

The Music Teachers' Association
of California
Long Beach Branch
Excellence in Music Education



75 Years

Founded December 7, 1941

**2016-2017
DIRECTORY
(Calendar, List of Officers, Programs)**

The Music Teachers' Association of California®

The **Music Teachers' Association of California®**, incorporated in 1897, is a professional organization dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in music education. With over 4,700 members, there are 64 self-governing, affiliated Branches throughout the state. Each branch maintains its own schedule of programs and activities and participates in statewide projects. The Long Beach Branch has about 90 members who specialize in all levels of music instruction for instruments and voice as well as music theory, pedagogy, and composition.

Mission Statement Adopted July 2015

The mission of MTAC is to pursue excellence in music education and advance the music teaching profession through innovative programs that foster artistic growth and achievement.

Long Beach Branch Elected Officers

President	Laura Dickey
First Vice President	Andrea Chou-Wu
Second Vice President	Marc Lombardino
Recording Secretary	Adriana Manfredi
Corresponding Secretary	Gary Beaston
Treasurer	Mary Inui
Membership Secretary	Susan High
Certificate of Merit Director	Yvonne Chen
Newsletter Editor	Mary Inui
Branch Recital Director	Lilia Pershina
Parliamentarian	Linda Pryor
Honorary Advisor	Marla Devich
Honorary Advisor	Sarah Sandvig

Long Beach Branch Appointed Chairpersons

75 th Anniversary Celebration	Ellen Noble
Advertising	Marla Devich
ASCAP	Jennifer Watts
Baroque Festival	Marla Devich
CM Assistant for Piano	Marla Devich
CM Assistant for Strings	Alicja Blanquart
CM Assistant for Voice	Sarah Sandvig
CM Assistant for Winds	Maria Jacque
CM Scheduling	Becky Mauss
Community Outreach/MSSL	Jennifer Watts & Andrea Chou-Wu
Composers Today/Improvisation	Lisa Kato-Fitchett
Directory	Laura Dickey
Ensemble Festival	Ellen Noble/Marla Devich
Hospitality	Nicole Werner-Sliwa
Piano Curator	Dr. Mark Sullivan
Piano Sonata/Sonatina Competition	Willie Chen
Publicity & Public Relations	Adriana Manfredi
Referral Service	Jessica Baptist
Southern CA Junior Bach Festival	Yukiko Nobles & Kazuko Yasukawa
Scrapbook, Historian, Photographer	Christine Ho
Theme Festival	Maureen Lombardino
VOCE	Laura Dickey (acting)
Webmaster	Sarah Sandvig
Wheeler Memorial Concert	Jeremie Favreau
Wheeler Scholarship Selection	Dolly Ickler
Young Artist Guild Concert	Mary Inui

Calendar of Events

- (ACH) Artesia Christian Home, 11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701
- (KM) Katella Manor, 3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720
- (MA) Musette Academy, 3562 Howard Ave, Ste D, Los Alamitos 90720
- (NewA) Newcomb Academy, 3351 Val Verde Ave, Long Beach, 90808

Sat Mar 18, 2017 10am - 2pm

Mock CM Evaluations at Newcomb Academy

Where: Newcomb Academy

Tue Mar 21, 2017 9:30am - 10:30am

General Meeting: Piano Method Roundtable at Musette Academy

Where: Musette Academy

Sat Apr 1, 2017 All day

Certificate of Merit

Sat Apr 1, 2017 - Sun Apr 2, 2017

Where: California State University Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90840,

Sun Apr 2, 2017 All day

Certificate of Merit

Sun Apr 2, 2017 - Mon Apr 3, 2017

Where: California State University Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90840,

Wed Apr 12, 2017 All day

Deadline to enter CM Branch Honors Recital

Wed Apr 19, 2017 10am - 11am

Board Meeting at Musette Academy

Where: Musette Academy

Sat Apr 22, 2017 10am - 3pm

CM Branch Honors Recitals at Newcomb Academy

Where: Newcomb Academy

Sun Apr 23, 2017 3pm - 4pm

General Meeting: Sara Balance, late 19th/early 20th century pedagogical techniques and devices in piano teaching

Where: Location TBA

Calendar of Events: Continued

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- (NewA) Newcomb Academy, 3351 Val Verde Ave, Long Beach,

Wed Apr 26, 2017

Midnight

Deadline to enter Branch Recital #3

Sat May 6, 2017

10am - 2pm

Branch Recital #3 at Newcomb Academy

Where: Newcomb Academy

Wed May 10, 2017

Midnight

Deadline for Piano Sonata/Sonatina Competition

Wed May 17, 2017 10am - 11am

Board Meeting at Musette Academy

Where: Musette Academy

Sat May 20, 2017 9am - 5pm

Piano Sonata/Sonatina Contest at Newcomb Academy

Where: Newcomb Academy

Sun Jun 4, 2017 5pm - 6pm

Branch Potluck/Installation/Performances by Sonata Contest and Wheeler

Scholarship winners Where:

