



President's Message

by Tania Granata

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Happy September to all! It's almost impossible to believe that it's been a year since I took over as your President....what a difference a year makes?!? I am using that form of punctuation because in a way I feel more confident in my role after a year behind me but I'm also learning each and every day what needs to be done, how to move ahead and keep with these fast moving times. I appreciate all the lovely feedback I received from many of you. We are most definitely a team even though geographically we are one of the largest branches in Ontario. I hope you continue to feel open and comfortable enough to keep those communication lines open and please don't hesitate to contact me about anything good or bad!

It was a busy summer and as I write this I'm still in denial that it will soon be coming to an end but at the same time I realize that new adventures await us all! Did you take in all the musical offerings that our city has to offer over the summer months? We live in a city with an abundance of music related themes to make everyone happy: Jazzfest, Bluesfest, Chamberfest, Folkfest, the NAC Summer Series and the list goes on!

Sadly we said goodbye to longtime ORMTA member Adela Contreras who passed away at the end of July. I had the chance to spend some time with her last summer and her stories will live on for years to come. Unfortunately in mid-August we also lost former ORMTA member Corinne Baxter who was a member from 1990 to 2013 and served on Council for some of that time. As with life, with loss there also is new "life" and I would like to welcome three new members to our branch: Meg Iwaskow, Paula Lin and Hong Shen. You are joining a wonderful network of professionals and I'm sure you will see the benefits of joining our organization. I look forward to meeting you at our September Coffee Meeting. All members are invited to attend the meeting on Monday, September 8th at 9:30 am at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Orleans. Coffee and tea will be ready for 9:15.

I would like to welcome the new 2014-2015 Executive and Council and look forward to another amazing year working alongside all of you. There are some exciting things in store for the branch this teaching year. We are collaborating with the Ottawa New Music Creators for a composer's workshop in October. You should have received an email about this; it will be an exciting merge for a similar cause: promoting Canadian repertoire composed by Canadian composers! For those of you who are interested, you may attend any of our monthly council meetings, which are held typically on the first Monday of each month. Contact me for details should you wish to attend. I still have a good bunch of the blue "rack cards" that we created last year for advertising your studios and if you would like to have some please contact me and we can make arrangements to get them to you.

Best of luck as you begin your teaching! Musically yours,

Tania

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General Meeting and Potluck Breakfast

Monday, September 8, 2014

Resurrection Lutheran Church
1325 Gaultois Avenue, Orleans

9:15 am Coffee, tea and juice
9:30 am Meeting

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For more information, contact Jennie Smith
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Information Sharing Session

Monday, September 29, 2014

9:30 to 11:30 am

at the studio of Diana McCarthy

1309 Chattaway Avenue

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Send submissions by e-mail to:
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Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

by Tania Granata

Friday, May 30th marked another wonderful Annual General Meeting and Luncheon for our branch. Thanks to Jennie Smith for organizing this and making it run so smoothly. Thanks as well to the Cedarhill Golf and Country Club for a beautiful spring setting and delicious food. We welcomed in our new proposed council and said some goodbyes to our former council. I really appreciate all the work that everyone continues to put into keeping our branch running. Council members read their reports and gave a few tidbits of information of things that may be coming up next teaching year. We honoured our OCTA recipient, Ann Babin, and heard

some stories about the journey that led her and her family to Ottawa and thus into the ORMTA family. Once the meeting was done, we enjoyed lunch where guests could also browse the used music sale as well as view the CDs and DVDs that Sherry Lu brought for people to borrow should they wish.

Once our meal was done we were spoiled with entertainment from Mary Muckle (Celtic harp) and Virginia Dunsby (flute) who performed selections from Jared Denhard's King Arthur and Canterbury Suites.



Mary Muckle (harp) and Virginia Dunsby (flute)



OCTA recipient Ann Babin and President Tania Granata



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You can view it on my web-site located at www.billgerowpianoservice.com under the FOR SALE section. My telephone number is (613) 829-4666.

