



President's Message

by Olivia Riddell

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Happy September!

As I write this message to you, I think back to when I returned to Ottawa in 2006 and Ann Babin asked me to be on council as secretary – eventually to move into the President role... Hard to believe that this time has finally come and come to fruition! And thank you to Ann for your support and belief in me! I am so excited to be the President of the Ottawa Region.

My history with ORMTA has been long, as I became a member in 1994. This association has always been close to my heart and I hold a lot of passion for it. It is so important to be a part of a professional organization that supports and respects the hard work and dedication that we all do as music teachers.

This is an exciting time for ORMTA! I can't wait to share the wonderful events and activities involved for this teaching year. Throughout this year ORMTA will be celebrating 80 years as an association, so you will notice a new, 80-year celebration logo being used with any promotion, advertising and communication.

Over the summer I was happy to attend the ORMTA Summer Extravaganza in Mississauga July 24th & 25th. It was my first convention in my new role, and it was so wonderful to reconnect with many familiar faces and meet new Provincial Council members.

As the new President, I am also now a Provincial Zone Rep (alongside our amazing Tania Granata), and Frank Horvat, our Provincial President, asked me to take on the Professional Development portfolio on the provincial side as well! So, if you have any questions or suggestions for this portfolio, please feel free to connect with me.

Recently we received some sad news with the loss of Alicia Desjardins in early August. It is always hard to hear when we lose one of our colleagues and friends. She was not only an ORMTA member, but a personal colleague, so her loss is especially close to my heart.

I would like to give a huge, warm welcome to our 2015-2016 Executive and Council, as well as our new members, Heidi Jost and Carolyn Yip.

Olivia

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General Meeting and Potluck Breakfast

**Monday, September 14, 2015
Resurrection Lutheran Church,
1325 Gaultois Avenue, Orleans**

9:15 am Coffee, tea and juice

9:30 am Meeting

Table-ready donations of breakfast foods most welcome.

**Used music for sale before and after the meeting,
with proceeds going to our student Scholarship Fund**

**For more information, contact Jennie Smith
at 613-260-9171 or jenniesmithrmt@gmail.com**

Information Sharing Session

**Monday, September 28th, 2015
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**at the home of Diana McCarthy,
1309 Chattaway Avenue**

Come out to hear the members of the Music Selection committee of the Kiwanis festival as they play through their choices for the age category piano classes for 2016.

Both solos and duets will be showcased and a handy list of the set pieces will also be available for those who attend.

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The *ORBit* is the official newsletter of the Ottawa Region Branch of the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association. It is published 7 times a year: September, October, November, December/January, February/March, April/May and June/July/August.

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	Members	Non-members
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Annual General Meeting May 29, 2015



The new ORMTA Ottawa sign was displayed, along side the old ORMTA Ottawa sign. The new sign is bigger, easy to move and set up, and was designed to match with our other publicity. Thanks to Sandy Menard for making this possible.



Helen Sinclair was presented with the OCT award.



Guitarist Louis Trépanier provided the entertainment.



Incoming President Olivia Riddell thanked outgoing President Tania Granata for her service over the past two years.



Members, including Mary Mackie and Edith Orton, enjoyed a delicious luncheon.

Members' Corner

Welcome to the following new members:

- Heidi Jost (Active) Flute, Piano, Recorder, Singing, Solfège/Sight Singing, Theory
- Carolyn Yip (Active) Piano

Condolences to:

- Edith Orton on the death of her husband, Eric, in June.
- Kimberley Sundell on the sudden death of her brother, in July.
- John Hutchinson on the death of his wife, former ORMTA member Alicia Desjardins, in August.

Congratulations to:

- Ioulia Brechun, whose student Katerina Paravalos performed at Carnegie Hall this July after winning the 3rd place in the American Protégé International Piano Competition.
- Chunson Park, whose student Charlie Wang won the Provincial Instrumental Competition.