Mark Sullivan's Home

6/30-7/4 Fri-Tues

MTAC State Convention @ Santa Clara Hyatt Regency & Convention Center

Program Details

*Register and pay for Branch programs (except SCJBF) online at www.mtaclb.com. *Times may vary depending on number of participants.*

Branch Recitals

Lilia Pershina, Director

November 19, 2016 (Entry deadline November 13)

February 25, 2017 (Entry deadline February 19)

May 6, 2017 (Entry deadline April 30)

All programs at Newcomb Academy, 10 am – 2 pm*

Entry Fee \$11

Branch Recitals provide performance opportunities for students of all levels and ages. Recitals are scheduled on Saturdays, and the number of programs depends on the number of entries. Performance and dress codes must be followed as instructed on the application form. It is recommended students memorize solo pieces.

California Plan (Cal Plan)

Cal Plan is a four-year independent study program for teachers without academic training who are pursuing Active Membership. See www.mtac.org for details.

Certificate of Merit (CM)

Yvonne Chen, Director

Marla Devich, Assistant Chair for Piano

Alicja Blanquart, Assistant Chair for Strings

Sarah Sandvig, Assistant Chair for Voice

Maria Jacque, Assistant Chair for Winds

Becky Mauss, Scheduling

April 1 April 2, 2017 at California State University, Long Beach

MTAC sponsors the Certificate of Merit music study program. CM provides a standard of curriculum that requires students to strive for focused musical excellence in performance, technique, ear training, sight reading/singing, and music theory.

- Students participate in an annual Evaluation between mid-February and April and receive a written musical performance assessment.
- Students complete a written theory exam which includes an ear training component.
- Upon successful completion of the Evaluation, students receive an official MTAC CM Certificate for their level.
- Senior medallions are awarded to eligible high school seniors.
- Students demonstrating exceptional skill at his/her Evaluation may be selected to perform at annual MTAC State Convention Recitals

Only MTAC teachers who have paid membership dues by July 31 are eligible to register students for CM. Students must be at least five years old by October 31 to participate. CM Syllabi are published by MTAC and may be purchased exclusively through the MTAC State Office. See www.mtac.org/Store for syllabi and other publications.

Community Outreach/Music Students' Service League

Jennifer Watts and Andrea Chou-Wu, Co-Chairs

The Music Students' Service League (MSSL) was formed so students of MTAC members may have the opportunity to serve the community through music. MTAC awards students with community service credit for their time, efforts, and talents. These awards, in turn, may help students fulfill graduation requirements of 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 membership organization under the guidance of an MTAC teacher.

Piano Sonata/Sonatina Competition

Willie Chen, Chair

May 18, 2017 at Newcomb Academy, 9 am – 3 pm*

Entry deadline May 3; Entry fee \$30

For this Branch Competition, students perform two selections from memory. The first selection is the first or last movement of any sonata/sonatina or a complete single-movement sonata/sonatina (*e.g.*, Scarlatti). The second selection must be chosen from a different musical period as defined by the 2012 CM Piano Syllabus (pp. 161-169). The student may play parts of a longer piece (*e.g.*, selected variations from "theme and variations") or several short pieces from a suite (*e.g.*, two pieces from Burgmüller's Op. 100). Time limits will be strictly enforced.

The competition is divided into three categories based on school grade:

Elementary (K-4) – 5 minute time limit

Intermediate (5-7) – 7 minute time limit

Senior (8-12) – 9 minute time limit

All students will receive certificates of participation and evaluations from three judges. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each category, and medals will be awarded to any honorable mentions, at the judges' discretion. All first place winners are invited to perform at the annual MTAC-LB Installation of Officers meeting on June 4.

If a student wins first place in a division, he or she may not play the following year in the same division, but may skip a year and compete again. However, the winner may compete the following year in a higher division. A division will be split when there are twenty or more entries.

Wheeler, Harold P. Jr – Memorial Scholarship Award

Dolly Ickler, Chair

Entry Deadline April 1, 2017

The Harold Parker Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Fund was established in 1993 as a tribute to Harold Wheeler, a Past President of the MTAC Long Beach Branch. He was respected for his dedication to music and community service despite physical handicaps. Each spring a scholarship in his name is offered to a graduating high school senior who is a student of a Long Beach Branch member. The funds are provided by donations to the Wheeler Memorial Fund and the Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert held each fall. The requirements are listed in the application form. Eligibility includes community service, good scholarship, and musicianship. The student must have used their musical gifts and/or other talents to enhance the lives of others in school and community. The recipient will be honored at the Installation of New Officers Meeting on June 4, 2017.