



LONG BEACH
BRANCH

Noteworthy News



December 2014

President's Notes

Upcoming Events:

- 12/6—Ensemble Festival
- 12/13—YAG Concert
- 12/20—Composers Today
- 1/3—Styles Festival Deadline
- 1/8—Deadline for VOCE
- 1/11—General Meeting
- 1/14—YCG/Composers Today
- 1/17—SCJBF Deadline
- 1/19—SCJBF Master Class
- 1/21—Board Meeting
- 1/24—Styles Festival

For more details, please go
online to our website:
Mtaclb.com

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Happy Holidays, everyone!

December is finally here, which means hectic schedules, holiday parties, and holiday music! Even through the seasonal chaos, I am so very grateful for our fabulous branch and wonderful events that are forthcoming.

Our extraordinarily talented Young Artist, Athena Tsianos, will be performing in a recital on Saturday, December 13th at 3:00pm. The recital will be held at our Seal Beach church and will feature works by J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, and Prokofiev. Please plan to attend this recital! Bring family, friends, and especially, your piano students, so they can see what practicing and hard work can lead to!

I am also looking forward to the upcoming Master class on Sunday, January 11th, with Craig Richey at CSULB. It will be a privilege to watch him work with students from our branch, and learn new techniques we can apply to our own teaching.

The Styles Festival is also in January, and the deadline to register is January 3rd, so don't forget! This should be a beautiful festival with "Romantic and Impressionism" as the theme this year. Remember all recital and festival registration are completed on our website under "Recital Registration."

I hope every one of you is able to take some time off this month to be with family and friends, listen to the music of this season, and reflect on what you are truly thankful for as well. I will see you all on December 13th!

Most sincerely,
Sarah Sandvig
President: MTACLB



President: Sarah Sandvig

News to Tell:

Please submit all Noteworthy News to Mary Inui at jminui@gmail.com by the end of the month to be published for the following month's newsletter. Submissions must be in Word Format. PDF files will not work.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

—Plato



Branch Referral Service

Our branch has an ongoing referral service available to all teachers. If you are currently accepting students at your studio and would like your name to be included on this list, please send your name, instrument and (preferred) contact information to: baptists_church@yahoo.com.

Thank you!

Jessica Baptist - Referral Service.



YAG Performance

MTAC Long Beach Branch

proudly presents

YAG pianist

Athena Tsianos

in recital



*The program will include works by:
Beethoven, Liszt, Prokofiev and Chopin*

*Saturday, December 13, 3:00 PM
Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living
500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach 90740
Admission is free*

Delegate Report: *Marla Devich*

Attending an MTAC Convention is a little like going to a smorgasbord...there's a lot to sample and not enough time to try everything that you would like. As I'm sure everyone does, I carefully looked through the schedule and marked the events that piqued my interest. In the end I probably attended about half of those sessions, allowing myself the freedom to experience some unexpected delights.

The Young Artist Guild Recital is always the highlight of the first day of convention. This year's group of budding young artists did not disappoint, seven amazing pianists playing a fabulous program which included works from Bach to Liszt, Beethoven to Barber and Prokofiev. Because I wanted to attend an early-morning session the next day, I had originally thought that I might leave at the intermission. I am so grateful that I decided to stay and enjoy the remaining artists, as this allowed me to hear the electric Athena Tsianos. On Saturday, December 13 our branch will feature Athena in a recital at our Seal Beach church. This will be your opportunity to experience what I did on that magical night in June.

One of the best sessions that I attended was Janet Stoller's informative lecture about the Cognitive Benefits of Music Instruction. She first addressed some of the misconceptions about the benefits of music instruction and cited various studies that have led researchers to conclude that music instruction does change the brain, in that it helps to increase the link between the two sides of the brain. Playing a musical instrument, however, does not help students score higher on tests. Ms. Stoller stressed the importance of an organized lesson routine, which would include 2 to 3 minutes of skills & drills. Additionally, she said that teaching concepts to students can help them in making musical decisions.

