



LONG BEACH
BRANCH

Noteworthy News



November 2014

President's Notes

Happy November, everyone!

Now that Fall is well underway, we can look forward to our upcoming branch events, holidays, and cooler weather! Thank you to Linda Pryor, Clorinda Moore and all the performers for an outstanding Wheeler Memorial Concert! Brava!

This Wednesday, November 5th, Adriana Manfredi and I will be presenting "Teaching Students with Special Needs" at our general meeting (9:30am). I do hope many of you can attend and learn how to reach all of your students and their unique learning styles.

Our Ensemble Festival is coming up on December 6th (www.mtaclb.com/recitalregistration), and registration is now open. Let's try to encourage siblings, friends, and even teacher/student performances for this wonderful Festival!

On December 13th, we are fortunate to sponsor the YAG Winner, Athena Tsianos (Pianist), in a concert at the SBCSL. She will play works by J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Prokofiev. Athena currently studies with Bernadene Blaha of the Thornton School of Music, USC. Please spread the word and encourage your students to come see playing at such an advanced level!

I wish you all a wonderful month, and I hope to see you on Wednesday!

Most sincerely,

Sarah Sandvig
President: MTA CLB



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Upcoming Events:

- 11/1-SCJBF Registration Open
- 11/1-Theme Festival
- 11/5-General Meeting
- 11/15-Deadline for Ensemble Festival
- 11/19-Board Meeting
- 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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Branch

Directory

If you did not receive your branch directory, please email Mary Inui at: jminui@gmail.com

Branch directories were mailed out at the end of September.

“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.

Ensemble Festival

Ensemble Festival: December 6

Come join the fun!

Our Branch Ensemble Festival is for everyone who enjoys making music together. It is open to all MTAC students and teachers. Family members are welcome as part of the ensemble.

This year's Festival is Saturday, December 6 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. The entry deadline is Saturday, November 15. The entry form is online at www.mtaclb.com. There is a \$5.00 fee for each participant, including teachers. Holiday music is welcome on the program.

Co-Chairs: Marla Devich, [562-433-3545](tel:562-433-3545)

Ellen Noble, [562-431-6740](tel:562-431-6740)

Wheeler Memorial Concert a Huge Success!

Saturday, October 19, the Long Beach Branch hosted its annual **Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert** at 3 pm. We had 17 very accomplished performers treat us to two hours of magic. The variety of venue was quite diverse and the high level of performing caused the audience to relax and enjoy!

Many thanks go out to our amazing performers for donating their wonderful talents to further the Wheeler Scholarship award, which is given to a worthy graduating senior each spring. If you have a graduating senior this year, contact Leah Kang for more information about how they can qualify for this prestigious award.

A thank-you must also go to Marc Lombardino for his correcting and printing of our program, which gave tribute to long-time member Nancy Wheeler who passed away this past summer.

With Appreciation,

Clorinda Moore and Linda Pryor—Wheeler Concert co-chairs



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 90720

(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

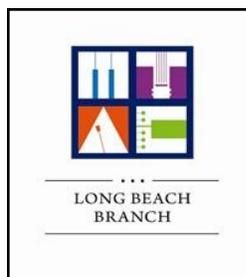
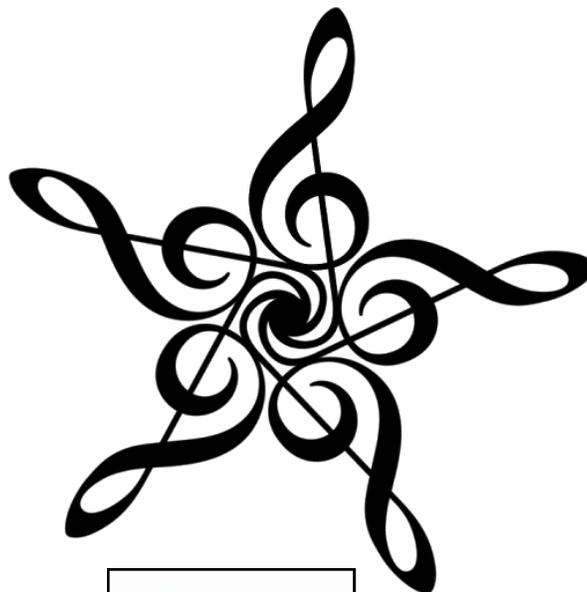
December 7 @ 3:00

December 21 @ 3:00

Thank you for your ongoing participation!

Clare Courter, Co-Chair, 2014-15

Music Teachers' Association of CA- Long Beach Branch



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.

YAG Recital

On Saturday, December 13, our branch will proudly present 2014 YAG pianist Athena Tsianos in recital. The program will feature works by J.S. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Prokofiev. Athena currently studies with Bernadene Blaha of the Thornton School of Music, USC. Her performance at this year's MTAC Convention was absolutely electric! So, be sure to invite all of your students to this *free* concert.

When: Saturday, December 13 at 3:00 PM
Where: Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living
500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach 90740

Potluck and Informational Meeting



September 21, 2014-Potluck and informational meeting at the home of Maureen Lombardino

General Meeting Report: Marc Lombardino

Our second general meeting was held on Sunday, October 5th at 3:30 PM. Elisabeth Pehlivanian, a former MTAC branch President, and reputable voice and piano teacher, taught a vocal masterclass. The studios represented were those of Harriet Bennish, Maureen Lombardino, Adriana Manfredi, and Sarah Sandvig. All of the students performed admirably, and Elisabeth was very pleased to work with them.

The overall theme of this masterclass was what to expect from a college audition; Elisabeth went into detail about what an auditioner wants to see and hear from a student who wants to enter an undergraduate program in vocal performance. Everything from posture to vocal production is important, but her key focus was that auditioners really want to see a student perform well, and the audition environment is not always the best for that. Thus, a student has to learn to be flexible; as scary as an audition might be, the people behind the table have to seem like your students' grandparents.

When a program accepts a new undergraduate, they are making an investment. Despite increasing tuition and fees in the US, it still costs a university much more to educate that one student than the fees cover, especially at a public school. Thus, an auditioner isn't just looking for a high level of skill and talent, but also potential. Everyone has areas on which they can improve, and trying to hide them during an audition can hinder musicality; it's always better to put your best foot forward.



October 5, 2014-General Meeting: Vocal Masterclass with Elisabeth Pehlivanian

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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!