



# From Your President...

The 79<sup>th</sup> OMTA conference is now history. I have heard excellent comments from those who attended. We are grateful to Sylvia Ryan, conference chair, for months of planning and preparations. Also, Terri Hlubek, local chair, is to be recognized for her constant help. Please send suggestions for next year's conference to Sandra Meyer, 2009 Conference chair, OBU Box 61217, 500 W. University, Shawnee, OK 74804.



Teachers participate in sessions at the State Conference in May, Oklahoma City University, OKC.

Please read the changes to our OMTA Bylaws elsewhere in this newsletter. These changes were approved at the May 29 board

## State Conference 2008

So many people contributed to the success of this year's OMTA State Conference, held in the beautiful facilities of Oklahoma City University's Wanda L. Bass Music Center May 29-31. Special thanks go to OCU Site Coordinator Audrey Heise-Fijalka and COMTA Local Chair Terri Hlubek for their invaluable assistance in planning and running the conference; COMTA members Patsy Wylie (exhibits/door prizes), Diane France (table decorations/host, Linda Owen (clinician host), Eileen Fox, Sue Halpain, and Jean Lombardo (registration.)

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### Mark Your Calendar:

- ◆ Membership dues must be posted by June 30th
- ◆ Audition Chairs email audition dates by July 15th
- ◆ Distinguished Teacher deadline—December 1st
- ◆ Next OMT deadline—September 15th

## Robert McFadden, Foundation Fellow Nominee for 2009

Thank you to Tulsa Opera, Signature Symphony at TCC, Saied Music, and Mary Sallee for providing incentives for fundraising at the 2008 OMTA State Conference. Because of their generosity and the generosity of members attending the conference, we almost doubled the amount that we usually send to the Foundation Fund. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

Robert McFadden is our current Foundation Fellow nominee. We have not yet raised the \$1000 necessary for him to receive the award at next year's national conference. You may go online ([www.MTNA.org](http://www.MTNA.org)) to make your contribution or send a check to:

MTNA Foundation Fund, 441 Vine St., Ste. 3100, Cincinnati, OH 45202-3004. Always remember to indicate "Oklahoma Fellow" on your check or your online donation.

Tulsa Opera has a "Get Floored" program that offers teachers SEASON TICKETS for just \$65. Seats will be on orchestra level and this is for Friday performances only. Teachers are eligible to buy a pair of these subscriptions at this great rate. Also, school groups are eligible for \$16 tickets. This can be for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday performances. Seats are usually in the balcony.

Signature Symphony's October 11, 2008 concert will feature violin soloists Rachel and Joy Fellows along with Guest Conductor Piotr Sulkowski. Signature Symphony offers special student rates.

I hope everyone has a great summer and some well deserved recreation.

### Judith Macha, NCTM, MTNA Foundation Chair,

graduated from Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, where she studied piano with Dr. Lawson Jones. She has taught piano in Kansas and Oklahoma for 28 years. She served in various capacities on the local, district, and state levels of KMTA and currently serves as president of TAMTA.



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## Audition Questions?

Summer will soon be over and Auditions will be in full swing. Please read the Membership Handbook for information pertaining to each Audition. Our students deserve the very best and it is our responsibility to educate ourselves and our students to be successful in the various Auditions they enter. If you have questions, please contact me for explanations, phone: 918-749-9015 or email: [gjohn1942@cox.net](mailto:gjohn1942@cox.net)

Many of our new requirements were quite successful: Senior Auditions provided 41 students in the Senior Finals held May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Wanda Bass OCU Music Building. Repertoire Awards were given to 16 Students and 263 Merit Division Students entered our State Achievement Auditions May 16 – 17 also held at OCU. Yes there were problems and questions but overall, students were happy and willing to continue for a higher standard in OMTA

Auditions. This years Handbook will spell out more specifically many of the issues that occurred.

There will be an increase of \$3.00 for each audition this year (\$15.00).

