

LONG BEACH  
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# Noteworthy News



March 2016

## President's Notes

### Upcoming Events:

- 3/5-LB Bach Festival winners recital
- 3/7-General Meeting
- 3/10-CM Mock evaluations deadline
- 3/12-YAG Concert at SBCSL
- 3/16-Board Meeting
- 3/19-CM Mock Evaluations at SBCSL
- 4/2-CM Evaluations
- 4/3-CM Evaluations
- 4/6-General Meeting
- 4/13-Deadline for CM Honors Recital
- 4/15-CM Convention and Makeup apps due+Composers Today App Deadline
- 4/20-Board Meeting
- 4/23-CM Honors Recital
- 4/30-Deadline to register for Play-a-thon
- TBD — SCJBF All-Branch String Regional

For more details, please go online to our website:

[www.mtaclb.com](http://www.mtaclb.com)

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Hello MTACLB Members!

As we gear up for some big, upcoming Branch events, I wanted to thank my incredible Board and Committee Chairs for their tireless work, and all of the volunteer hours they have given our Branch. We are all so lucky to have such wonderful, committed teachers!

In addition to our huge Branch Recital this weekend, we have several upcoming events that I am very much looking forward to attend and involve my students in!

On Saturday, March 5th at 3:30pm at the Bay Shore Community Church in Long Beach, our Bach Festival Winners will perform in a special recital, sponsored by the Long Beach Camarata Singers. I hope you can come and hear these amazing pianists.

On Monday, March 7th, we are so fortunate to have Nina Scolnik work with our teachers and discuss healthy piano technique and injury prevention. This meeting is at Ellen Nobles home- thank you for hosting, Ellen!

If you have students new to CM, then our CM Mock Evaluations on March 19th are a wonderful opportunity for students to perform for an Evaluator and learn how CM works. CM students who have participated before and want to try their pieces out for an Evaluator are also welcome to enroll. My students (and my own kids) participated last year, and it was so fun and helpful!

With CM right around the corner (April 2nd and 3rd), now is the time to have students practice their pieces and technique by memory and sight-read as much as they can to prepare. I look forward to seeing you all at these wonderful opportunities. Remember, you can register for events on our website, and information is also easily found on our Calendar (also on our website)- [www.mtaclb.com](http://www.mtaclb.com).



President: Sarah Sandvig

Have a great month!  
Sarah Sandvig President: MTACLB

## CM Mock Evaluations

Our Branch CM Mock Evaluations will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. This is an excellent opportunity, especially for first-time CM students, as each student will receive written feedback from an evaluator. Students may play their CM pieces, but will not sight-read or perform technique. Time limits are as follows:

Levels P-2 = 5 minutes;  
Levels 3-5 = 10 minutes;  
Levels 6-advanced = 15 minutes

The registration fee is \$11 per student. To register your students, go to our Branch website ([mtaclb.com](http://mtaclb.com)) and click on the CM Mock Evaluations button on the Recital Registration page.

Or, you can click on this link as well:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kGxC3th84GCQ34FZpDp\\_TGQcTk968mEoMspyaocqWQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kGxC3th84GCQ34FZpDp_TGQcTk968mEoMspyaocqWQ/viewform).

Complete one form for each student you are entering. Then go back to the Recital Registration page and click the "Add to cart" button to pay for the students you have entered. Fees must be paid by the Registration Deadline in order for students to be evaluated.

The Registration Deadline is March 10.

Thank you,  
Marla Devich

## Branch Recital Report

Our second Branch Recital for the season took place on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. There were two programs one at 10:00 AM, and one at 11:30 AM.

We were very fortunate to have our MTAC State President and beloved Long Beach Branch member Dr. Louise Earhart in attendance for both recital programs.

The 10:00 AM recital group had twenty-six students performing with a good blend between piano and voice. Accompanying the vocalists was Lukas Swidzinski. The studios represented were Dr. Louise Earhart, Adriana Manfredi, Andrea Wu, and Kazuko Yasukawa.

The 11:30 AM group was a pianist's dream, since all 21 students performing were pianists! The Studios represented were Laura Dickey, Lilia Pershina, and Andrea Wu.

# Music Students Service League

## 2015-2016

To participate, **RSVP to Liam Watts**, [wattsdojn@earthlink.net](mailto:wattsdojn@earthlink.net), 3 days before recital day.

Recital attire preferred.

### Artesia Christian Home

11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701

(562) 865-5218

April 10 @ 2pm SUNDAY

May 8 @ 2pm SUNDAY

### Katella Manor

3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

(562) 596-2773

March 19 @ 3pm SATURDAY

April 17 @ 3pm SUNDAY

May 15 @ 3pm SUNDAY

### Seal Beach Health and Rehab Center

3000 N Gate Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

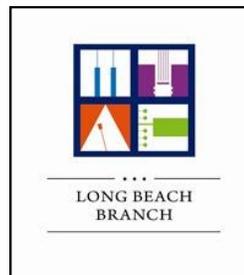
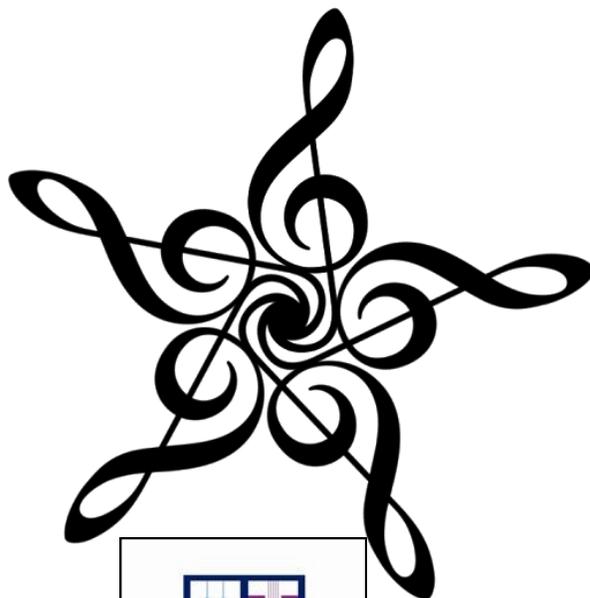
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March 20 @ 3pm SUNDAY

April 24 @ 3pm SUNDAY

Thank you for your ongoing participation!

Music Teachers' Association of CA- Long Beach Branch



Background: the Music Students' Service League (MSSL) was formed so that students of MTAC members may have the opportunity to serve the community through music. MTAC awards students community service credit for their time, efforts and talents. These awards, in turn, help students to fulfill their graduation requirements of their schools and other service organizations. Students share their gift of music with the community by giving recitals in senior citizens' homes and by helping with other musical activities. MSSL is a student-run organization under the guidance of an MTAC teacher.

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## MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

The mission of the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC) is the pursuit of excellence in music education:

- To promote the stability of the music teaching profession,
- To maintain the high professional standards of our members,
- To maintain the exacting qualifications for membership in the organization establishing the active member as a qualified, accredited teacher, and
- To promote the development of musical potential and ability in students.

*Don't forget to check out our website for past newsletters, forms, maps, calendar, and more!*

[www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com)

Please submit all Noteworthy News by the 15th for publication in the following month. Please have photos as jpeg files and provide all heading/captions/story in WORD format.

Email all submissions to Mary Inui at [jminui@gmail.com](mailto:jminui@gmail.com).

THANK YOU!