



Noteworthy News

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President's Message

As this year draws to a close, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the many members whose contributions helped to make this year a success. First, to our Board of Directors, I can't thank you enough for being there every step of the way. Your dedication to our mission of serving our members and their students in the best possible ways kept us focused on what is most important. Kudos to you all!

And to our Committee Chairs, the work that you do is so vital, as it ensures that the many programs that we offer our teachers and students continue to be available year after year. Thank you for your service and dedication to our branch and its members.

Finally, I would like to wish Sarah Sandvig, our President-elect, all the best for the coming year. She will have an energetic Board of Directors to support her. So, I expect that next year will be a magnificent one for our branch!

Happy summer to you all •

Musically,

Marla Devich

MTAC Long Beach Branch May 3rd, 2014 Branch Recital Report

Our third and final Branch Recital for the season took place on **Saturday, May 3rd, 2014** at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. We had two programs at **10:00 AM and 11:30 PM**. Thirty-seven students performed on piano and voice, with three accompanists. The studios represented were those of Willie Chen, Lorraine Chew, Andrea Chou-Wu, Marla Devich, Jeremie Favreau, Susan High, Maureen Lombardino, Adriana Manfredi, Lilia Pershina, Jelena Radovic, and Noreen Wenjen. All of our students did a very fine job. Congratulations to them and their teachers. Our gross revenue for this recital was \$370.



10:00 am Branch Recital on May 3rd, 2014



11:30 am Branch Recital on May 3rd, 2014

Maureen Lombardino

Winner's list for Sonata / Sonatina Festival: May 10th, 2014

The judges were Christopher Brennan, Neil Galanter, and Susan Kim. We had 40 students entered and here are the results.

Elementary Division

1st Place: Momoka Shimizu, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

2nd Place: Airi Kanyama, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

3rd Place: Lucas Coriaty, *student of Susan High*

Honorable Mentions:

Ava Le, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

Lyn Huang, *student of Willie Chen*

Jamie Hsu, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

Ko Tanoura, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

Allison Yun, *student of Noreen Wenjen*

Intermediate Division

1st Place: Brandon Vu, *student of Leah Kang*

2nd Place: Mai Takahashi, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

3rd Place: Everett Chew, *student of Lori Chew*

Honorable Mentions:

Hannan Salam, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

Abby Lovold, *student of Susan High*

Advanced Division:

1st Place: Nicholas Echeverry, *student of Lisa Kato Fitchett*

2nd Place: Deborah Cheng, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

3rd Place: Emily Lennon, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

Honorable Mentions:

Jocelyn Hsu, *student of Kazuko Yasukawa*

Irene Lee, *student of Noreen Wenjen*

Michelle Lu, *student of Noreen Wenjen*

Emily Eng, *student of Willie Chen*

Abby Heilman, *student of Marla Devich*

Thank you to all the students who played wonderfully. Also many thanks to the teachers who helped with the many jobs required in running this event and for bringing the various tasty lunch dishes!

Susan High and Willie Chen

Co-Chairs, Sonata/Sonatina Festival

Photo of MTACLB Sonata Festival Winners—Advanced Division



Lisa Michiko Kato

Wheeler Award

Dear MTAC Long Beach Branch members,

The Harold P. Wheeler, Jr. Music Memorial Award Committee and I would like to congratulate this year's winner—pianist Amanda Hasegawa, a student of Barbara Arnold. Amanda will receive an award of \$500 which will be presented at the **June 1st** installation of new officers meeting. We thank all the applicants of the Wheeler Music Award this year and encourage eligible seniors to apply for next year's award in spring of 2015.

All best wishes

2014 Wheeler Committee

Convention Delegates

This year's Convention will take place in LA from **June 27th to July 1st**. As you know, each year the Branch gives honorariums of \$200 each to four members who will attend the Convention as Branch Delegates and then write reports for our newsletter. I would like to extend the offer to Board Members first, before opening it up to the general membership.

Let me know if you will be attending the Convention and would like to receive an honorarium. Please understand that the expectation is that you will attend the Annual Delegate Meeting, which usually takes place on the Monday morning of the Convention, and that you will be able attend enough other events throughout the weekend to write a thorough report.

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you :)

Marla