

OhioMTA Western District
Ohiomtawest.org
Member Newsletter – November 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES:

Dec. 4 – 7: MDP Practical Exam
Marriott North East, Cincinnati

Dec. 12 – 13: MDP Theory Exam
Marriott, North East, Cincinnati

(Please direct any questions to Andrea Arese-Elias, pianoar@yahoo.com)

Dec. 13: Ribbon Festival - Scale Olympics (see announcements, below)
Wright State University, Music Dept., Fairborn, OH

WESTERN DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jia Yu How-Vandermeer has accepted the vital position of Webmaster and is our new Board Member! Our Board looks forward to working with Jia. Also, thanks to Lynn Mellum for handling this important transition and serving as both Program Chair and Webmaster these past few months.

Congratulations to Taylor Wang, student of Dr. Eric Street. As an OhioMTA Junior Composition Winner, she advances to the East Central Division Semi-Finals at Lawrence University in Appleton Wisconsin this coming January.

Six teachers presented 12 students, at the November 2 Student Recital at Kettering 7th Day Adventist Church. The students played admirably displaying confidence and poise. Kudos to Jennifer Shoup, our guest artist. The audience was truly mesmerized by her performance of C. Griffes' The Fountain of the Acqua Paola. Thanks, also, to Daira Skriblis, our Student Recital Chair, for organizing this great and memorable event!

Ribbon Festival-Scale Olympics Reminders: Ribbon Festival time schedules will be mailed to all participating teachers. The student I.D. numbers will be included on this schedule. The I.D. number should go on the student's music as well as his/her person. This makes the room and judge monitors' jobs much easier. *(Please direct any questions, to Deborah Macaulay, text 937-286-8567.)*

Authorization and Release Form (Transportation/Photographs/Other): To protect yourself when transporting students and publishing photographs of minors, etc. use this form, for parental signature, sanctioned by MTNA. You may download it from our website. I also have copies on file.

OhioMTA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Proposal Deadline: Nov. 30 - State Conference Columbus, Nov. 12 – 14, 2015

See this link: <http://www.ohiomta.org/proposal-submission.html>

MTNA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MTNA is going to Las Vegas for its 2015 National Conference! Register before December 2 to receive the early registration rate of \$295 (last year's rate). After this date the rate goes up to \$375 for members, so plan ahead!

Conference Details: <https://members.mtna.org/conference2015/index.html>

MTNA Teacher Enrichment Grants: All applications and supporting materials must be submitted online through the MTNA Foundation website below. These grants may be used for private study, college-level course work or special projects in performance, pedagogy, music theory and composition. The grant is not intended to be used to pursue course work toward a degree, for travel funds or for ongoing projects. However, a grant may be approved for one additional year at the discretion of the Teacher Enrichment Grant Evaluation Committee. The number of grants awarded in any year is determined by the number of qualified applicants and available funds.

- **Submission Deadline:** Jan. 5, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
- Link: <http://www.mtnafoundation.org/mtna-grants/>

National Piano Foundation RMM Teacher Scholarship –

- **Submission Deadline:** Jan. 15, 2015
- **\$500 Award**
- Link: <http://www.mtna.org/programs/awards/award-applications/>

“INSPIRE THE DESIRE TO ASPIRE”

**Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with safe travels,
Kathleen Husko, President
OhioMTA – Western District**

[For your convenience, a downloadable and printable version of the Newsletter is attached to this email. Additionally, the Newsletter is posted shortly after publication on our website shown above. Please contact Diane Larachelle, our Recording Secretary, (937) 427-3827 or email dlarochelle@woh.rr.com, if you no longer require having this Newsletter mailed to your home address.]