



Noteworthy News

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Please send items for inclusion by *no later* than the **15th of each month** to the Newsletter Editor (jou_hsiang_en@hotmail.com). Inclusions should be print-ready and photos need to be in .jpg format and have captions including the name of the event and/or the people in it written under it.

President's Message

Congratulations (and a huge sigh of relief) to all who participated in the Certificate of Merit evaluations on **March 29 and 30**. On behalf of all of the students and teachers involved, I would like to thank Sarah Sandvig (our branch CM chair) for her tireless efforts throughout the year to ensure that our weekend was a success. Sarah, you are truly amazing!!

Thank you also to all of the teachers (and spouses) who dedicated themselves making the process work...we're a great team!

I would also like to congratulate the winners of our Branch Bach Festival and give kudos to those who performed on **March 9** in the Long Beach Bach Festival Recital. It was a lovely program. We wish you all the best as you continue on to the Regional Festival on **May 18th**.

Looking forward, our next program will feature Kaffee Mimm presenting "Engage Your Students with Today's Technology"... an intriguing topic. Please join us in my home on Wednesday, **April 9th** at 9:30 AM for refreshments and 10:00 for the program.

Be sure to make note of the application deadlines for the next Branch Recital and the Sonata Sonatina Competitions. We hope to have a great turnout for both events.

Musically,

Marla Devich

April

6th

Branch Honors Recital Deadline

9th

9:30- noon

General Meeting at the home of Marla Devich

(514 Molino Ave, Long Beach 90814)

“Engage your Students with Today’s Technology” by Kaffee Mimun

12th

All Day

Branch Honors Recitals (location TBD)

15th

Deadline Convention Applications

17th

10:00 – noon

Board Meeting at the home of Marla Devich

19th

Deadline for Sonata/Sonatina Competition Applications

30th

Deadline for Branch Recital #3 Applications

May

3rd

10:300 AM – 2:00 PM

Branch Recitals at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living

4th

2:00 PM

Annual Business Meeting and Branch Board Elections

At the home of Linda Pryor 8636 Meadow Rd. Downey, 90242

10th

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sonata / Sonatina Competition at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living

15th

10:00 AM —Noon

Board Meeting at the home of Marla Devich

18th

SCJBF Regional Festival at Cal State Dominguez Hills

MTAC-LB Branch Slate of Officers 2014-2015

The MTAC-LB Nominating Committee appointed by the Branch Board of Directors and consisting of Leah Kang, Marc Lombardino, Adriana Manfredi, Clorinda Moore, and Ellen Noble, would like to put forward the Slate of Officers for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. As stated in the Branch Bylaws on page 40 of the 2013-2014, "The Nominating Committee shall nominate one candidate per office for the Board of Director and concurrent Officer positions. Nominations by any Voting Member may also be taken from the floor of the Branch annual Meeting, at which time the elections are held. Voting Members shall elect Directors and Officer at the Branch Annual Meeting. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of vote for such candidate's designated office shall be elected." Please plan on attending our annual Business Meeting on **May 7, 2014** to vote for our branch officers.

Regards,

Becky Mauss

MTAC-LB Branch Parliamentarian

MTAC-LB Branch Slate of Officers 2014-2015

President, Sara Sandvig

1st VP, Rachel Grizzel

2nd VP, Marc Lombardino

Recording Secretary, Adriana Manfredi

Corresponding Secretary, Christine Ho

Treasurer, Beejell Soco

Membership, Jessica Baptist

Certificate of Merit, Ellen Noble

Newsletter Editor, Mary Inui

Branch Recitals, Maureen Lombardino

Parliamentarian, Becky Mauss

Honorary Advisor, Marla Devich and Clorinda Moore

CM Branch Honors & Convention Deadline, packets and more!

Thank you so much for a wonderful CM weekend! Thank you, especially to everyone who volunteered above and beyond what was required. The weekend ran smoothly, the evaluators were happy, and most importantly, the kids did great!

