



President's Message

by Sandra Menard

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It is the time of year where the energy levels increase for all of us! Our studios are going into overdrive. Students are putting in extra time at home (we hope!) in preparation for exams and recitals and we are helping them with finishing touches and heaps of encouragement. Best wishes to you and to your students as we all push to the finish line!

I extend a warm welcome to our two newest ORB members! Daniel Hammill teaches piano and rudiments in the west end and Virginia Thurston teaches piano in Bells Corners.

The Ottawa Region Branch has seen an incredibly busy year. I hope you all had an opportunity to participate in one way or another. We have recently come through another very successful round of ORMTA competitions. What an exciting way to spend a weekend, listening to such amazing, polished performances! Congratulations to all participating teachers and students! Results have been posted on the ORMTA website and also on page 7. We look forward to cheering on Ryan Hum, student of Galina Shostakovsky, at the Provincial Instrumental competition in Burlington this July. Competitions weekend would not be the success it is without the many helping hands to shape it. A great big thanks to Sue Jones and her volunteers for your commitment and the many hours of your time! We were so fortunate to have the expertise and adjudication of Jean McPhail and our own Jenny Regehr this year!

Thanks also, to Jennie Smith and Sue Jones for putting together an amazing collection of talent from the competitions into the Competitions Gala. It was a fantastic way to showcase our winning students and they did not disappoint!

Last week we had our AGM. It was a delight to see so many of you there. Big thanks to Jennie Smith for organizing the day so successfully for us. We honoured Charlotte Stewart, our gracious and well-deserving Special Teacher for 2012. We also took a moment to congratulate Sue Jones on her upcoming term as Provincial President. We are all so proud of you, Sue and look forward to your proficient leadership in the next few years! At lunch, we also welcomed our guests Peggy and James Brough and saluted Peggy on her unwavering commitment to the Kiwanis Music Festival, in which many of our students take part. Congratulations to Edith Orton and Debra Grass for winning the two passes for the Music and Beyond Festival!!! See page 11 for more.

Ottawa has so much music to offer us this summer... Festivals and concerts abound at an amazingly low cost. Which ones will you take advantage of?

Happy and safe summer to you all!

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Adult Students' Recital 2012

by Carol Ann Wood, Convenor

The Adult Students' Recital was held on Saturday, March 24 at 3:00 pm in the beautiful sanctuary of the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Orleans. A reception followed the recital in the Fellowship Hall.

There were nine performers representing seven ORMTA teachers: Betty Jo Barker, Ioulia Blinova, Betty Harris, Margaret McPherson, Heather Norian, Chunson Park and Carol Wood. Many thanks go to our Ottawa Region Branch teachers who encouraged their adult students to take part in the recital.

A very supportive audience of over 25 was in attendance, including the performers. Audience members were made of family, friends, peers, and ORMTA teachers.

Performers were given the opportunity to use the learning strategy techniques acquired in the March 3rd Workshop and Master Class which was given by clinician Frances Balodis. Frances, who was unable to attend the Recital, sent a message to the performers for a successful concert. And it was a successful concert! Both teachers and students alike were very appreciative of Frances' musical and communicative ideas.

Volunteers who helped behind the scenes at the Recital included my vocal students and my husband Terry Wood.

Plans for the 2013 Adult Students' Workshop/ Master Class/Recital are already underway.