Some of my other favorite sessions were the Scriabin recital, played ethereally by Dmitry Rachmanov; Nancy Bachus' Masterclass for intermediate pianists and her lecture on intermediate piano literature; Boogie on the Barbie, which allowed us to sample 20th music; and of course, the amazing Anderson and Roe concert....what a treat!

By far, however, the absolute best thing about attending convention is the opportunity to share the experience with my friends and colleagues, who all care so deeply about the integrity of what they bring to the community and their students.

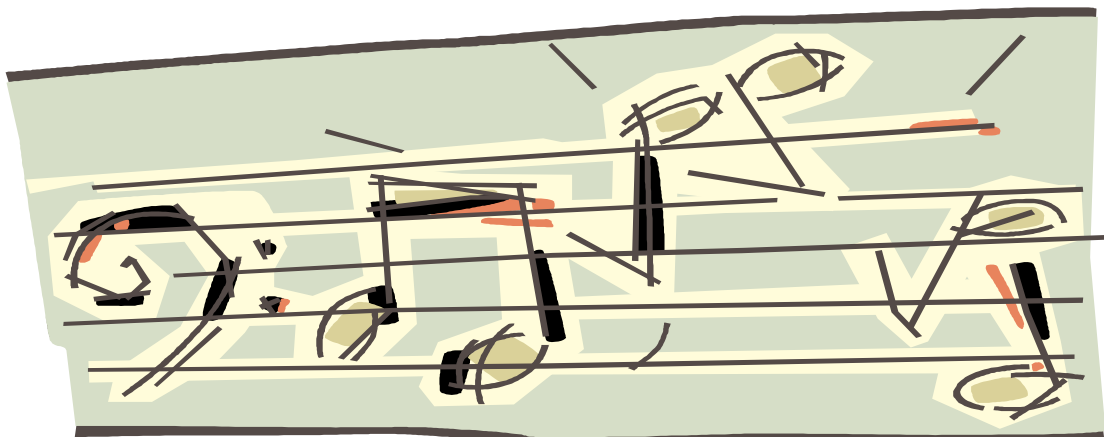
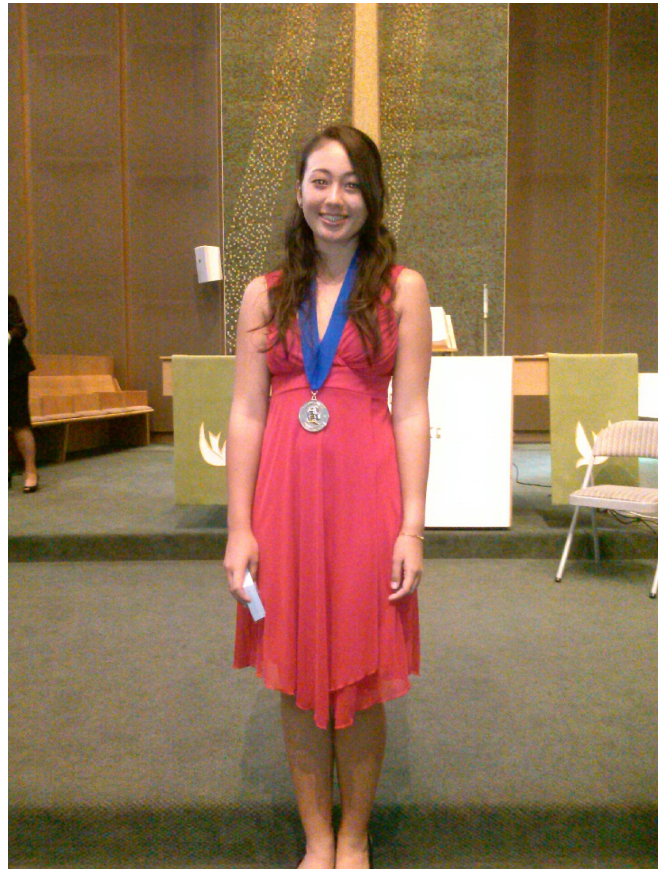
Thank you for allowing me to represent our Branch at this year's convention.