ORMTA at Ottawa Family Music Expo 2015

On Sunday, July 5, the day following Music and Beyond's opening gala, the Ottawa Region Branch of ORMTA took part in this fabulous, free family event held on the grounds of the University of Ottawa. This was a special music celebration filled with performances of over 100 musicians, dancers and artists in 175 concerts and performances both indoors and throughout the campus of the University of Ottawa.



Our own branch was assigned a studio on the fourth floor of the Perez Music Building for display of promotional materials and students' performances. While preparing for this event, in just over a month, we received many applications and invited seven students to play, ranging from 9 to 17 years old. The young performers were: Miles Chen (piano), Irina Hawryluck (voice), Sonja Jovic (piano), Serena Knight (piano), Isaac Leung (piano), James Saint (piano) and Michelle Yin (harp). They shared their wonderful talents and showed a high level of musicianship in performing grade 4 to grade 10 pieces for solo piano, piano concerto, voice and harp. These young students participated side by side with some high-profile guest artists and music organizations. Thank-you to their teachers who eagerly

cooperated and made sure their students were at their best.

As hundreds of mini-concerts were simultaneously performed on the campus, the flow of audience never really stopped. Our room was at times very crowded with up to 25 people in attendance and we are delighted to say that hundreds of young people of our community and their families visited the ORMTA presentation on that sunny summer day.

This report would be incomplete if I didn't mention special people who helped me out to make this event a true success. Sandra Menard kindly agreed to coordinate the morning session and Ann Babin presented interactive musical activities that showed fun and surprising connections between classical music and other musical genres and art forms. Thank-you to our council led by Tania Granata and Olivia Riddell who assisted with promotional materials and Valerie Dueck, Business & Community Development Coordinator for Music & Beyond, who offered us this unique opportunity.

Katarina Jovic



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ORMTA Ottawa uses e-mail and the *ORBit* to communicate information to our members and supporters, with the following guidelines:

E-Mail:

- Advertising, promotion and reminders of ORMTA events only.
- ORMTA surveys
- Information from the Province.
- Events where we have a reciprocal arrangement: e.g. Carleton Master Classes.
- Death announcements
- Employment opportunities for our members.

All other requests will be sent to the *ORBit* editor, who will contact the parties involved to offer them the opportunity to advertise in the *ORBit*.

ORBit Newsletters:

- Members' Corner—congratulations on births, birthdays, anniversaries, student achievements (gold, silver, or first class honours with distinction for grades 10 and above) special accomplishments, get well wishes, death announcements.
- Upcoming Concerts—members' concerts. The public must be able to attend. Basic information only (name of concert, venue, time, ticket prices, contact information).
- Summer Music Camps (June issue) - basic information only (name of camp, venue, dates, contact information).
- Promotion and reminders of ORMTA events.
- Sponsored (Paid) Advertisements—members' concert/recital advertising containing more detail than that in the Upcoming Concerts column; selling instruments, music or pedagogical materials and services; advertising of non-ORMTA events; business advertising. *For advertising rates, see page 4.*

Distribution of the *ORBit*

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kathleen.

The most recent issue of the *ORBit*, and an archive of previous issues can be found online at www.ormtaottawa.ca

Talent is always conscious of its own abundance and does not object to sharing.

- Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Once the mind has been stretched by a new idea, it will never again return to its original size.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

Calendar of Events

September

- 10 Submission Deadline for October ORBit.** Contact Kathleen Howard
kmaryhoward@primus.ca or 613-258-9503
- 14 General Meeting and Potluck Breakfast,** 9:15 am, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1325 Gaultois Avenue, Orleans. Contact Jennie Smith at 613-260-9171 or jenniesmithrmt@gmail.com
- 28 Information Sharing Session** - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Diana McCarthy, 1309 Chattaway Avenue. Contact Diana at diana@musicvista.ca or Paulette at pauletteprice@rogers.com.

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November

- 10 Submission Deadline for December/January ORBit.** Contact Kathleen Howard
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December

- 15 Application Deadline for First Class Honours Scholarships.** Contact Sherry Lu
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