If you have not yet picked up your teacher packet, which contains your student's evaluation sheets, they are in a blue box on my front porch (2971 Shakespeare Dr. Los Alamitos, 90720). Theory tests will be on my porch beginning on **Monday, April 7th**. The envelopes have your teacher number on it, so make sure you remember what that is.

Our Branch Honors recital is coming up on **Saturday, April 12th**. The deadline to register for this recital is this **Sunday, April 6th**. To register, please go to our branch website: www.mtacb.com and click on recital registration. The first button you will see is the Branch Honors Recital registration button. To check your students' results and to see if your students are eligible for Branch Honors, please go to your teacher home page on www.mtac.org, student list, and student evaluation results.

The deadline to register for the State Convention is **April 15th**. If your students were selected to proceed to convention and they would like to go, you will need to pay the convention fee (\$25 per student) online to secure their spot. This is a non-refundable fee, so make sure your students are committing to convention before registering them. All of this registration is done through your teacher home page on www.mtac.org, student list, and Final Convention App.

I have attached the "Post Cm Weekend Information sheet" which has all of this information as well. This sheet is also included in your teacher packet. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you again!

Sarah Sandvig

Perfect scores on Certificate of Merit Theory Test!

Congratulations to the following students who received a perfect score on their Certificate of Merit Theory Test!

STUDENT/ LEVEL /INSTRUMENT/ TEACHER

Aiden Sandvig/ Prep/ Piano /Marla Devich

Chloe Shin/ Prep/ Piano /Becky Mauss

Katherine Shinogi /Prep/ Piano /Sarah Sandvg

Pia Bayle Hao/ Prep/Piano/ Lilia Pershina

Mehdi Mahnoor/ 1 /Piano/ Lilia Pershina

Andy Choi/ 1/ Piano /Rachel Ahn

Teresa Pisani/ 1 /Voice /Sarah Sandvig

Maximilian Lee /1/ Violin/ Nina Kang

Everett Chew/ 4/ Piano/ Lorraine Chew

Wheeler Award Application - Deadline April 15, 2014

The Wheeler Award deadline has been extended to **April 15th**. This is NOT a postmark deadline. All required materials must be received by **April 15th**. The Harold Parker Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Award is offered each spring to a graduating high school senior. Graduating seniors with good scholarship, musicianship, and those who have used their music to benefit the community are encouraged to apply. The requirements are listed below and the application is attached in PDF and Word formats. Please encourage your graduating seniors to apply for this wonderful award!

REQUIREMENTS

- *Application form

- *1-2 page essay describing why you are a good candidate for this award.

- *A quality recording on CD or DVD of a recent performance. The recording should include two works of contrasting style and must correspond with the instrument studied with the submitting teacher. Single movements are acceptable.

- *Two letters of recommendation from persons other than the student's current MTAC teacher or family member.

- *Proof of community service and other volunteer activities.

Leah Kang

3/5/14 General Meeting Pictures

I attended **3/5/14** General Meeting featuring Rob Woyshner, Pianist and Manon Robertshaw, Cellist, in Recital at the new home of Sarah Sandvig in Los Alamitos/Rossmoor. Here are the photo descriptions:

1) Cellist Manon Robertshaw and Pianist Rob Woyshner playing a duet together.



2) Rob Woyshner playing a piano solo.



3) Rob Woyshner taking a bow after performing his last piece of the program.



4) Manon Robertshaw, Cellist with Rob Woyshner, Pianist.



Christine Ho

February 6th Masterclass with Ayke Agus

Erin Hsiao and Robert Gleiser are both Violin Students of Janice Luna.

#1 - Erin Hsiao performing the first movement of the Wieniawski Violin Concerto No. 1, accompanied by Rob Woyshner, during her Masterclass with Ayke Agus.



#2 - Robert Gleiser performing Saint-Saens Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, accompanied by Rob Woyshner, during his Masterclass with Ayke Agus.



#3 - Ayke Agus performing a short Chopin piano piece for us.



#4 - Ayke Agus performing two short violin showpieces for us, with her very own pre-recorded piano accompaniment.



Christine Ho