

Newsletter of the Ottawa Region Branch  
of the Ontario Registered Music  
Teachers' Association  
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## President's Message

by Susan Blyth-Schofield

I hope you and yours all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

I know that if you are reading this, you are reading the ORBit. It is an important way for us to reach the Branch membership, but it is also a way for you to reach out to your colleagues. Our Members' Corner is designed for congratulatory notes, condolences, get well wishes, and the like, and should you have an event to advertise our rates for members are very low.

Another important way for you to stay up-to-date on all things ORMTA – ORB (Ottawa Region Branch) is our website. Information about all of our events is posted there, along with application forms and articles of interest. If you haven't had a look recently, I encourage you to spend a moment browsing it. [www.ormtaottawa.ca](http://www.ormtaottawa.ca)

And don't forget our Facebook page! You can find us easily on Facebook or Messenger by searching @ormtaottawa. This social media outlet is there for you to post onto as well as to help keep you "in the loop".

Our organization could not function without volunteers. From the Executive and Council to everyone who gives of their time to help out at an event – Thank You. We keep a Volunteers List so if you are not on it and would like to be, please email me and I will be happy to sort that out for you.

October saw our first event of the 2019-2020 year. Many thanks to Amy Boyes for the successful professional development session on October 3rd event with Dr. John Burge. You can see her report on page 3.

The application deadline for the Canada Music Week Recital is on October 31<sup>st</sup>, so please send your completed applications and media release forms to Amélie Langlois. Auditions will take place from 1:30 p.m. on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> at Ottawa Pianos, 1412 Bank Street Ottawa, with the concert taking place the following Sunday (November 17<sup>th</sup>) at 3 p.m. at City View United Church, 6 Epworth Ave., Ottawa. More info in the Calendar of Events.

I am happy to announce that the details for the Guided Wine Tasting on December 8<sup>th</sup> are being ironed out. The deadline for registration – and it will be a first come, first served (no pun intended) event – is Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. You can find out more on page 8.

I know it seems a long way away but the application deadline for both First Class Honours Scholarships and the First Class Honours Recital is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Check out the Calendar of Events for more details.

Happy Hallowe'en,  
Susan

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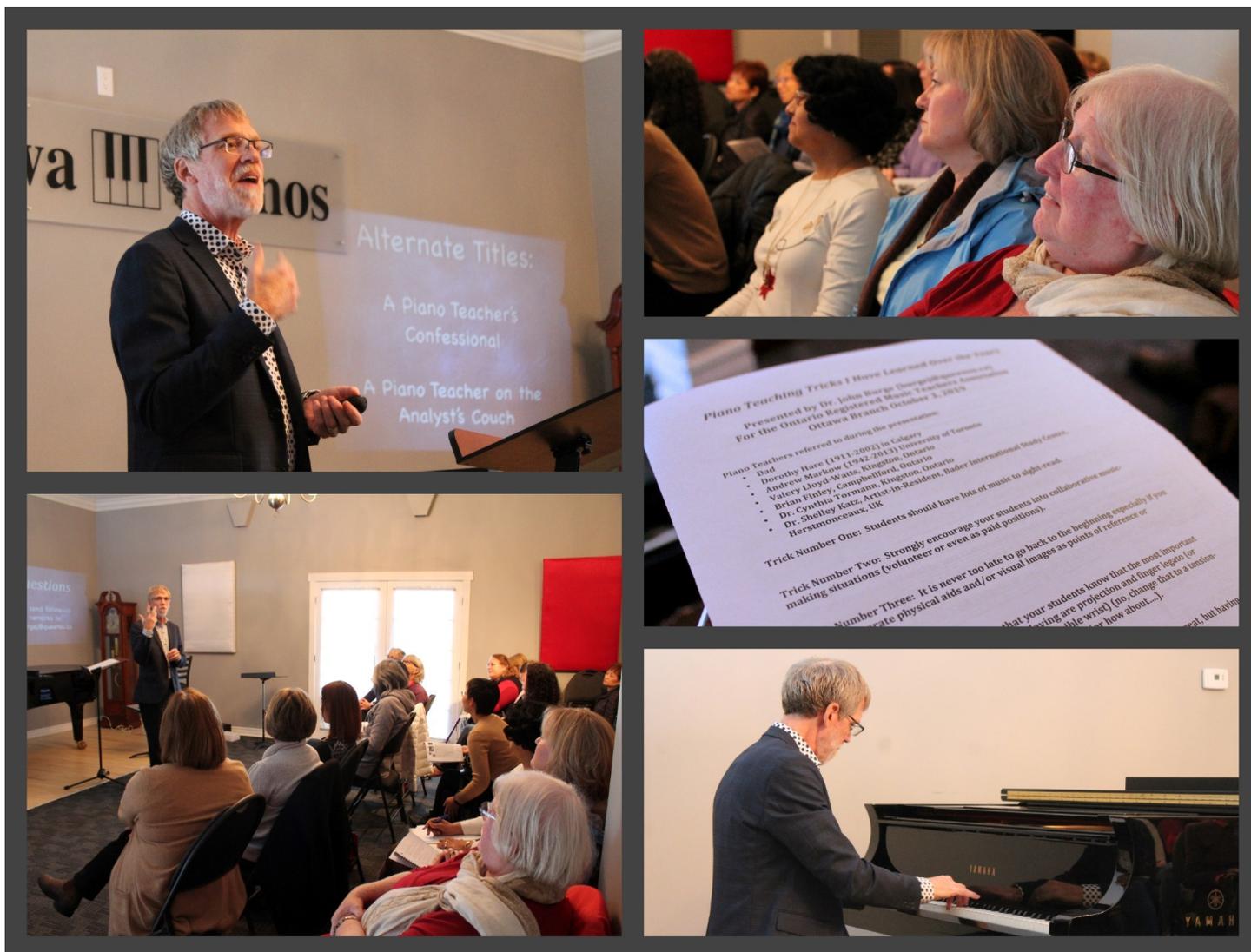
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## Professional Development Workshop with Dr. John Burge, October 3, 2019

