

# NOTEWORTHY NEWS



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LONG BEACH  
BRANCH

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Teachers!

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to another great year of recitals and performances by our students (and ourselves this month!).

This month we will host a general meeting on Piano Pedagogy with Tammy Yi at the home of Hannah Yi on January 20 @ 12pm. Next month on February 4, we will host a piano Masterclass with Dr. Hae Young Moon. If you are interested in having your students participate, please contact either myself or Hannah Yi.

This month, we will also host our annual Wheeler Concert on Sunday the 28th. This will be our first in-person Wheeler Concert in several years, and is sure to include many wonderful performances! Please invite friends and family to attend this concert. Donations collected at the concert will go towards funding our Wheeler Scholarship. Information regarding the application for the Wheeler Scholarship will be forthcoming.

Certificate of Merit deadlines are fast approaching. February 13th is the deadline to submit CM Materials on the online portal. The next branch recital on February 10, 2024 may be a good date to film some last minute recordings of your students on our beautiful Mason & Hamlin piano.

-Marc Lombardino

### In Memoriam: Joan Nelson

Long time member Joan Nelson passed away last December. Joan was a major contributor to our branch, especially The Certificate of Merit program. There were several years over her long career as a piano teacher where she likely had more students enrolled in the program than anyone else. A private funeral was held on Dec. 8 at St. Irenaus Catholic Church in Cypress. She is survived by her sister Ruth Rozak, and her niece Rachel Martinez, who handled Joan's electronic communications. If you would like to send condolences to the family, please email Marc Lombardino for their contact information.

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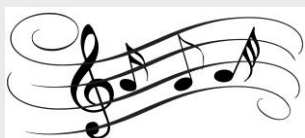
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Bjerke Fellowship Hall (OSLC-BFH)  
370 Junipero Ave, Long Beach, CA 90814

### **Saturday, January 20, 2024 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

General Meeting: Engaging Students with Music Education Methods, Presenter: Tammy Yi  
Where: Home of Hannah Yi

### **Sunday, January 28, 2024 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

Harold Wheeler Memorial Concert (Yukiko Nobles: Chair)  
Where: OSLC-BFH (to be live-streamed via zoom)

### **Sunday, February 4, 2024 - 12pm-2pm**

General Meeting: Piano Masterclass with Hae Young Moon  
Location: Home of Mark Sullivan

### **Saturday, February 10, 2024 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

Branch Recital #2 (Andrea Chou-Wu, Marc Lombardino: Chairs)  
Where: OSLC-BFH

**CM DEADLINE: FEB 13, 2024 - LAST DAY TO SUBMIT MEDIA**

## Harold Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert

Our annual Wheeler Memorial Concert will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 3 pm at OSLC-BFH. We will have 6 piano solos, 2 piano duets, one voice, and one guitar selections. If you are not performing, please attend and support the scholarship our branch gives to a junior or senior student each year. It will be great if you can also announce your students and family to attend. The suggested donation will be \$10, but you are welcome to donate any amount you prefer. We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

Please contact me if you have any question at [yukikonobles@gmail.com](mailto:yukikonobles@gmail.com).

Wheeler Memorial Concert chair, Yukiko Nobles

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**for past newsletters, forms, maps,  
calendar, and more!**

## January General Meeting

January General Meeting—Saturday January 20, 2024 @ 12pm

On January 20th, we will host a lecture by music education professor, Tammy Yi, on “Strategies for Culturally Relevant Teaching.”

The Meeting will be held at the home of Hannah Yi.

The phrase “Culturally Relevant Teaching,” first coined by Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings, begs the question: how do educators become culturally relevant and responsive music teachers? In particular, how do we become culturally responsive through pedagogy, musical development, technical skills, and social engagement in our classrooms and studios? Learn the benefits of a culturally responsive classroom and implement strategies that are youth-focused, engaging, and is a powerful tool to affirm students' multiple identities that is truly inclusive.

Please email Hannah Yi or Marc Lombardino to reserve your spot.

## Bach/Baroque Festival 2024

Happy New Year, everyone! Our Bach/Baroque Festival is coming up fast!

- The festival will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at OSLC-BFH.
- The Application and entry deadline is Saturday, March 2, 2024.
- The registration fee is \$40 per student application.

The Long Beach Branch participates in the Southern California Junior Bach Festival which is held every spring throughout Southern California. We combine our Baroque Festival with our SCJBF branch festival.

All instrument and voice students are invited to participate. This is a great opportunity for our students to study and perform the exciting music of JS Bach and other fabulous Baroque composers. Teacher registration is opening in mid-January. Check out the SCJBF.org website and our MTACLB.com website for repertoire lists, info and registration details.

Looking forward to hearing all of your wonderful students perform on March 16!

Sharon Collins and Katie Klein, co-chairs Bach/Baroque Festival.

## December MSSL Report

This past week, we completed the third piano recital from the 2023-224 MSSL program. The hour-long even included a total of 24 performers from many studios who participated in this recital and shared their music and holiday spirit with the seniors. The atmosphere was high-spirited, with seniors joining in and clapping along with the holiday music! Every recital takes place on the third Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm and is located at the Westmont of Cyress.

We are hosting these recitals because we make it our goal to enrich others/ loives through music. Our program is a great way to spread music and joy to the seniors we perform to, and it is greatly appreciated when students volunteer to meet this goal and also have a great time. If you would like to participate, please visit <https://forms.gle/91yng1EKBruVsno59> or email [musicstudentsserviceleague@gmail.com](mailto:musicstudentsserviceleague@gmail.com) Volunteer hours will be provided to recognize the participants' hard work. We hope to see you all again next month!

Newsletter Student Reporter: Audrey Chen  
MSSL Chair: Andrea Wu



## News from Althea Waites

Althea Waites will present a solo recital featuring recently discovered works by African-American composer Margaret Bonds on Tuesday, January 16th at 8PM in the newly remodeled Nimoy Theater in West Los Angeles. The concert is sponsored with CAP/UCLA (Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA) and PianoSpheres where she is continuing as the Leonard Stein Resident Artist. She has also been invited to do a recital and masterclass in March for the Neighborhood Music School in Boyle Heights.

Tickets and other details for the CAP/UCLA concert are available by clicking on to their website: CAP/UCLA.

## News from Barbara Arnold

Hello members of the MTAC Long Beach,

I am retired as of May. If you need music books, work sheets or games I have much to give away.

Happy New Year!

Barbara Arnold [musarn@earthlink.net](mailto:musarn@earthlink.net)

## Passing of Ralph Alberstrom

We are very sad to inform you that Ralph Alberstrom passed away in November, 2023. He was not a Long Beach branch member, but belonged to the Los Angeles branch of the MTAC. He was a phenomenal sight-reader, and some of you may have seen him accompanying at different events especially at MTAC Conventions.



## WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Here is a quick list of Board Members who can help with any questions you may have.

Sending Emails/Announcements to the Branch  
**Contact: Dr. Mark Sullivan: [sullivan03@sprynet.com](mailto:sullivan03@sprynet.com)**

Referral Service (If you need students or your studio is full)  
**Contact: Lilia Pershina, [lilia.pershina@gmail.com](mailto:lilia.pershina@gmail.com)**

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Additional Questions/Concerns  
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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.