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### President's Message by Tania Granata

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As I sit and type this "end of the music year" President's Message, my home windows are open, a gentle night breeze is flowing through the house and I am day-dreaming of many more evenings like this. It has been a very busy few months in our branch. Huge congratulations go out to Kimberley Sundell after a very successful weekend of competitions May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. This was her first year as Competitions Convenor and she did a fantastic job. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who assisted her especially Sue Jones and Sandy Menard. The competitions Gala was held on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and featured some of our Competitions winners. Thanks go out to Jennie Smith and Kimberley Sundell for organizing this worthy event.

The next big event in our branch is our AGM on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Cedarhill Golf and Country Club. I am really looking forward to seeing many of you there! We will sum up the year's events, give a teaser of some events we have in the works for next year, say goodbye to some council members who are moving on to other things and introduce our new council for the 2014-2015 year. We will also honour our OCTA recipient Ann Babin. There will be the used music sale; all the DVDs and CDs and videos will be on display so you can all see what a wealth we have amassed for you to browse. Following the meeting we will have a wonderful lunch and entertainment which is the perfect way to send off another great teaching year.

By now you should have received your invoice for your 2014-2015 Provincial membership fees. The deadline for payment is Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. You may pay your fees by logging into <a href="http://ormta.org/Content/Members/MemberProfile.aspx">http://ormta.org/Content/Members/MemberProfile.aspx</a>.

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I wish you all a wonderful summer. Perhaps you are planning some wonderful vacation time at the cottage or an exciting adventure, or if you are like me, you are looking forward to some down time with family and friends and local escapes. I will be going to our Provincial Convention in July in Toronto and can't wait to see what Sue Jones and her team have been tirelessly working on! Whatever your plans please stay happy and healthy!

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#### **Adult Students' Recital**

by Co-convenors Ioulia Brechun and Carol Wood

On a cold and snowy afternoon in late March, a group of enthusiastic adult music students gathered at City View United Church to perform at the Annual Adult Students' Recital.

The Recital was an opportunity for adult music students to put into play new musical ideas and technical strategies that were learned in the March 1 Piano Workshop and Master Class, led by Jenny Regehr; and in the March 8 Vocal Workshops and Master Class, presented by Donna Klimoska. Clinicians, Jenny and Donna, shared their expertise and knowledge and made the learning experiences very informative and fun.

The recital program included nine pianists who performed works from the Baroque era to Contemporary times. There was also one singer who was beautifully accompanied by pianist Tania Granata.

Congratulations to all performers for their musical contributions to the event. Thank you to our Ottawa Region teachers for encouraging their adult students to participate in this annual event.

A special thanks to clinicians, Jenny Regehr and Donna Klimoska, for their support and attendance at the Recital.

The March 22 Adult Students' Recital went very smoothly, thanks to volunteers, Ann Babin, Helen Sinclair and Carol Wood.



Jennie Regehr and participants



Jennie Regehr, Ioulia Brechun, Donna Klimoska, Carol Wood





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#### **Competitions**

by Kimberley Sundell, Convenor

The 2014 ORMTA competitions took place on May 3 and 4 at the University of Ottawa in Room 109. Dr. Christopher Foley and Wanda Procyshyn were the adjudicators for the 5 vocalists and 23 pianists participating. The Gala Recital took place on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ottawa Mennonite Church (see page 7).

Many thanks go to Lauzon Music for their generous donation of the 9 foot Steinway concert grand for our use and to the University of Ottawa for their sponsorship of this event, by allowing us to use their facilities.

Thank you to the many volunteers whose dedication make this event possible: Sandra Menard, Ann Empey, Ann Babin, Tania Granata, Olivia Riddell, Sue Jones and Jennie Smith.

Thank you to the teachers who entered their students this year: Ioulia Brechun, Claudia Cashin-Mack, Catherine Donkin, Alexandra Golod, Zhanna Gumenyuk, Donna Klimoska, Carole Marsal, Dina Namer, Heather Norian, Dr. Chunson Park, Lauren Richardson, Anita Schlarb and Sandra Webster.

Class	Placement	Student	Teacher
Zone Instrumental	First	Emily Hou	Claudia Cashin-Mack
	Second	Charlie Wang	Chunson Park
	Third	Serena Knight	Chunson Park
Zone Vocal	First	Jill Naufal	Lauren Richardson
	Second	Lauren Halasz	Donna Klimoska
Provincial Instrumental	First	Haotian Yu	Chunson Park
	Second	Kevin Yang	Heather Norian
	Third	Vivian Chen	Sandra Webster
Young Artist	First	Alden Chen	Chunson Park
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Special Scholarships - Voca	I		
Olive Hindle Memorial (First Place Zone Vocal)		Jill Naufal	Lauren Richardson
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	rirst Place Zone)	Jill Naufal	Lauren Richardson

l would teach children music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning ~ Plato

#### **Competitions Photo Gallery**

#### **Young Artist**



Winner Alden Chen and his teacher Chunson Park

#### **Zone Instrumental**



Kimberley Sundell, Charlie Wang (2<sup>nd</sup>), Emily Hou (1<sup>st</sup>), Serena Knight (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Chris Foley

#### **Provincial Instrumental**



Wanda Procyshyn, Kevin Yang (2<sup>nd</sup>), Haotian Yu (1<sup>st</sup>), Vivian Chen (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Chris Foley

#### **Zone Vocal**



Jill Naufal (1<sup>st</sup>), Grace Meagher (Most Promising), Lauren Halasz (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Wanda Procyshyn

#### Competitions Gala

by Jennie Smith, Convenor



The Competitions Gala took place on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ottawa Mennonite Church. We did run into a little trouble that weekend with other events that the students were already committed to. In the end we did have six winners from the Competitions weekend each performing two selections and the evening was a success.

The performers entertained the audience with beautiful music and it was a lovely evening of fine performances. We completed our evening with a reception. Many thanks go out to Lauzon who supplied the concert grand piano for the recital, Kimberley Sundell who put together the program, and Susan Blyth-Schofield who helped set up and was "on the door". Thank you!!

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by Sue Jones, Editor

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Dr. Elaine Keillor, Distinguished Research Professor Emerita, Carleton University, 2014

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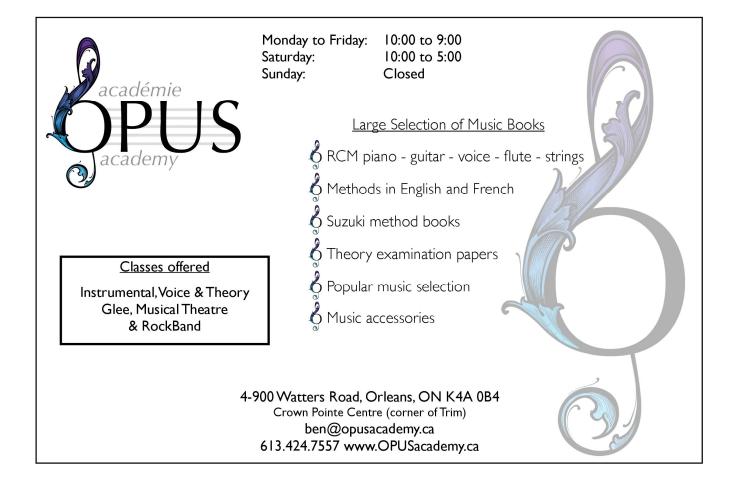
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