



From Your President...

Happy New Year to all! It doesn't seem possible that 2011 is here already... and at least this year, there were no blizzards or ice storms to impact Christmas and other holiday programs and church services. If we were to take a poll, I imagine our OMTA membership would be one of the most active groups in the state for involvement in some kind of seasonal music programs!

The autumn semester featured two outstanding district conferences, coincidentally both featuring flute and piano in the true collaborative spirit and emphasis of MTNA for this year. Workshops on various technology topics were given and outstanding music making from our junior auditions winners were heard. Thanks to Danny Calhoun and Michael Dean, East District Co-Presidents and to Emily Robinson and Leon Whitesell, West District Co-Presidents for their work in putting these events together. In the East District, Co-President Danny Calhoun and Member-at-Large Mary Hawthorne each agreed to serve another two-year term and other offices were not up for re-election. Emily Robinson is stepping down and will be succeeded by Ada Sewell as West District Co-President.

In addition, the MTNA/OMTA/Marilyn Witcher competitions were hosted at Oklahoma State University through the dual efforts of co-chairmen Heather Lanners and Carol Ann Bell. This was an inspiring two days of music, with many teachers and students represented. Serving as timekeeper for the piano auditions and announcing the winners was a real highlight for me. The MTNA South Central Division Competitions will take place January 15 and 16 in Norman at OU, and I plan to attend those, cheering on those of our Oklahoma students who won in their respective MTNA Divisions. I have just received word that Nathaniel Parker, student of Greg Fisher of Edmond, has won the South Central Division Elementary Composition Competition, so he will be performing his piece at the MTNA Conference in Milwaukee.

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COMTA'S THIRD ANNUAL CLAVINOVA FESTIVAL (see page 3)

President-Elect Report

Make sure that you mark June 2-4, 2011 on your calendars, as I promise this State Conference at Oklahoma Christian University will be one of your favorites! Here is a quick sneak peek into the highlights of our State Conference.

Our Guest Artist will be Randall Faber, and Nancy and Randall Faber will be conducting the sessions. Nancy and Randall Faber have combined their backgrounds as composer and performer to become leading supporters of the piano teacher and student. The husband and wife team has authored over 200 publications, including the bestselling PreTime to BigTime Piano Supplementary Library and the acclaimed method Piano Adventures. The Fabers advocate piano study not only for personal expression and performances success, but also as a vehicle for the student as creative and cognitive development. Their philosophy is reflected in their writing, their public appearances, and in their own teaching.

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- MTNA National Conference, March 26 -30, 2011, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Next OMT submissions deadline: March 15, 2011

From Your President

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The Winter Board Meeting will be hosted at Oklahoma Baptist University January 22. The agenda and call for luncheon reservations has gone out. If for some reason you did not receive this but you are on the Board, please contact me as soon as possible.

Our State Conference to be held at Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond is shaping up. Terri Hlubek is doing a wonderful job getting all of the details together and I know her article will whet your appetite to attend.

And—a number of our members have been in the news lately. The following are only the ones that I happen to know about from reading the paper or an email! Michael Dean, Oklahoma Baptist University, recently received his DMA in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Oklahoma; Hyunsoon Whang, Cameron University, received recognition from Governor Brad Henry for her accomplishments in the arts in Oklahoma; Thomas Labé, Cameron University, has recently had a commercial recording of the works of Howard Hanson released; Steve Betts, Southern Nazarene University, was recently named a Managing Editor for *Clavier Companion*; Jane Magrath, University of Oklahoma, continues to write her insightful columns for *American Music Teacher* and *Clavier Companion*; and Mary Sallee, Norman, will be the pianist for the International Rotary Assembly in San Diego later this month. No doubt there are many more! We have such an active group of members, so be sure to let me know if you have been doing something noteworthy; I would love to feature our members' accomplishments in future issues of the OMT.

I'm looking forward to seeing a number of you in just a couple weeks and hope to see many of you at the National Conference in Milwaukee March 26-30 and the State Conference at Oklahoma Christian June 3-4!

~ Sandra Meyer, NCTM, OMTA President

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FABER SESSIONS

Fostering a Love of Music – Part 1 and Part 2

Presenters: Nancy and Randall Faber

The Fabers share theory and video of early-level teaching, with an eye toward the more important aspects of our teaching mission.

Motivational Stages in Talent Development

Presenter: Randall Faber

Dr. Faber describes the dynamics of intrinsic motivation at different stages of music study. He explains his Facilitative Factors Model and the implications for music teaching.

Age-appropriate Teaching

Presenter: Randall Faber

Preschool, middle school, high school. Different ages bring different motivations.

How do we adapt? How do we get results? How do we define success?