Adult students, their teachers and clinician Carol Wood

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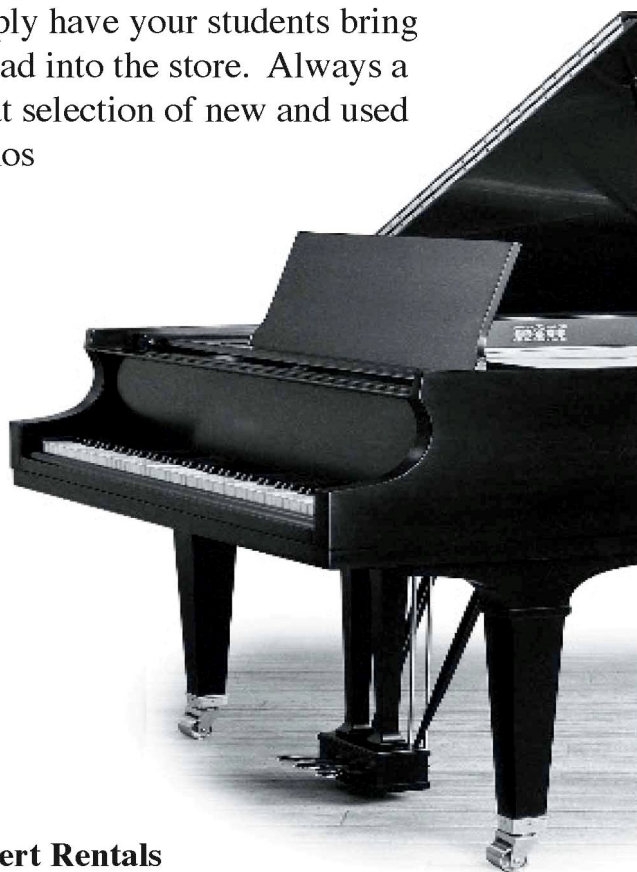
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ORMTA Presentation to the Association for Bright Children (ABC)

by Debra Grass

On April 14th, members of the ORMTA executive delivered a presentation to the Association for Bright Children at St Paul's High School. ABC is a group of parents that advocates for gifted children in Ontario. The Ottawa branch provides enrichment courses for children ages 6 to 14 on Saturday mornings in a program they call "Take-Off".

ABC schedules informative presentations for the parents of children attending courses. They were happy to include ORMTA in their spring schedule. This is a group of parents committed to providing added education for their children and as such they are a key part of the demographic group that would have an interest in private music lessons.

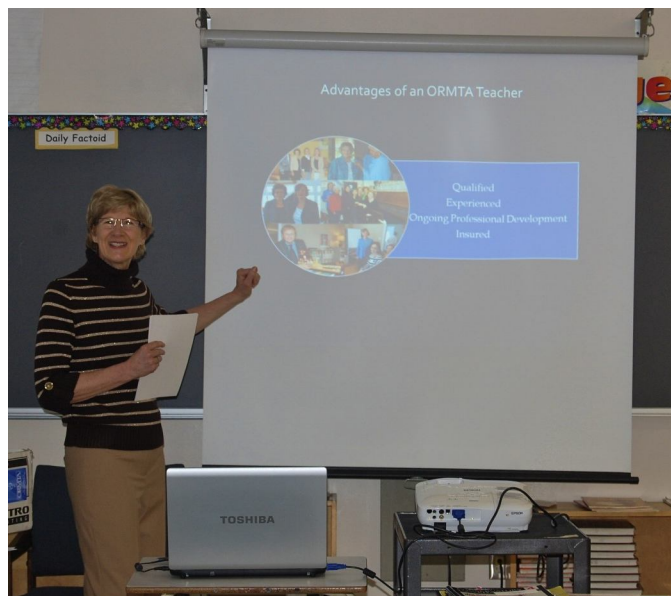
The ORMTA presentation was prepared in advance by Sandra Menard, Ann Babin and Debra Grass. The goal was to increase awareness of ORMTA in the parent community and to position ORMTA teachers as qualified experts. Topics included:

What is ORMTA? What is a Registered Music teacher? Why Music Instruction? Is your child ready? Are you ready? Finding a teacher. Is there a standard music curriculum? The Advantages of an ORMTA Teacher. Recent ORMTA successes.

Powerpoint slides were prepared as a guideline but were deliberately concise in order to allow a more casual verbal delivery of the details. Ann Babin warmly and professionally delivered the presentation to an audience of attentive parents. Time was left at the end for questions.