Teachers/Audition Chairs, please email me your audition dates by July 15<sup>th</sup> in order to have them published in the OMTA Membership Handbook. Remember our Students depend on our support.

### Gloria Johnson, NCTM,

VP for Auditions has been a MTNA member since 1970 and has taught piano for 47 years. Gloria is currently MTNA Junior Performance Coordinator for the South Central Division and Vice President of Auditions for Oklahoma. She maintains a full piano studio of all levels of advancement.



*Make the next OMT a special issue!* Submit your local news, activities and pictures to your Editor for the October Issue. Deadline for submissions is **September 15th**. Email submissions to [mrs.pennington@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.pennington@gmail.com) or mail to: 4361 S. Rockford Pl., Tulsa, OK, 74105.

## State Conference 2008, continued

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Much appreciation is extended to Phillelle McBreyer, Theresa Camilli, and Janet Romanishin (program book ads), Sara Ernst (printed programs), Robert McFadden and Mary Sallee (recital planning).

Thanks to all who served as presenters, monitors, and encouragers and to our wonderful conference performers/speakers: James Giles (pianist), Akiko and Forrest Kinney (featured clinicians), Thomas Lanners (CFF Session Clinician), Steve Sewell, Kathleen Gray, Judy Reeves, Kathy Wilson (IMTF Forum Panel), and Theresa Camilli (Collegiate Clinician.)

I hope this year's conference helped cap off a great year of OMTA activities, cemented friendships across the state, and left all who attended with new teaching ideas and goals as well as wonderful memories of inspiring recitals and sessions, delicious meals, and time spent together with fellow musicians.

### Sylvia Ryan, NCTM,

President-Elect, is a third generation piano teacher and church musician. She received a DMA in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from OU, studying with Digby Bell and Ed Gates. She is a founding member of NIPTA, the parent organization of NAMTA, and NAMTA immediate past president. She teaches independently in Norman.



*OMTA Members:* you can update your address, phone, or e-mail any time at [MTNA.org](http://MTNA.org). Click on "update member profile."

## from Your President, continued

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meeting. **Please note the new deadline of June 30 for your dues to be posted at the MTNA office beginning 2009-2010.** This deadline will facilitate the publication of the Membership Handbook in the fall. If dues are received after this date, your name will not appear in the OMTA Membership Handbook nor will you be able to enter students in competitions without penalty.

As my term of office draws to a close, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president the past two years. There are so many good members statewide who have been willing to assist when I needed your help. OMTA has a bright future because of your willingness to serve our organization. Each member plays a vital part. Recently one of my students moved to another part of the state. It was an easy task to refer the family to OMTA teachers in the

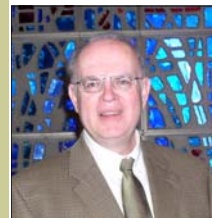
new area. I am proud to be a part of OMTA because of all of YOU!

Over the summer ponder the possibility of becoming nationally certified if you are not already. It is another way to demonstrate continued excellence in professional service. Call the national office 1-888-512-5278 or go to [www.mtnacertification.org](http://www.mtnacertification.org) for more information. Did you know the MTNA website lists all NCTM's (Nationally Certified Music Teacher) according to state and instrument?

Have a great summer and I hope to see you soon!

### Dr. Robert McFadden, NCTM, President of

OMTA, is professor of Music at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He teaches Piano, Music History, and Music Literature and Appreciation courses, and accompanies several ensembles at the university. He is active as a collaborative pianist, adjudicator, and lecturer. He has performed and adjudicated throughout the United States, England, Mexico, and Hong Kong.



## MTNA Student Competition Winners 2008

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South Central Division, January 13, 2008, Southern Methodist University, Dallas

### Elementary Composition

Honorable Mention: **Brennan Hausburg** "Friday Night Boogie" piano solo. Student of **Denise Parr**, Bethany.

### Junior Composition

Honorable Mention: **Christy Strauss** "Final Voyage" piano solo. Student of **Steve Sewell**, Norman.