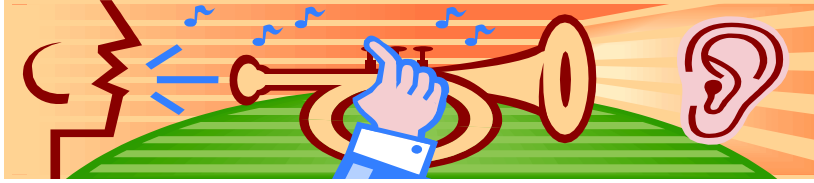
Respectfully,

Marla Devich

Teachers' Notes

EMILY LENNON, STUDENT OF
KAZUKO YASUKAWA, RECEIVED
2ND PLACE FROM THE VARIOUS
DANCE MOVEMENTS CATEGORY
ON OCT.5TH, 2014 AT THE
COMPLETE WORKS AUDITION.
EMILY IS A 10TH GRADER AND
ENJOYS PLAYING MUSIC DURING
THE WORSHIP SERVICES AT HER
CHURCH.





Announcements from the Community

MTAC Long Beach members:

I am taking this opportunity to write you concerning the new non-profit I have formed to bring live performing arts experiences to Seal Beach and neighboring communities. Our first event was last August when we presented "Sunday in the Park with Shakespeare" featuring a free performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," attended by nearly 1000 people. A wonderful success!

Our next presentation, **"Amahl and the Night Visitors"** will be on Friday, December 12th, 7:00 p.m., being performed at McGaugh Elementary School Auditorium in Seal Beach. The performing company is El Dorado Opera, with professional singers, dancers, complete sets, splendid costumes and orchestra.

I have been thinking that this would be an excellent opportunity for your members and their students to attend this performance and experience this outstanding presentation. Perhaps you could disperse this information to your members or if you need more information, please contact me. Your members can go to our web site at www.sealbeacharts.org to make reservations and obtain tickets. They can also contact me at [562-429-3992](tel:562-429-3992) for direct service.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and children under 12 are FREE!

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Warm regards,
Esther

Music Students Service League 2014-15

To participate, RSVP to Clare Courter 3 days before recital day. Recital attire preferred.

cfcourter@gmail.com

Artesia Christian Home

11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701

(562) 865-5218

August 30 @ 3:00

October 5 @ 3:00

November 15 @ 3:00

December 13 @ 3:00

Katella Manor

3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA

(562) 596-2773

September 14 @ 3:00

October 19 @ 3:00

November 23 @ 3:00

December 20 @ 3:00

Country Villa, Seal Beach

3000 N Gate Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

(562) 598-2477

September 27 @ 3:00

November 1 @ 3:00

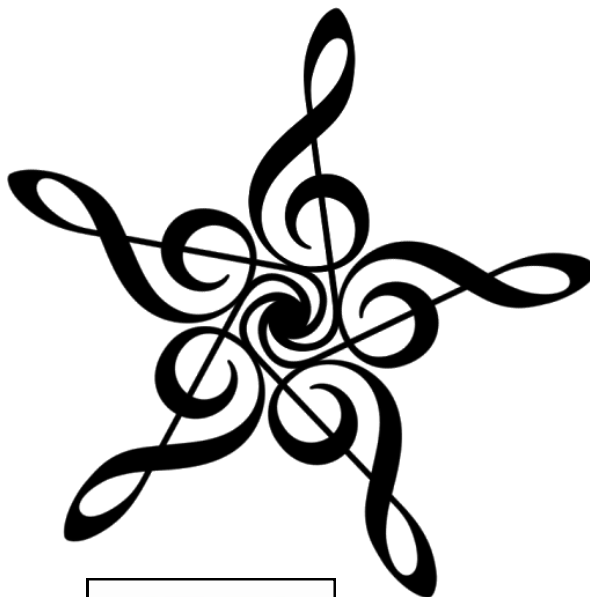
December 7 @ 3:00

December 21 @ 3:00

Thank you for your ongoing participation!

Clare Courter, Co-Chair, 2014-15

Music Teachers' Association of CA- Long Beach Branch



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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.

Clare Courter, Co-Chair, 2014-15

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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

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.

THANK YOU!