There was a strong interest in hearing any tips we could provide and parent response was very positive. Parents were directed to the ORMTA website and ORMTA brochures and pamphlets were available.

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Competitions

by Sue Jones, Convenor

Our annual Student Competitions were held on May 5 and 6 in Freiman Hall at the University of Ottawa with adjudicators Jennie Regehr (Instrumental) and Jean MacPhail (Vocal).

Congratulations to the following teachers who submitted students: Misty Banyard, Alexandra Golod, Zhanna Gumenyuk, Kuan-Chih Hsu, Katarina Jovic, Pam Kennedy, Donna Klimoska, Diana McCarthy, Mary Muckle, Gloria Jean Nagy, Heather Norian, Chunson Park, Nicole Presentey, Paulette Price, Lauren Richardson, Anita

Schlarb, Galina Shostakovsky, Margit Viia-Maiste and Sandra Webster.

Bravo also to the 32 students who participated!

Many thanks to Ann Babin, Misty Banyard, Pam Kennedy, Sandy Menard, Jennie Smith and Carol Wood who generously volunteered their time throughout the weekend.

Please see page 13 for a list of all of our sponsors.

Ottawa Region Branch Student Competitions Results - 2012

| <i>Class</i> | <i>Placement</i> | <i>Student</i> | <i>Teacher</i> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Zone Instrumental</i> | First | Kevin Yang | Heather Norian |
| | Second | Catherine Beaudin | Margit Viia-Maiste |
| | Third | Alden Chen | Chunson Park |
| | Third | Kevin Jin | Zhanna Gumenyuk |
| | Third | Jennifer Wang | Alexandra Golod |
| <i>Zone Vocal</i> | First | Mikaela Bennett | Lauren Richardson |
| | Second | Ariane Bell Vila | Misty Banyard |
| | Third | Adriana Godoy-Smirnova | Lauren Richardson |
| | Third | Zola Magwood | Lauren Richardson |
| | Third | Katherine Sorrell-Kirkpatrick | Lauren Richardson |
| <i>Provincial Instrumental</i> | First | Ryan Hum | Galina Shostakovsky |
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| | Third | Marianne Lin | Mary Muckle |
| | Third | Kendall Wen | Sandra Webster |
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| Elsie Melson Memorial (to First Place) | | Kevin Yang | Heather Norian |
| Douglas Voice Memorial (Best Sonata) | | Ryan Hum | Galina Shostakovsky |
| <i>Special Scholarships - Vocal</i> | | | |
| Olive Hindle Memorial (to First Place) | | Mikaela Bennett | Lauren Richardson |
| Marr Memorial (best Aria) | | Mikaela Bennett | Lauren Richardson |
| Elsie Melson Memorial (to First Place) | | Mikaela Bennett | Lauren Richardson |
| Irene and James Nagy Memorial (Most Promising) | | Mikaela Bennett | Lauren Richardson |

Competitions 2012



Ken Lauzon, Jennie Regher and Zone Instrumental winners



Jean MacPhail and Zone Vocal winners



Jennie Regehr, Jean MacPhail and Provincial Instrumental winners

Competitions Gala



Gala participants (see story on page 14)

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Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

by Sandra Menard

Our Annual General Meeting and luncheon was held at the Cedarhill Golf and Country Club on Friday, May 25. Many thanks to Social Convenor Jennie Smith who, once again, did an amazing job of organizing it all.

Susan Blyth-Schofield presented our Special Teacher, Charlotte Stewart, with a corsage and a commemorative iceberg. Susan also presented Charlotte with a lovely speech and Charlotte, in turn, thanked ORMTA and said that we were “special teachers, all”. Sue Jones, our soon-to-be Provincial President, was

surprised with a presentation and a photo album of ORMTA memories to congratulate her.

