

# Ohio Music Teachers Association Western District Newsletter May 2019

There are so many exciting things happening in our Western District! The highlight of the year, an artist workshop and masterclass featuring Timothy Brown, was a huge success. Teachers enjoyed the workshop with Mr. Brown before being delighted with a performance and masterclass featuring 11 students. Mr. Brown was very impressed with the talent and teaching in the Dayton area. Special thanks to Jennifer Shoup for organizing this joint event for Western District, Beavercreek Piano Teachers Association, and The Piano Preparatory School. Here are a few photos from the event:



In addition, the 2019 Western District Student Composition Contest Winners were announced and will be receiving their awards at the Honors Recital as well as performing their piece. This contest is in memory of Jean Martin, Peg Oakley, and Lois Askren. Special thanks to Judy Bede for chairing this contest and Barb Siler serving as judge. Congratulations to the winners and their teachers!

**High School First Place:** Rilo Oberg, Grade 10 (Christina Sidaras, teacher) "Winter Fantasy"

**High School Honorable Mention:** Lucas Flanagan, Grade 11 (Judy Bede, teacher) "Hung the Moon"

**Elementary/Middle School First Place:** Kevin Adler, Grade 6 (Carla Grossman, teacher)

"Composition in G Minor"

**Elementary/Middle School Honorable Mention:** Adrian McKenzie, Grade 3 (Jane Hergo, teacher)

"Luna the Playful Cat"

In other composition news, special congratulations go to Jane Hergo, a fellow Western District member, who received third place in the Ohio Federation of Music Clubs Adult Composers Contest with her piano solo, "Fantasy Flight" (written in honor of the Wright Brothers). Nouvelle Music Publishing will soon be releasing her following compositions: Piano Tidbits Book II as well as sheet music - "Celebrate," "Ghostly Gathering," "March of The Mighty," "Songbird," "Skeleton Skedaddle," and "Chili Peppers" (piano duet). She is also writing a Catholic Mass, "Mass of Grace," for Our Lady of Grace Parish which will be premiered on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the 4:30 Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

*Please look over the following upcoming events. You will find attached a copy of the Buckeye Audition Program as well as the Western District Membership Information Form that you received in the mail. Please remember to return your membership form as well as renew your MTNA membership by June 30. I hope to see many of you next week at our member brunch! Please RSVP to Jennifer Shoup at [jshoup@thepianoprepschool.com](mailto:jshoup@thepianoprepschool.com) before Tuesday, April 30 if you plan to attend.*

*Sincerely,  
Laura Atkins  
OhioMTA Western District President*

**April 27 9:15 A.M.**

**Buckeye Auditions at Central Christian Church** 1200 Forrer Blvd, Kettering, OH  
This event is free and open to the public, please see attachment for program

**April 27**

**Deadline for the Student Honors Recital**

Please send student information to Marsha Holcomb 851 Victory Rd. Springfield, OH 45504 or [shadyjww@aol.com](mailto:shadyjww@aol.com)

Western District teachers are invited to present one exceptional student in addition to the Buckeye Audition winners and the Composition Contest Winners. All participating teachers are asked to bring a plate of cookies or refreshments.

**April 30**

**Deadline for the Adult Student Recital**

Please send student information to Judy Bede [jmusic122@gmail.com](mailto:jmusic122@gmail.com) or 937-238-8385

**May 1 10:00 (Board Meeting at 8:45)**

**Member Brunch at the Blue Berry Cafe** 72 Bellbrook Plaza Bellbrook, OH 45305  
Please RSVP to Jennifer Shoup before April 30 [jshoup@thepianoprepschool.com](mailto:jshoup@thepianoprepschool.com)

**May 3 4:00 P.M.**

**Adult Student Recital at Trinity Community Nursing Home** 3218 Indian Ripple Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45440

**May 5 2:30 P.M.**

**Student Honors Recital at Epiphany Lutheran Church** 6430 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45459

**May 14**

**Deadline for the August Music Development Program**

**June 7-8**

**State Finals Buckeye Auditions at Malone University, Canton, OH**