OH! CANADA! Convention 2014

by Tania Granata, Zone Representative

The weekend of July 26th and 27th marked the Provincial Convention "OH, CANADA!" in Toronto at the Westin Prince Hotel. It was a magnificent weekend of master-classes, competitions for both piano and voice, guest speakers, guest performers, honouring our colleagues at the Awards luncheon, a gala banquet, business meetings, pedagogy town hall, shopping, networking... and so much more! Huge congratulations go out to Co-Chairs Sue Jones and Charline Farrell, Frank Horvat and Provincial Council for putting on such an amazing convention. Your hard work and attention to detail was definitely noticed!

Thanks as well to Amy Boyes for her work on the convention programmes. It was nice to see Ottawa represented by such a high teacher turnout.

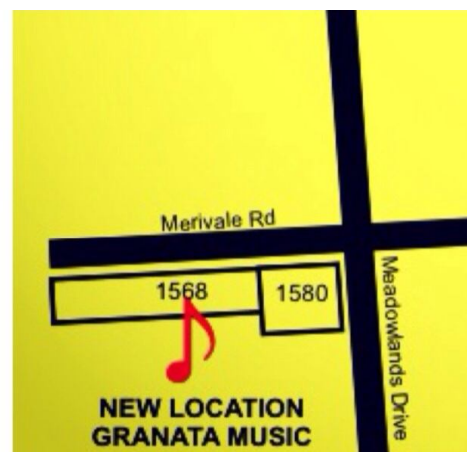
I must also congratulate the Provincial Zone Instrumental Winner, Haotian Yu, student of Dr. Chunson Park as well as Young Artist Runner Up, Alden Chen, student also of Dr. Chunson Park. The performances were absolutely outstanding! See pg. 10 for photos.

Check out the provincial website for more information and pictures from the convention! www.ormta.org



Ottawa Region Branch members at the Awards Luncheon

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Important Information Concerning the *ORBit*

by Sue Jones, Editor

Our branch newsletter, the *ORBit*, is our primary method of contacting all our members within our branch. The costs of production and postage, however, are ever increasing and we continue to try to find ways to keep our members informed in an efficient and cost-effective way.

Starting with the December/January issue of the *ORBit*, there will be a significant change as to how the *ORBit* is mailed to our members.

If you do not have an e-mail address, you will continue to receive the *ORBit* by Canada Post.

If you do have an email address, you will be e-mailed a link to the online version of the *ORBit* and will no longer *automatically* receive a print copy by mail.

However, if you would like to continue to receive the *ORBit* by Canada Post, all you have to do is inform me at L.Susan.Jones@gmail.com and your name will be added to the mailing list. We want you to continue to be informed, so if you really aren't going to read the *ORBit* online, we are more than happy to mail it to you. There will be no charge to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at either 613-523-5317 or L.Susan.Jones@gmail.com

The latest issue of the *ORBit* and an archive of previous issues can be found on our branch website - www.ormtaottawa.ca

NOTE: Every member of the Ottawa Region Branch is being mailed the September issue to ensure everyone is informed of this change.

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Following are our branch policies for making announcements to the general membership as well as advertising.

E-Mail

- Advertising, promoting and reminders of ORMTA events only, including ORMTA surveys, information from the Province and events where we have a reciprocal arrangement: i.e., Carleton master classes
- Death announcements
- Employment opportunities for our members.

All other requests will be sent to the *ORBit* editor to give them the opportunity to advertise in the *ORBit*.

ORBit

There is **no charge** for the following:

- Advertising, promoting and reminders of ORMTA events and events where we have a reciprocal advertising arrangement (e.g., Carleton master classes, concert advertising)

- Members' Corner – congratulations (births, birthdays, gold and silver medal winning students, students with first class honours with distinction – gr. 10 and above, special accomplishments), get well wishes, death announcements

- Upcoming Concerts - advertising for members' concerts. The public must be able to attend. Basic information only (name of concert, venue, time, ticket prices, contact information)
- NEW - Summer Music Camps – advertising in the June issue. Basic information only.

