



President's Message

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Executive Committee	2	We are happy to be introducing ORMTA through another presentation to the Home Schooling Association late in October. Thanks to Joy Hodgkinson for the idea. Ann Babin and Debra Grass will represent us once again and I thank them for their time.
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University of Ottawa Piano Lab Tour	6	The Piano Lab tour took place on October 16 th . Thanks to Katarina Jovic for organizing and to Gilles Comeau and his team for offering our group this wonderful opportunity to learn about the unique program that continues its development at the University of Ottawa. See Katarina's report on page 6.
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Variety Show	7	There are busy days ahead, for the Ottawa Region Branch! Please take note that the Variety Show has been moved up to November and along with Canada Music Week, will make this a very busy month for us. Do continue to check the back page of your ORBit for our exciting events and their application deadlines!
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