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President's Message

By Amy Boyes

Greetings,

I hope that the first month back to teaching was an enjoyable one! I took the advice of good friend and colleague, Danielle McIntyre, and booked a recital for the second week of October. When I announced this unexpectedly early recital, a few students looked shocked, but more seemed happy that their summer practice would pay off so quickly!

It is good to get back into the swing of things, and ORMTA has an exciting lineup of events to look forward to. Flip to the Calendar of Events or visit www.ormtaottawa.ca/events for full details.

During our General Meeting on September 11th, council members shared their plans for the upcoming year. For students, we will be hosting three recitals, two master classes, Competitions, and participation in NAC's pre-concert activities. For teachers there will be two Information Sharing Sessions and the Provincial Convention—filled with master classes, workshops, and professional development opportunities. Minutes from the September Meeting were emailed September 15th, and I'm happy to mail a copy to anyone without email.

This year, Halloween isn't just a day for spooks and candy—it's also the deadline to apply to audition for the Canada Music Week Recital, held November 19th at City View United Church. Canada Music Week has been held annually since instituted by the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers' Association (CFMTA) in 1960. Consider having your students perform in Ottawa's contribution to this nation-wide event!

Also, check the calendar for information regarding the next Information Sharing Session and a Piano Master Class with Prof. David Jalbert, both in November.

Since September, we are delighted to welcome to our branch new members, Michelle Kinsella and Deborah Protsack, and offer best wishes to council member, Tania Granata, on her marriage. Congratulations Jason and Tania!

In closing, I wish you an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends. Josh and I look forward to my parents visiting from Manitoba, and, as often happens, I'll likely play for them, or my mom and I will rip through some duets together. The best of any holiday—music and family, together!

Happy Thanksgiving and happy teaching,
Amy Boyes



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September General Meeting

By Amy Boyes, President



Approximately thirty teachers attended the September General Meeting held at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Monday, September 11th. Thanks to all who attended! The September Meeting is a fantastic opportunity to meet, reconnect with colleagues and learn about council members' plans for the upcoming season.

Also, special guest Jennifer Messer from Steinway Piano Gallery explained Steinway's teacher benefits and Sophie Reussner-Pazur from the National Arts Centre gave details about the upcoming season of Tunetown Family Concerts. Watch for details throughout the year from Olivia Riddell regarding ORMTA's participation in pre-concert activities for Tunetown.



Many thanks to Jennie Smith who set up the used music, available for a free will donation to the ORMTA Scholarship Fund. There were many wonderful finds and I know my studio will benefit from the armload of books that I carried away!

Also many thanks to Social Convenor Susan Blyth-Schofield for setting up and tearing down the meeting space!

Minutes from the meeting were emailed on September 15th. Please let me know if you did not receive them and would like to. I will be happy to send you a copy.



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Members' Corner

Welcome to New Members:

Micheline Kinsella—Violin

Deborah Protsack—Piano

Congratulations to:

Tania Granata on her marriage to Jason Mombourquette

Do you know an ORMTA member who deserves a congratulatory note, condolences or get well wishes? Please forward details to: kmaryhoward@primus.ca

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Upcoming Event

Information Sharing Session Monday, November 13th, 2017

9:30 to 11:30a.m. at the house of Paulette Price, 13 Lismer Crescent, Kanata
Topic: Performance Skills, and Building Self Confidence through Performance

A successful performance, even for an audience of one, takes a good deal of practice and preparation. If all goes well, confidence grows. This session will be a discussion of what goes on behind the scenes: the planning, the choices, some of the psychology that is involved in ensuring, as best we can, a successful outcome for our students.

Here are some possible discussion points. Think about what you want to discuss, as there will be no "leader" to point the way.

- Success for all. Is it possible?
- Setting appropriate goals for (and with) students.
- Repertoire choices can make a difference!
- Time flies! Helping students to manage their readiness.
- What does "ready" mean?
- Once ready, how do you keep things fresh?
- Using technology to help.
- Keeping a healthy perspective.
- Lending support at performance venues.

Email Paulette at pauletteprice@rogers.com to reserve your spot, or phone at 613-592-6686. If you are interested in bringing a snack for coffee time, please let Paulette know one week prior to the session.

Upcoming Event

First Class Honours Auditions and Recitals by Meg Iwaskow, Convenor

Students of ORMTA members who have received a First Class Honours/First Class Honours With Distinction standing (80% or higher) in any of the 2017 examination sessions are invited to apply to audition for this wonderful event. It is open to students who have completed Grade 2 and above. Application forms and detailed information can be found online at www.ormtaottawa.ca under the EVENTS link or you can contact me at megiwaskow@gmail.com

Application Deadline: Friday December 15, 2017

Auditions: Sunday January 14, 2018 at Ottawa Pianos 1412 Bank Street , 1-5 pm

Recitals: Sunday February 4, 2018 at City View United Church 6 Epworth Avenue. Times: TBD



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Looking forward to connecting,

Amy Boyes (Website)

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31 Application deadline: Canada Music Week Recital ormtaottawa.ca/Canada-music-week

November 2017

1 Application deadline: University Piano Master Class ormtaottawa.ca/university-masterclass

12 Canada Music Week Recital Auditions 1:00—4:00 p.m. City View United Church Contact Tania Granata taniag5@sympatico.ca

13 Information Sharing Session 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the home of Paulette Price, 13 Lismer Crescent, Kanata, ON. Topic: Performance Skills ormtaottawa.ca/information-sharing-sessions

19 University Piano Master Class with Prof. David Jalbert. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Freiman Hall, Pérez Building, University of Ottawa. Contact Katarina Jovic katarinamusic@sympatico.ca

19 Canada Music Week Recital 4:00 p.m. City View United Church. Contact Tania Granata taniag5@sympatico.ca

December 2017

15 Application deadlines:

First Class Honours Scholarships ormtaottawa.ca/first-class-honours-scholarships

First Class Honours Recital ormtaottawa.ca/first-class-honours-recital

Ensemble Concert ormtaottawa.ca/ensemble-concert

January 2018

8 General Meeting. Details TBA.

14 First Class Honours Recital Auditions 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Ottawa Pianos, 1412 Bank St, Ottawa, ON. Contact Meg Iwaskow megiwaskow@gmail.com

February 2018

4 First Class Honours Recital Times TBA. City View United Church, 6 Epworth Ave, Ottawa, ON. Contact Meg Iwaskow megiwaskow@gmail.com

10 Ensemble Concert Auditions 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (specific time will be sent to teacher). Ottawa Pianos, 1412 Bank St, Ottawa, ON. Contact Danielle McIntyre jersakpiano@gmail.com

24 Ensemble Concert 3:30 p.m. Ottawa Pianos, 1412 Bank St, Ottawa, ON. Contact Danielle McIntyre jersakpiano@gmail.com

April 2018

27 Junior Piano Master Class Application Deadline ormtaottawa.ca/junior-piano-masterclass
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May 2018

5 - 6 Competitions Location TBD. Adjudicators: Dr. Elaine Keillor (instrumental) and Bruce Kelly (voice).
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27 Junior Piano Master Class. Ottawa Pianos, 1412 Bank St, Ottawa, ON. Contact Kimberley Sundell sundellpianostudio@gmail.com

July 2018

27 - 29 Provincial Convention Infinity Convention Centre, 2901 Gibford Dr., Ottawa ON. Hosted by Ottawa Region Branch. Visit ormta.org/convention2018 for more information. Contact Amy Boyes amyboyespianostudio@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.



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