There is a **fee** for the following, with discounts being given to ORMTA members and for repeat advertising:

- Members' concert/recital advertising (containing more detailed information than that in the Upcoming Concerts column)
- Selling instruments, music
- Advertising a non-ORMTA event
- Advertising a business

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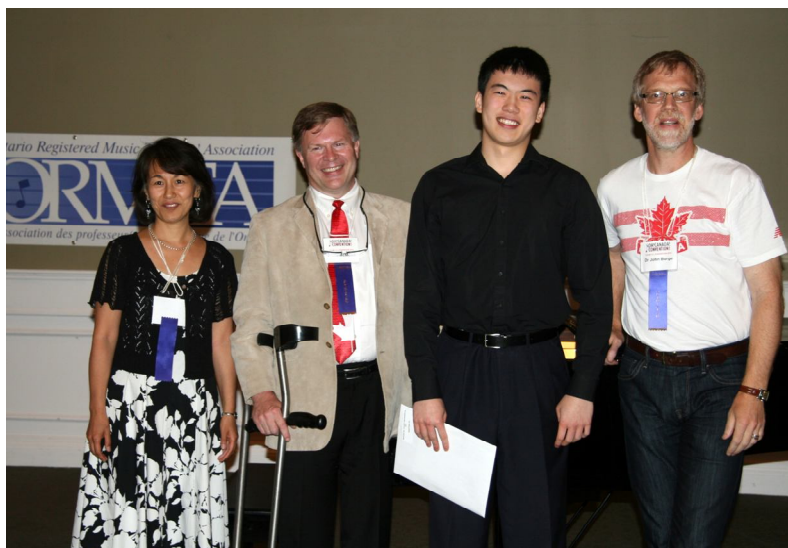
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Provincial and Young Artist Competitions Finals Congratulations to our Ottawa Region Branch Competitors!

Haotian Yu placed first in the Provincial Instrumental Competition and **Alden Chen** was Runner-Up in the Young Artist Competition. Both of these talented young men are the students of ORB member Dr. Chunson Park. Well done!

The Competitions were held at the provincial convention at the Westin Prince Hotel in Toronto in July. A complete list of winners can be found on the provincial website www.ormta.org and in the fall issue of *Notes*.



Dr. Midori Koga, Kevin McMillan, Haotian Yu, Dr. John Burge



Kevin McMillan, Alden Chen, Dr. John Burge, Dr. Midori Koga

♪ Upcoming Concerts ♪

(listed by date)

Sat. Sept. 13 – 7:00 pm. *Beethoven's Complete Sonatas for Cello and Piano.* Cellist Paul Marley, pianist Mauro Bertoli. Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave. (Bank & Rideau canal). Tickets: \$30 Adults, \$10 Students, Free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Info: 613-261-4623. See ad on Page 8 for more information.

Sat. Nov. 15 – 7:30 pm and

Sat. Nov. 16 – 2:30 pm *Mozart's Masonic Journey: The Mysteries of the Magic Flute.* Featuring Misty Banyard in the role of the Queen of the Night. The opera tells the story of the journey towards enlightenment and understanding. This production will present only the musical numbers. In place of dialogue there will be scripted narration charting the steps of that journey in terms of Freemasonry, delivered by a 33rd Mason. St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church, 2345 Alta Vista Drive. Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$15 Students/Seniors also available through www.eventbrite.com
Contact: mistybanyardstudio@rogers.com.

Mon. Nov. 17 – 8:00 pm. *Remembrance* featuring *Blue on Blue: Unthinkable Distance, Unspeakable Horror* by Kelly-Marie Murphy. Richard Margison, tenor. Southam Hall, National Arts Centre. Information/Tickets: 613-231-7802 X200, ticket@ottawasymphony.com

Sat. Nov. 29 – 7:30 pm. Carleton University Choir Concert featuring Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Centretown United Church, 507 Bank Street. Tickets: \$20 Adults/\$15 Seniors/\$10 Students. Contact: 613-520-5770 www.carleton.ca/music/choir

Sat. Nov. 29 – 7:30 pm. Serbian Women's Choir presents *Serbian choral music* for the first time in Ottawa. Director: Katarina Jovic. Woodroffe United Church, 207 Woodroffe Avenue. Contact: Katarinamusic@sympatico.ca

Sat. Dec. 6 – 3:00 pm. *Cantiamo Girls Choir Christmas Concert.* Director: Jackie Hawley. Accompanist: Laura Hawley. Dominion-Chalmers United Church, 355 Cooper Street. Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$10 Seniors/Students/ Alumni, \$35 Family. Contact: info@cantiamogirlschoir.ca