### Junior Brass

Representative to national – no competition: **Atticus Mul-lon**, Trombone. Student of **Paul Compton**, OSU.

### Junior Strings

Alternate: **Jessica Fellows**, Violin. Student of **Esther Fel-lows**, Mounds.

### Senior Brass

Alternate: **Steven Warren**, Trombone. Student of **Paul Compton**, OCU.

### Senior Piano

Alternate: **Amy Tai**, student of **Gloria Johnson**, Tulsa.

### Senior Strings

Honorable Mention, **Daniel Fellows**, Viola. Student of **Esther Fellows**, Mounds.

### Senior Woodwinds

Winner: **Shaelynn Morefield**, Flute, Edmond. Student of **Natalie Syring**, Edmond.

### Young Artist Woodwinds

Alternate: **Angela Heck**, Flute. Student of **Valerie Watts**, OU.

### Chamber Music

Alternate, **OSU Trombone Quartet**, **Paul Compton**, Teacher/Coach

## MTNA: Did You Know?

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Did you know the fifth National Group Piano and Piano Pedagogy Forum (GP3) will be held August 1–2, 2008, at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. "Staying Focused, Staying Fresh" will be the theme of this year's forum. Friday, August 1 will be devoted to group piano and Saturday August 2, will concentrate on piano pedagogy.

Sports psychologist Bill Moore, the Oakton Six Piano Ensemble among others will present during this informative weekend.

Register on or before July 15, 2008, to receive your discounted registration of \$100. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.mtna.org/Default.aspx?tabid=478>.

## Norman Area MTA: Fall Festival October 25th

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The Norman MTA will host its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 25th at the University of Oklahoma Catlett Music Center. The event is for students of OMTA teachers and includes solo, 2-piece and ensemble divisions for piano, flute and vocal entries. Students are encouraged to come in their Halloween costume. A Kids Fest carnival will be available for younger participants and siblings.

Each performer will receive a critique and be awarded a ribbon according to their rating. Seniors participating for four consecutive years will receive a \$50 Senior Award.

For more details, contact Mary Sallee, Festival Chair at [mksallee@cox.net](mailto:mksallee@cox.net).



# DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

Deadline: December 1st

The individual selected to be the **OMTA Distinguished Teacher** will be honored at the State OMTA Conference next May and will have a \$250 donation made in their name to the OMTA Endowment Fund at the Communities Foundation of Oklahoma (CFO). That following December, they will automatically be submitted as OMTA's nomination for the **MTNA Distinguished Teacher of the Year** which is awarded at the national conference the following spring. All nominees are reviewed, selected and approved by the OMTA Board at the January meeting. An individual receiving the award will not be eligible to be nominated again for at least ten years.

Any local association, or any individual member of OMTA, may nominate any currently certified OMTA member in good standing. All nominating materials must be typed. **The following materials must be included with each nomination:**

1. Nomination form obtained from July issue of the *Oklahoma Music Teacher* or from the Chair
2. Nomination letter by the nominator
3. Resume of the nominee's professional work
4. Two letters of support from current or former members of OMTA
5. Two letters of support from former or current students; in the case of current school-age students, letters from parents would be preferable

Send materials and form by **December 1** to: Robert McFadden, NCTM, 732 Westwood Drive, Durant, OK 74701

Word attachments may be sent via email to: [rmcFadden@sosu.edu](mailto:rmcFadden@sosu.edu)

For questions, contact [rmcFadden@sosu.edu](mailto:rmcFadden@sosu.edu) or call: 580-745-2194

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## DISTINGUISHED TEACHER of the YEAR Nomination Form

Name of Distinguished Teacher of the Year Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's full address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers of years teaching: \_\_\_\_\_ Current position: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in OMTA: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Area(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Involvement in OMTA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of member making nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Association: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Senior Audition Winners

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### Piano Winners for Grade 9

**First Place:**

Rebecca Roach (Kaye Shields)

