To: ORMTA Etobicoke-Mississauga Branch Membership

Hello:

See attached for the minutes to the most recent Executive meeting. I've also attached the financial report.

Upcoming ORMTA branch events (for more details visit: <u>https://etobmiss-ormta.com</u>):

1. March 1, 10:00 a.m. **Assessments Volunteer Info Session**, Location: zoom (instructions to follow)

2. March 6-7 – **March Assessments**, NOW ONLINE (instructions to follow) Adjudicators: Instrumental: Joseph Ferretti, Vocal: Amanda Kind ***SEE BELOW***

3. March 22, 10:00 a.m. **Executive Meeting**, e-meeting. If you wish to participate, reply to this email

4. March 28 – **Piano Masterclass**, NOW ONLINE (instructions to follow) Clinician: Brett Kingsbury

Upcoming ORMTA branch deadlines (for more details visit: <u>https://etobmiss-ormta.com</u>):

- March 6-7 March Assessments, deadline to register: February 13 Register online at: <u>https://www.etobmiss-ormta.com/register/</u> for more info, contact Rocco Signorile, <u>roccosignorile@gmail.com</u> deadline to upload Youtube links: February 27 ***SEE BELOW***
- March 28 Piano Masterclass, deadline to register: March 20 Register online at: <u>https://www.etobmiss-ormta.com/register/</u> for more info, contact Rocco Signorile, <u>roccosignorile@gmail.com</u> deadline to upload Youtube links: March 20 **Auditors will need to register online by the March 20**

March Assessments – Zone Level Classes

Re: Piano entries for the following levels:

- Zone Intermediate (formerly C Level)
- Provincial Instrumental (formerly B Level)
- Young Artist (formerly A Level)

The GTA Zone Competitions rules state that the submitted videos must be made on an ACOUSTIC piano. The Branch Assessments will follow these rules. If you have any students who wish to enter at any these levels who will find this a challenge, please email me: <u>etob-miss@ormta.org</u>.

Volunteers:

We will need teacher volunteers for the March Assessments. We will be holding a volunteer info session on Monday March 1 at 10:00 a.m. Please save this date. If you wish to volunteer, please email Lisa Raposa at: <u>lisa.raposa@gmail.com</u>.

BANNER SLOGAN CONTEST:

Attention ORMTA Etobicoke-Mississauga Members!!! Time to put some musical thoughts/anecdotes/slogans on paper!!

Our Branch is creating a new banner to display at all of our upcoming live events. We would like this banner to reflect our diverse membership, our dedicated teachers, our love of music - all instruments/voice/genres, and also our dedication to serving our teachers and communities in all of the ways we have as a branch.

Pretty tough call?!? You bet! We are a pretty busy branch even in the face of this pandemic.

The winning slogan will receive \$50. And the slogan will be printed on our banner. The honorable mentions will receive a \$25 Tim Hortons gift certificates and those slogans will appear on our website.

Thank you for your submissions. The deadline is May 1, 2021. Voting to take place at the virtual branch year-end meeting and talk (Joe Ringhofer will again entertain us with story and song).

Facebook: We invite you to like and follow our Facebook page: search for ORMTA Etobicoke Mississauga or <u>@ormtaetobicokemississauga</u>. Please send your upcoming events or any other announcements (this is where you get to brag!) about your studio. Be sure to get permission from the students' (parents) to post photos or names. Submit to Abigail Freeman: <u>abigailfreeman@rogers.com</u> or post directly on to our facebook page.

Scholarship Fund: Please donate to our scholarship fund. Income tax receipts are given out for all donations over \$20.

The next newsletter will be after the Executive meeting in March.

Take care,

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