposed that next year the required project would be composing a film score rather than an independent piece.

Beverly Soule Scholarship. Lucy Clevenger, chair of the event, informed members that there were four registered students and that entry was now closed. The auditions will take place Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Lucy's Studio. It was noted that students who win will be expected to make a video to be shown at the Teacher Showcase.

Teacher Showcase / Scholarship. The showcase is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> online with videos pre-recorded. The video is due on May 6<sup>th</sup>; Neil is hired to assemble the videos into a coherent concert. Since this is an online fundraiser this year, the question of how to publicize the event was raised. Suggestions ranged from putting an ad on our local public radio station to posters placed in area music venues to placing an announcement in the Register Guard (in print or online version?). There was also the question of how the public would be able to donate to OMTA during and/or immediately after the concert. It was determined that Wyatt will deal with establishing the format for folks to donate online.

The University of Oregon Piano Festival is new and intended to be a yearly event. The deadline to register has been extended to April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Additional Business

Members were reminded that the OMTA State Conference is in Florence, OR this year, Thursday-Friday June 23-24<sup>th</sup>. It will be a hybrid event for those who cannot attend in person.

Additional opportunities for fundraiser events were briefly discussed. Such events as member/student concerts at Valley Center and/or Gateway Malls and/or The Jazz Station were mentioned as possible sites for fundraising concerts.

Lucy proposed raising student entry fees from \$10-\$15.00, pointing out that the current fee had been in place for a number of years and that the cost of venues and adjudicators has increased. Further discussion is necessary.

Genevieve suggested that *Leggiero* needs to be altered to allow additional information to be placed on programs. Members find it too rigid and limiting.

In passing, it was mentioned that packets for hosting Syllabus have been delivered.

Nominations for the 2022-2024 Board of Directors were announced and at the May 9th meeting will be voted on:

President: Nick Rieser

Vice President: Grace Ho

Treasurer: Sarah B Rose

Recording Secretary: Soria Phillips-Meadow

Corresponding Secretary: Janet Pollack

Next meeting is scheduled for May 9th. Discussion as to where to hold the meeting then ensued. Upstairs at the Market of Choice was suggested, among other venues. Janet P. offered to contact MOC and Genevieve McMenamins and The Hideaway Bakery. The intent of the May meeting is to celebrate the year, thank the outgoing board and to vote and welcome the incoming one.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

