



London Branch

Fall 2012

From your President

- Clark Bryan



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Dear ORMTA London Members,

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are well rested for an exciting year of music making and teaching. At the AGM meeting in June, members discussed many ideas for the upcoming year including more regular workshops like the ones we programmed at the Sylvia Novak Pedagogy Weekend. We have completed the "Why take music lessons" and thanks to the work of Amanda Sommer from Aeolian Hall. Brochure copies are available at Aeolian Hall or in PDF format on the ORMTA London website. A decision was made to use a new section on the website to post more information advocating for music lessons. The brochure had limited space and many ideas were submitted which could not be used. We will be posting more information on the website in the near future.

The music industry is changing rapidly. These changes give even more reasons to belong to ORMTA London as we focus on growth, change and development. Projects and outreach to our community need to become a primary focus. Here are a few ideas which we could try out this year:

- Brochure/article: "Why real pianos are superior to electronic ones"
- Brochure/article: "How teaching qualifications are relevant for a quality music education"
- Concerts: plan a number of concerts which we can attend as a group including Orchestra London, UWO Faculty and others. This activity fulfills the obvious personal need to seek inspiration and education but also helps us to meet other, promote our organization and build community partners.
- Meetings: include a portion of a meeting to discuss music repertoire and/or teaching ideas. Many of us work in isolation and need support and advice when challenges occur. We all have something to teach each other!
- Build a relationship with UWO Faculty of Music for collaboration and sharing opportunities
- Fundraise to build more scholarship and bursary opportunities
- Explore ways to do volunteer teaching and consultation with schools and organizations. Giving back to our community is essential to both the future of music education and our own personal fulfillment.
- Make a section of our website to introduce repertoire not listed on the Conservatory lists and grade it. We could even put a short description of the work.

I'm sure you all have some more ideas for projects we could do. Please feel free to send them to us or bring them to meetings. We look forward to seeing you soon! Best wishes for a joyful and rewarding year of music making!!



**Take
note!**

Sat. September 22nd**First Branch Meeting**

Join us for a delicious brunch followed by our first branch meeting.

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Debbie's house

Address: 1860 Phillbrook Dr., London

Wed. October 17th**Last day to submit Halloween**

Recital entries Please submit your entries to Liz Corbett or Joan Celestin

Sat. October 27th**Halloween Recital**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Aeolian Hall

Address: 795 Dundas St. East, London

Fri. October 26th**Western Zone Convention**

This year's Western Zone Convention will be held in Chatham, Ontario.

Topic: "Sound" Advice for the Musi-

cian: Music Beyond Technique

Time: all day

Registration: 8:45 AM

Location: Chatham-Kent John D. Bradley Convention Center


Address: 565 Richmond St., Chatham
Contact: Elizabeth Tithecott

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September 2012

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Upcoming ORMTA Workshops (various branches):

September 28, 2012 - Speaker: **Terry Kroetsch** - Branch: Kitchener-Waterloo

September 29, 2012 - Speaker: **Clayton Scott** - Branch: Timmins

October 12, 2012 - Speaker: **Tanya Benard** - Branch: Central Toronto

October 22/29, 2012 - Speaker: **William Aide** - Branch: Etobicoke-Mississauga

October 26, 2012 - Speaker: **Gwenlynn Little** (as part of the Western Zone Convention) - Branch: Chatham-Kent

October 29, 2012 - Speaker: **Reginald Miller** - Branch: Scarborough

November 10-11, 2012 - **Chatham-Kent Contemporary Showcase**

at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 34 Victoria Ave., Chatham, ON

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ORMTA London Events 2012-2013 - Year at a glance

FALL 2012

Sept. 22nd - First Branch Meeting

Oct. 27th - Halloween Recital

WINTER 2013

Jan.28th - Second Branch Meeting

Feb. 16th - Winter Recital

Feb. 25-Mar.1 - St Thomas Rotary Music Festival

SPRING 2013

Mar. 20th - Third Branch Meeting

Mar. 23rd - Pre-Festival Recital

April 8-26 - Kiwanis Festival

May 25th - Spring Recital

June 12th - Annual General Meeting

Note from the Treasurer

- Beverley Barrett

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Award

ORMTA London Branch awards two scholarships to grade 8 students who will be continuing to grade 9, one with RCM and one with Conservatory Canada, who have achieved the highest mark in the grade 8 practical exam in the 2011-12 teaching year. The applications are **due by Oct. 15, 2012.**

Please send the following information to **Jan Danowski** ([519-637-2815](tel:519-637-2815) or jdandowski@sympatico.ca): student name, address, phone number, teacher name, student's grade 8 practical and corresponding theory exam marks, month and year of grade 8 exam, conservatory, instrument.

The scholarships will be given out at the Halloween recital.



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Young Artist Competition 2012 Report

- Elizabeth Corbett

The ORMTA Young Artist Zone Competition was hosted by the London Branch at Aeolian Hall on Saturday May 26, 2012. Visiting branches from Windsor, Sarnia, Chatham and Woodstock were welcomed with juice and muffins.

Jan Danowski arranged for piano warm-up times for the junior competition. At 10:00 the Junior Competition was held. Our president, Clark Bryan welcomed everyone and introduced our adjudicator Stephan Sylvestre. The winner of the Junior Competition was Sophie Foster of Woodstock, a student of Suzanne Hughes. She was presented with a plaque and scholarship cheque by Liz Corbett.

At 11:30 Jan Danowski presided over warm-up times for the Provincial Competition after which a delicious lunch was organized and served by Marilyn Loosemore. Elizabeth Tithecott brought greetings from the Southwestern Zone and Clark introduced our adjudicator to the afternoon competitors. The winner of the Provincial Competition was Ellie Vogel from Sarnia Branch and a student of Gwen Beamish. Ellie will now continue on to the Provincial Competition at the ORMTA Convention in July. Our London Branch competitor, David Zheng, student of Tina Yanchus, was chosen as "runner-up"

Thank you to Anne Marie Green and Liz Corbett for being time keepers of both competitions. Thank you to Liz Corbett for preparing the programs. The afternoon was brought to a close and Mr. Sylvestre was thanked by Shirley Morris.



Provincial Competition Update

- Marilyn Loosemore

Ellie Vogel, the winner of the Western Zone Competition held here in London, was the second prize winner in the Provincial Student Instrumental Competition, held during the ORMTA provincial convention in Burlington, July 22-25, 2012. Ellie gave a wonderful performance of **The Prophet Bird by R. Schumann** and **Waltz in E minor by F. Chopin**. She is a student of Gwen Beamish from the Sarnia branch.

Sophia Tacak and Marilyn Loosemore, our branch delegates at the convention, will have more info to share about the convention at our first meeting in September.