Masterclass with Randall Faber

Recital by Randall Faber

(Program to be announced at a later date)

Our commissioned composer is Dr. Matthew Saunders. He will present his commissioned work, which is a piano sonata in one movement. Dr. Matthew Saunders is currently Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Oklahoma Panhandle State University where he serves as Chair of the Music Department. For more information you can go online at matthew@martiandances.com

Back by popular demand is the IMTF session, which will be a "Panel Discussion" about judging festivals and competitions in Oklahoma. This appears to be very intriguing!

I wouldn't want you to miss the CFF session with Dr. David Forbat, Head of Piano/Keyboard Studies Division at UCO. Dr. Forbat will be presenting a session entitled, "The Five Compelling and Relevant Uses of Yamaha Clavinovas (or other similar digital keyboards) in the College Classroom AND Applied Studio." Dr. Forbat's session will include live demonstrations, which will transport you into the new world of technology in our lessons!

Our conference hotel is the brand new Four Points Quail Springs (next to Quail Springs Mall on Memorial Road). We have a group rate of \$89.00 +tax. This price includes the Hot Buffet Breakfast. Yes, FOOD! Anyway, there is free parking, a 24 hour fitness center and indoor pool, free high-speed internet access, a super-comfortable bed and free bottled water everyday, a business center, and The Edge Bar & Grill. Check it out at <http://www.fourpointsquailsprings.com>.

Our group is active in the system for reservations, and you may call the hotel directly at (405) 418-8448 or (800) 368-7764 **BEFORE MAY 2nd**. Let's just call today and reserve our rooms NOW!

As we contemplate where we are and how we might improve our teaching, the State Conference needs to be your first priority of the New Year! The State Conference is a special time for self-improvement, learning, sharing, relaxing, meeting new people, making contacts.... and just having FUN with other musicians! We all deserve this time together- let's make a New Year's resolution to attend every minute of this exhilarating OMTA State Conference.

~ Terri Hlubek, NCTM
OMTA President Elect
State Conference Chair

Membership News

From the Auditions Chair ...

Happy New Year from the Auditions Committee. Senior Auditions and District Achievement are rapidly approaching. Please read your Membership Handbook for instructions before entering students for both of these events. If you have questions regarding repertoire, etc. email or phone me and I will be glad to answer questions. Our students deserve our best.

~ Gloria N. Johnson, NCTM, Auditions Chair

From the Central Oklahoma Music Teachers Association ...

The Central Oklahoma Music Teachers Association (COMTA) had their Third Annual Clavinova Festival at Larsen Music in OKC Dec. 4, Dec. 10-12. Two hundred twelve students and sixteen teachers participated in this awesome journey into technology! This year some students performed not only solos, but also participated in ensembles. Five Clavinovas were utilized with as many as ten students performing at the same time! The ensemble groups learned the true **meaning of counting, resting, and listening!** **Larsen Music had a drawing for the participants-** Winner of the drawing was Kim William's student, Brooke Kelser. She won a Yamaha P95 Stage Piano.

Susan Ogilvy has been COMTA's "Fearless Clavinova Leader" and has presented truly inspiring Clavinova sessions every month for COMTA. OMTA members are encouraged to come check out what "**Today's Piano Teacher**" is doing to inspire the 21 century pianist! Call Terri Hlubek, COMTA President, for more information at (405) 755-3965.



THE NORMAN AREA MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ENJOYS A HOLIDAY PARTY!



Thomas Lanners gestures to Cameron University student Jiha Choi during a master class given for the Lawton Music Teachers Association on January 10, 2011.

Lawton Music Teachers Association and Cameron University Faculty Member Hyunsoon Whang receives Governor's Arts Award.

Cameron University Professor of Music Dr. Hyunsoon Whang, Louise D. McMahon Endowed Chair in Music, was honored by Governor Brad Henry with the Governor's Arts Award during a ceremony at the Oklahoma State Capitol on November 10. Dr. Whang received the *Arts & Education Award*, which recognizes an individual, organization, school, educator or group for their outstanding leadership and service in the arts benefitting youth and/or arts in education. The Governor's Arts Awards are sponsored by the Oklahoma Arts Council.



Connor Young from Norman displays his certificate presented to him at the winners recital at the West District Conference in November. Connor was a winner in the State Composition Festival and performed his piece "Night Sky Sonata." Pictured at his left is his teacher Shirley Johnson.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Nancy and Randall Faber will be conducting the sessions at our state conference and Randall Faber will also serve as convention artist.

FOR SALE

Hallet Davis and Co. Spinnet in good condition for \$400. Please call (918) 371-5425 or email to mksallee@cox.net.



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High School Piano Competition
February 19, 2011

Piano Scholarship Auditions
February 19, 2011
March 5, 2011

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