by Amy Boyes, Convenor

Dr. John Burge, of Queen's University, gave an engaging chat on Thursday, October 3rd. His topic, "Piano Teaching Tricks I Have Learned Over the Years" was filled with practical advice and stories from the past. Dr. Burge drew on his experiences as a student, as a teacher and as a parent of a student. Twenty-seven members were in attendance and we're grateful to Ottawa Pianos for providing the space. Many thanks to Danielle McIntyre for volunteering at the event.



Photos by Amy Boyes

### What Is Good Music?

Perhaps a rough working test of great music is this—that it bears endless repetition, that it becomes more significant the oftener it is heard, and that it appeals to every sort of mind, and to the musically untutored as well as to the expert. ... The music that everybody, without distinction of age, of sex, of country, can bear to listen to any day and every day, is good music.

-Mr. Ernest Newman, *The Music Lovers' Portfolio*,  
No. 2, Fall 1921

## First Class Honours Auditions and Recital

by Meg Iwaskow, Co-convenor

Level 1 to Associate students who have received a First Class Honours/First Class Honours With Distinction standing (80% or higher) in any of the 2019 examination sessions are invited to audition for this wonderful event. It is open only to students of ORMTA members.

Application form, photo release form and detailed information can be found online at [www.ormtaottawa.ca](http://www.ormtaottawa.ca) under the EVENTS link .

Application Deadline: Sunday December 15, 2019

Auditions: Sunday January 12, 2020 at Ottawa Pianos, 1412 Bank Street Times TBD

Recital: Sunday January 26, 2020 at Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre, 355 Cooper Street Time TBD

## Upcoming Concerts

**“Yuletide Treasures”**, Ottawa Youth Harp Ensemble, Mary Muckle, Director and Virginia Dunsby, Flutist. Kanata North Concert Series. Sunday, December 1, 3:00 p.m., St. John's Anglican Church, 326 Sandhill Rd., Kanata.

*Do you have a concert to tell members about? For concerts involving ORMTA Ottawa members, which are open to the general public, send details to: [kmaryhoward@live.ca](mailto:kmaryhoward@live.ca)*

## Members' Corner

**Condolences** to the family and friends of **Marie-Jeanne Vary**, who passed away in October.

**Welcome** to new members:

**Chao Chen**—piano

**Elena Ilin**— piano

**Su-Jen Lay**— piano, theory

**Larisa Lysenko**— piano

**Ming Hsin Sun**— flute

**Congratulations to:**

**Lorraine Griffiths**, whose student Selena Zou was awarded the Conservatory Canada Medal for Excellence for History Level 6.

**Valentina Kotko**, whose student Anthony Sun was awarded the RCM Gold Medal (Ontario Region) for Level 8 piano.

**Serhii and Olena Vyhovskyi** and **Colin Mack**, whose student Zofia Yan was awarded First Place, Class 1, 11 yrs. and under in the CFMTA Composer Competition.

*Do you know an ORMTA member who deserves a congratulatory note, condolences or get well wishes? Send details to: [kmaryhoward@live.ca](mailto:kmaryhoward@live.ca)*

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All submissions for the December issue of the ORBit must be received by the editor on or before: November 10, 2019.

