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Today's Program

TAMTA is pleased to welcome

Dr. Steve Betts as our presenter for this month's meeting. Dr. Betts is Associate Professor of Music at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. Before moving to Oklahoma, he served on the faculties of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge and Wichita State University, Kansas. His research and articles have been published in *Keyboard Companion*, *The Journal of Research in Music Education*, and *the American Music Teacher*. He is a contributing author to *The Music Tree* piano course, published by Alfred Publishing Co.

His session for us this month is entitled "A to Z: A Potpourri of Tips for the Music Teacher", an eclectic session of 26 ideas and suggestions for more effective and efficient music teaching. Ideas and resources for students of all levels and ages are surveyed in this presentation.



From last month's program, Judy Macha and Karen Harrington assist Melody Bober in her fabulous workshop.



Congratulations to
Marjorie Berman and Carol Peterson
who have finished all the requirements for
OMTA certification.

They have graduated from provisional status to full
certification in piano with OMTA.

We salute your efforts and achievement!



We want to welcome our patron members as our special guests at today's meeting. We are very proud of the continuing relationship between the teachers and our supporting patrons. We're very happy that you are part of our organization!

Oklahoma Foundation Fellow



Our OMTA State Board voted by secret ballot to honor a Foundation Fellow for 2007. A Fellow is established by donating \$1000 in the name of an individual who has made an impact on the music profession through MTNA membership and service, has had an exemplary career that has shaped and inspired others, and who is held in high esteem by his/her peers.

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Please help us reach our goal so we can honor this individual next Spring at our 2007 Collaborative Conference in Toronto. Please, you must designate "***OK Foundation Fellow***" in the memo area of your check or when you make your on-line donation so that your

donation will go toward the Fellow Fund.

To contribute to the Foundation Fund on-line:

- Go to the MTNA Website (www.mtna.org)
- Click on MTNA Foundation
- Fill out the on-line donation form (remember to designate "Oklahoma Foundation Fellow")
- Click on the submit form.

You may make a donation by mail. Please address your donation to: MTNA Foundation

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On National Certification



Q. What does being "Nationally Certified" mean?

A. National Certification validates the standards that define what a competent music teacher should know and be able to do. National Certification is not about awarding certificates to only highly qualified music teachers. It is about helping music teachers raise their personal and professional standards through the certification process. Preparing for the proficiency exams as well as the renewal process provide ways to learn and grow. Certification is an attestation that a teacher has met the standards for becoming a professional.

Sandra Pierce, *National Certification Chair*

TAMTA Festival Guidelines



The entry deadline for the TAMTA Festival is **Friday; October 20.**

- Please mail your completed entries to **Kathy Wilson**, 1440 E. 36th Pl., 74105 (747-5937). Kathy suggests the special requests should be limited to a 2-hour time frame, similar to district achievement, and should be made only if necessary due to conflicting events.
- **Melody White**, Hospitality Chair, (459-9812) (easymelodies@aol.com) will take your reservation for lunch if you are planning on working all day. The lunch menu consists of Oriental Sesame Grilled Chicken Salad, dinner roll, carrot cake, and beverage. The cost will be \$12.00. Melody would like to remind you that according to ORU rules, you are not permitted to bring food or beverages to the campus.
- **Jody Naifeh** has stored boxes of music for the music sale. **Susan Loomis** (836-7534) (sueloomis@juno.com) has agreed to price the music and set it up, but she needs help. She will store the music in her garage until the day of the event. If you can help with pricing music, please contact Susan and make arrangements with her. Last year the music sales made \$350 which was used for Sonatina Competition expenses.
- **Farren Mayfield**, Monitor Chair, (299-2698) reminds you that if you are entering students you will need to help with the event. Please clear your calendar for Saturday, November 11, so you will be available. If for some reason you do not have students performing, **you** are still invited to participate.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Festival and are eagerly waiting to receive all your entries! Please remember that the TAMTA Festival is our main fund-raiser for the year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact **Judy Macha** (493-2366).

By - Law Change



Last summer's Task Force and the TAMTA Executive board recommends the following by-laws change:

Article IX - Executive Board (Old)

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of all officer and committee chairs.

Article IX - Executive Board (New)

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Elected Officers, Arrangements, Newsletter, Program, and Workshop Chairs, and the chairs of each student activity.

This change allows members to become committee chairs without the obligation of attending board meetings. This change will be voted on at the November General Meeting.



Referral Forms

If you have not sent in your referral forms yet from the August newsletter, please complete and send directly to Theresa Finck, 4769 S. Boston Avenue, Tulsa, 741-5-4415. If you don't have a copy of the form, you can find it on the TAMTA website tamta.org under "August 2006 Newsletter".

Phone Committee

We would like to extend a special thanks to our phone calling committee:

Linda Nichols, Chairman; Kaye Cole, Jeanne Edwards, Debbie Hansen, Nancy Haswell, Judith Johnson, Ruth Reather, and JoDee Tinkel.

We are so thankful for all you do!

Finance Report

General Fund	\$5, 666.10
TAMTA Scholarship Fund	\$12, 137.80
Gourley Scholarship Fund	\$7, 173.19
Laven Sowell Vocal Award Endowment	\$16, 017.63
Spindler-Lynch Piano Award Endowment	\$10, 760.42

Phillele McBrayer, *Treasurer*



Mark your Calendars!

The East District Conference will be held

November 4th

at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.



Please add to your Rosters:

Kalyn Arndt
kalynzsong@sbcglobal.net

Hannah Clements
hkclem@familynet.net

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of our long-time affiliate member, Grace Berry, who has passed away.



For Inspiration

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "Press On" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race." —*Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, 1923-29*