Sat. Dec. 6 – 7:30 pm. *Gloria!* Carols for the Christmas season with the choirs of St. John the Evangelist Church, Woodroffe United Church and the Strings of St. John's. Conductors: Gordon Johnston and Katarina Jovic. Woodroffe United, 207 Woodroffe Ave. Tickets: \$20 Adults (\$17 advance), \$15 Seniors/Students. Contact: 613-232-4500 or info@stringsofstjohns.ca

Sat. Dec. 14 – 2:00 pm. *Gloria!* All information is the same as Dec. 6 concert above, but venue is St. John the Evangelist Church, Elgin St. at Somerset W.

Members' Corner

Welcome to New Members ...

- **Meg Iwaskow** (Active: piano, rudiments)
- **Paula Lin** (Active: piano, theory)
- **Hong Shen** (Active: piano)

Congratulations to ...

- **Anne Graham**, who was awarded Honorary Life Membership for 50 years of ORMTA membership
- **Sandy Menard**, who became a first-time grandmother in August.
- **Hoda Nassim**, who became a grandmother for the third time in July.

Get Well Wishes to ...

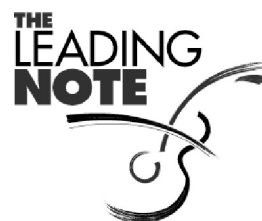
- **Andrea Cochrane**, who is recovering from a broken foot.
- **Anne Graham**, who is recovering from a heart attack in June.
- **Edith Orton**, who is recovering from a fall.

Condolences to ...

- The friends and family of former long-time member **Corrine Baxter**, who passed away in August.
- The friends and family of **Adela Contreras**, who passed away in July.
- **Edith Orton**, whose brother passed away in July.

Do you know someone who deserves a congratulatory note, condolences or get well wishes? Have your students received a gold or silver medal or achieved First Class Honours with Distinction on their exams (Gr. 10 and up), or other notable accomplishments?

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If you do not use a computer, please inform Tania of any changes you have to your contact information.

Upcoming ORMTA Events 2014 (September – December)

September

- 8** **General Meeting and Pot-Luck Breakfast.** Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1525 Gaultois Avenue, Orleans. 9:15 am coffee/tea/juice. 9:30 am meeting. See **page 3** for more information.
- 10** **Submission Deadline for October ORBit.** Contact: Sue Jones at L.Susan.Jones@gmail.com or 613-523-5317.
- 29** **Information Sharing Session.** Kiwanis Music Festival Piano Selection Committee. Home of Diana McCarthy, 1309 Chattaway Avenue. Contact: Paulette Price for details pauletteprice@rogers.com

October

- 10** **Submission Deadline for November ORBit.** Contact: Sue Jones at L.Susan.Jones@gmail.com or 613-523-5317.
- 26 ***** **POSSIBLE date for the Young Artist Recital.** 2:00 pm. Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa. Contact: Susan Blyth-Schofield for details at sblythschofield@rogers.com or 613-226-4950.
- 31** **Application Deadline for the Canada Music Week Auditions.** Contact: Tania Granata at taniag5@sympatico.ca Applications will be available on the ORMTA Ottawa website.

November

- 2 ***** **POSSIBLE date for the Young Artist Recital.** 2:00 pm. Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa. Contact: Susan Blyth-Schofield for details at sblythschofield@rogers.com or 613-226-4950.
- 9** **Canada Music Week Auditions.** Time TBD. Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd. Contact: Tania Granata at taniag5@sympatico.ca
- 10** **Information Sharing Session.** 9:30 am. Home of Paulette Price, 13 Lismer Cres. Contact: Paulette Price at pauletteprice@rogers.com
- 10** **Submission Deadline for December/January ORBit.** Contact: Sue Jones at 613-523-5317 or L.Susan.Jones@gmail.com
- 23** **Canada Music Week Recital.** Time TBD. Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd. Contact: Tania Granata at taniag5@sympatico.ca

December

- 12** **Application Deadline for First Class Honours Recitals.** Contact: Pam Kennedy at pamkennedy@rogers.com for details.