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by Sherry Lu, Convenor

Each year, our branch awards scholarships to the students with the highest marks in theory and practical conservatory exams. These scholarships are awarded at the First Class Honours Recital which will take place in January, 2020. For detailed scholarship guidelines, please visit our website: [www.ormtaottawa.ca](http://www.ormtaottawa.ca) or contact Sherry Lu at: [sherryludi@yahoo.ca](mailto:sherryludi@yahoo.ca) or 613-254-8772. The application deadline is December 15, 2019. There is no application form. To apply, send a photocopy of your student's exam results along with a cover letter to: Sherry Lu, Scholarship Convenor, 2 Nanook Crescent, Kanata, ON K2L 2A7. The following scholarships are awarded:

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## Canadian Music Showcase

- Voice: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Rideau Park United Church)**
- Piano: November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (University of Ottawa)**
- Gala: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (McKay United Church)**

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### October 2019

- 31 Application Deadline for Canada Music Week Recital. Contact: Amélie Langlois [amelielanglois@gmail.com](mailto:amelielanglois@gmail.com)

### November 2019

- 10 Auditions for Canada Music Week Recital. From 1:30 p.m. at Ottawa Pianos, 1412 Bank Street Ottawa. Contact: Amélie Langlois [amelielanglois@gmail.com](mailto:amelielanglois@gmail.com)
- 17 Canada Music Week Recital. 3 p.m. at City View United Church, 6 Epworth Ave., Ottawa. Contact: Amélie Langlois [amelielanglois@gmail.com](mailto:amelielanglois@gmail.com)
- 25 Registration Deadline Wine-Tasting Social Event. Contact: Susan Blyth-Schofield [sblythschofield@yahoo.ca](mailto:sblythschofield@yahoo.ca)

### December 2019

- 8 Social Event—Wine Tasting From 2:30 - 5:00 at the Steinway Gallery, 1481 Innes Rd, Ottawa. Contact: Susan Blyth-Schofield [sblythschofield@yahoo.ca](mailto:sblythschofield@yahoo.ca)
- 15 First Class Honours Scholarships Application Deadline. Contact: Sherry Lu [sherryludi@yahoo.ca](mailto:sherryludi@yahoo.ca)
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- 18 Application Deadline for Violin Master Class with Yehonatan Berick. Contact: Katarina Jovic [katarinamusic@sympatico.ca](mailto:katarinamusic@sympatico.ca)

### January 2020

- 2 Application Deadline for Piano Master Class with Frédéric Lacroix. Contact: Katarina Jovic [katarinamusic@sympatico.ca](mailto:katarinamusic@sympatico.ca)
- 12 First Class Honours Recital Auditions. Time TBA at Ottawa Pianos, 1412 Bank Street Ottawa. Contact: Meg Iwaskow [megiwaskow@gmail.com](mailto:megiwaskow@gmail.com) or Danielle McIntyre [jersakpiano@gmail.com](mailto:jersakpiano@gmail.com)
- 16 Information Sharing Session, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1905-500 Laurier Ave. W. Presenter: Dr. James McGowan (Carleton University). Contact: Hoda Nassim [hoda\\_nassim@hotmail.com](mailto:hoda_nassim@hotmail.com)
- 19 Violin Master Class with Yehonatan Berick. 1- 4 p.m. in Freiman Hall (Pérez Building), School of Music, University of Ottawa. Contact: Katarina Jovic [katarinamusic@sympatico.ca](mailto:katarinamusic@sympatico.ca)
- 26 First Class Honours Recital. 3 p.m. at The Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre, 355 Cooper St. Ottawa. Contact: Meg Iwaskow [megiwaskow@gmail.com](mailto:megiwaskow@gmail.com) or Danielle McIntyre [jersakpiano@gmail.com](mailto:jersakpiano@gmail.com)
- 27 Winter General Meeting. Ottawa Mennonite Church, 1830 Kilborn Ave, Ottawa. Coffee 9:15 a.m., meeting 9:30 a.m. Table-ready breakfast items appreciated. Used book sale, CD & DVD library, and guest speakers. Contact: Susan Blyth-Schofield [sblythschofield@yahoo.ca](mailto:sblythschofield@yahoo.ca)

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- 1 Application Deadline for Piano Master Class with David Jalbert. Contact: Katarina Jovic [katarinamusic@sympatico.ca](mailto:katarinamusic@sympatico.ca)
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- TBA Application Deadline for Junior Piano Master Class. Date TBC. Contact: Kimberley Sundell [sundellpianostudio@gmail.com](mailto:sundellpianostudio@gmail.com)

### May

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