Special guests at our luncheon were Jim and Peggy Brough. Peggy has been a long-time volunteer for the Kiwanis Music Festival and is retiring. Entertainment at the luncheon was provided by *Pavana*, featuring ORMTA member Marcia Phillips on recorder and Joanna Griffin on harp. As a surprise, they were joined by our own Christine Jenkins for a song.

It was a refreshing way to spend the day.



Susan Blyth-Schofield and Charlotte Stewart



Ann Empey, Sandra Menard, Sue Jones and Tania Granata



Jim and Peggy Brough

Competitions Gala

by Jennie Smith, Convenor

The Competitions Gala was held at the Ottawa Mennonite Church on Saturday, May 12th at 7:30 pm. Performing, were students who won or placed at the ORMTA Ottawa Region Branch Competitions that were held the previous weekend at the University of Ottawa.

The Gala was a lovely evening of performances by students of piano, voice and harp. Following the performances, a reception was enjoyed by the participants and attendees. Parents were

very appreciative of the evening and thanked those who were there.

I would like to extend my thanks to Sue Jones, Sandy Menard, Tania Granata and Debra Grass, whose efforts made the Gala evening run smoothly. Also, on behalf of students, teachers and event coordinators, I would like to thank Lauzon Music for the donation of the Steinway concert grand piano for both the Competitions and the Gala. See photo on page 8.



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Spring Carillon Tour

by Kathleen Prochnau

On Tuesday, May 8, several lucky ORMTA members were guests at the noon-hour recital of the Peace Tower Carillon performed by Dominion Carillonneur, Dr. Andrea McCrady.

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- * **Barbara Ross** – who has not been well
- * **Barbara Zuchowicz** – who is recovering from hip surgery

Congratulations to ...

- * **Jennifer Loveless** – who was featured on the CTV show “Regional Contact” in April.
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✓ fill out the form on the back of
this brochure.

While online, be sure to check out
our other workshop offerings, blogs,
E-Sharp Club for teachers, and other
exam information.

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CONSERVATORY CANADA *Cool Keys Camp*



A music camp
for Classical
and Jazz piano
students

Fun with Classical and learn all about Jazz!

As a follow up to the launch of our successful Jazz camp last summer, we invite you to review and expand your knowledge of Jazz and Pop styles while continuing your work on Classical music.

Students will have the freedom to choose between Classical or Jazz activities, and the Camp will be set up so that they can do both!

This summer's camp will be held in:

**Kanata, ON, July 25 - 27, 2012
Fellowship Baptist Church**

Space is limited – we will only have room for 20 students at this camp.

Contact our office for more information regarding the potential for a camp near you!



Cool Keys Camp for Kids is also open to Teachers and Parents who wish to watch their student's in action.

Conservatory Canada™ celebrates teachers and parents. As a teacher, you will be able to audit your student's lessons at no charge. Want to check out the group sessions to see what **Contemporary Idioms** is all about? You can sit in on these as well! As long as you have a participating student, you are welcome to observe sessions and get feedback from the clinicians during breaks, for a minimal daily cost!



Time will be set aside near the end of each day for interested parents to come and review what was learned. If parents wish, they may come for part of the day to participate in the learning with the students.

Materials

American Popular Piano
(Novus Via Music)

Conservatory Canada Repertoire Books
(Mayfair Publishing)

Summer Music Camp for Kids What to Expect

This 3-day event is geared toward **ages 10 - 18** and will focus on the **Contemporary Idioms™** and **Classical Curriculae**

Unsure about improvisation?

We can break that down for you.

Leary of lead sheets?

We can build your confidence.

Excited by modern styles?

We can help you “swing” into action with swing, blues, or rock styles.

In addition to group keyboard work, and ensemble playing, daily private lessons will be offered to work on **Classical** and **Jazz** repertoire. Musical activities, and some outdoor recreation will all be part of the fun!

All the entertainment and learning will culminate in a final public concert in the evening on the last day of camp!

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