**Second Place:**

Benjamin Williams (Barbara Cottingham)

### Piano Winners for Grade 10

**First Place:**

Sarah Klein (Amy Cottingham)

**Second Place:**

Taylor Thompson (Kaye Shields)

### Piano Winners for Grade 11

**First Place:**

William Chamberlin (Eva Ginevich)

**Second Place:**

Carson Taylor (Starla Hibler)

### Piano Winners for Grade 12

**First Place:**

Sarah Montgomery (Denise Parr)

**Second Place:**

Amber Hayes (Claudette Hudelson)

### Harp Winners for Grade 9 & 10

**First Place:**

Savannah Faught (Lorelei Barton)

**Second Place:**

Christine Welden (Lorelei Barton)

### Harp Winners for Grade 11 & 12

No competition at State Finals level

Lydia Krautter (Lorelei Barton)

### Voice Winners for Grade 9 & 10

**First Place:**

Ryne Young (Larry Baldwin)

**Second Place:**

Mackenzie Kelly (Kaye Shields)

### Voice Winners for Grade 11 & 12

No competition at State Finals level

Katy Eden (Lavonna Whitesell)

### String Winners for Grade 9 & 10

No competition at State Finals level

Brenna Caldwell (Kari Caldwell)

### String Winners for Grade 11 & 12

No competition at State Finals level

Joel James Tabor (Dustin McCracken)

## Clarence Burg Award Recipients

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teacher: Allison, Mary Ann  
Kent Toolson, Aili Butler

teacher: Bausili, Rachel  
Jay Joshi

teacher: Brown, Marilyn  
Krishna Goparaju

teacher: Barbour, Robin  
Erynn Brown, Rebekah Clark, Elise  
Scott, Michael Womack

teacher: Brewster, Christi  
Josh Dreesen

teacher: Bruce, Marilyn  
Kristen Strycker, Liberty Gavin, Kelsey Wood, Christy Bennett

## State Conference Photo Gallery

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*Special thanks to Judy Macha for taking these lovely pictures and sharing them with us.*

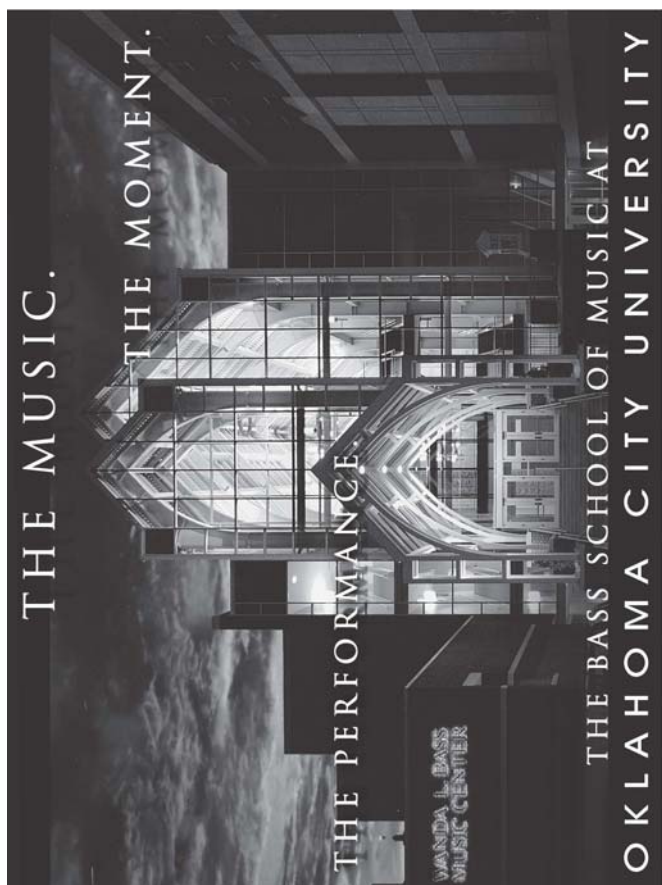


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