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of the Ontario Registered Music  
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## President's Message

by Susan Blyth-Schofield

With the cooler evenings and a crispness in the air we know that fall has arrived – and with fall come ORMTA events.

First let me thank everyone who attended the General Meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. You can see my report on page 3.

Your Council hopes that you and/or your students will take part in the events we have planned for the Ottawa Region Branch for this Fall. All the information you will need for these events can be found on our website – [www.ormtaottawa.ca](http://www.ormtaottawa.ca).

We are also very excited about our Professional Development Workshop with clinician John Burge (page 10). He will be presenting “Piano Teaching Tricks I Have Learned Over the Years” on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ottawa Pianos from 10 am to noon. You won't want to miss this workshop so take a moment today and register on-line on our website. [www.ormtaottawa.ca](http://www.ormtaottawa.ca)

Also this fall, as always, is the Canada Music Week Recital. The application deadline is Halloween (October 31<sup>st</sup>) with the auditions on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> and the Recital on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>.

I am delighted to announce that our long-awaited Social Outreach Wine Tasting has been set for Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 - 5:00 at the Steinway Gallery. A big thank you to Kimberley Sundell and her partner Karl Taylor for being our sommeliers and to Jennifer Messer for the venue. Details and a registration form can be found on page 9.

So long for now, I hope to see you at our events, and Happy Thanksgiving,

Susan

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## General Meeting September 9, 2019

by Susan Blyth-Schofield, Convenor

Thanks to all of you who attended the Branch's Fall General Meeting at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Monday 9 September. It gave us all a chance to reconnect after the summer holidays, and to hear reports from Council Members about the many exciting events planned for the upcoming year.

We were also treated to three engaging guest speakers:

Dr. James McGowan from Carleton University, Jeff Sabo and his colleagues Raina Saunders and Jillian Beacon from the new Musicians' Wellness Centre at UOttawa, and Jennifer Messer from Steinway.

As always, Jennifer came bearing gifts from Steinway. The winners of the draw were Jillian Beacon (Free Adjustable Bench), Danielle McIntyre (\$20 Gift Cer-

tificate), LaDawn Ouellette (Free Piano Tuning) and Amélie Langlois (Steinway Tote Bag).

Many thanks to everyone who helped me set up and tear down the tables and chairs, and to those who brought table-ready snacks. Special thanks to Jennie Smith who set up the used music sale, the proceeds of which go to the ORMTA Scholarship Fund.



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## First Class Honours Auditions and Recital

by Meg Iwaskow, Co-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 2019 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 form, photo release form and detailed information can be found online at [www.ormtaottawa.ca](http://www.ormtaottawa.ca) under the EVENTS link or you can contact me at [megiwaskow@gmail.com](mailto:megiwaskow@gmail.com)

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

## Is your membership information up to date?

Please take the time to verify your contact information (address, phone number, email, etc.) on the Provincial ORMTA website [www.ormta.org](http://www.ormta.org), as well as on our Branch website [ormtaottawa.ca](http://ormtaottawa.ca), and take steps required to make any necessary corrections to both sites.

## Beethoven's Advice to a Piano Teacher

“When your piano pupil has the proper fingering, the exact rhythm and plays the notes correctly, pay attention only to the style: do not stop for little faults or make remarks on them until the end of the piece. This method produces *musicians*, which, after all, is one of the chief aims of musical art.” — (From a letter to Carl Czerny) *Etude Magazine, January 1918*

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 Gala: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (McKay United Church)

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- 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 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)
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- 18 Application Deadline for Violin Master Class with Yehonatan Berick. Contact: Katarina Jovic [katarinamusic@sympatico.ca](mailto:katarinamusic@sympatico.ca)

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- 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. Beginning at 3 p.m. 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)
- 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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**April**

- 1 Application Deadline for ORMTA Competitions. Contact: Katarina Jovic [katarinamusic@sympatico.ca](mailto:katarinamusic@sympatico.ca)
- 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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