



# *Noteworthy News*

Long Beach Branch  
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## **President's Message**

Thank you to Master Class Teacher violinist Ayke Agus, Janice Luna's fine violin students and accompanist Rob Woysner for an entertaining and educational evening at our February meeting. Ms. Agus shared her musical and performance insights with the students, as well as regaling us with stories of her years as Jascha Heifitz' accompanist. What a rare treat!

Our March meeting will feature a performance by Manon Robertshaw, cello and Rob Woysner, piano.) Be sure to mark your calendars to attend on Wednesday, March 5 at 9:30 AM in the home of Sarah Sandvig (2971 Shakespeare Dr. Los Alamitos 90720.)

Wishing you and your students all the best in their CM evaluations at the end of March!

Musically,

Marla Devich

## Calendar of Events

### **March**

5th

*9:30 AM – noon*

General Meeting at the home of Marla Devich (514 Molino Ave, Long Beach 90814)

Trio: Sally Curry, voice; Manon Robertshaw, cello; Rob Woyshner, piano

9th

*4:00 – 7:00 PM*

Recital featuring Branch winners of SCJ Bach Festival

Sponsored by the Long Beach Bach Festival & the Camerata Singers

Bayshore Community Church 5100 The Toledo, Long Beach 90803

20th

*10:00 – noon*

Board Meeting at the home of Marla Devich

29th & 30th

Certificate of Merit Evaluations Cal State Long Beach

## ***April***

2nd

Wheeler Award Deadline

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

## VOCE Recital and Competition

**February 1st** we had our VOCE Recital and Competition at Saddleback College in conjunction with Orange Coast Cities Branch and South Coast Branch. Our three entries were all awarded 1st places and sent on to finals.

They were:

Robert Gleiser, Intermediate Solo Strings

Erin Hsiao, Senior Solo Strings, students of Janice Luna

Marilyn Eteaki, Intermediate Solo Voice, student of Sally Curry

Congratulations to these fine students and their teachers.

Janice Luna

## February 6 meeting

Our **February 6** meeting at the Unitarian Church with featured artist Ayke Agus had to be one of the highlights of the year. She not only worked with two student violinists from the studio of Janice Luna, but also shared experiences about her mentor, Jascha Heifetz.

Ms. Agus also performed for us demonstrating some of the musical style that she spoke about, on violin as well as piano. It was a chance to experience the epitome of phrasing and bow management from one who worked with the greatest of the great...and we were not disappointed. She was featured on a DVD about Heifetz's life, and we were able to buy a copy as well as her book, "Heifetz As I Knew Him". It was an unforgettable evening.

Janice Luna

## The Long Beach Southern California Junior Bach Festival

Congratulations to the forty students who participated in the Long Beach Bach Festival, held on **February 8, 2014**, at the Seal Beach Church of Spiritual Living (SBCSL). Nine studios were represented. Seventeen winners were chosen to proceed to the Regional Competition on May 18, 2014 at CSU Dominguez Hills. There were also three alternates and four honorable mentions selected. The winners will also be sponsored by the Camerata Singers of the Long Beach Bach Festival and included in a concert on March 9, 2014 at 3pm. This year, the winners' concert will be at Bayshore Community Congregational Church. The judges for this year's Bach Festival were Jenny Shin, Dr. Thomas Strout and Dr. Shun-lin Chou. Many thanks to the teachers who helped with the festival!

List of Winners/Alternates and Honorable Mentions by Studio

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### **Marla Devich**

Sihyun Ahn - Winner

### **Dr. Louise Earhart**

Thalia Inui-Honorable Mention

### **Susan High**

Noah Lovold - Winner

### **Lisa Kato-Fitchett**

Nicholas Echeverry – Winner

### **Dina Goreshter**

Abigail Diaz – Winner

Jullia Moorefield – Alternate #1

### **Ellen Noble**

Shawn Lu - Winner

### **Lilia Pershina**

Gabriel Lewis - Winner

Eric Schaffer - Winner

### **Dr. Mark Sullivan**

Carina Novarro - Winner

Noah Conger – Winner

Christopher Roberts - Winner

Taylor Nguyen - Winner

Benjamin Tran – Honorable Mention

### **Kazuko Yasukawa**

Emily Lennon - Winner

Jocelyn Hsu - Winner

Alisa Hathaway - Winner

Hannan Salam - Winner

Manaka Yoshizawa - Winner

Airi Kanyama – Honorable Mention

Momoko Shimizu – Hon. Mention

Ko Tanoura-Alternate #3

Jonathan Cheng - Winner

Deborah Cheng – Alternate #2



Program 1 Performers



Program 2 Performers

## MTAC Long Beach Branch February 22nd, 2014 Branch Recital Report

Our second Branch Recital for the season took place on Saturday, **February 22nd, 2014** at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. There were two programs one at 10:00 AM, and one at 11:30 AM.

Forty-eight of the student applicants arrived and performed on piano and voice with three accompanists. The studios represented were those of Willie Chen, Bevinda Gomes, Maureen Lombardino, Adriana Manfredi, Joan Nelson, Lilia Pershina, Andrea Wu and Kasuko Yasukawa. All of our students did a very fine job. Congratulations to them and their teachers. Our gross revenue for this recital, before expenses, was \$480.

Maureen Lombardino



10:00 AM program performers



11:30 program performers

### **The Harold Parker Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Award**

The Harold Parker Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Award is offered each spring to a graduating high school senior. With this award, our branch honors the memory of Harold P. Wheeler, Jr. for his dedication to music and community service. Graduating seniors with good scholarship, musicianship, and those who have used their music to benefit the community are encouraged to apply. The deadline is **April 2nd, 2014**. Please have your graduating seniors apply for this wonderful award! You can email me at [leahkang@gmail.com](mailto:leahkang@gmail.com) for a PDF or Word copy of the application. Thanks!

Leah Kang

## West LA Branch Concerto Competition

Dear members,

The West LA Branch has extended an invitation for students to participate in their concerto competition. If you are interested, click on the link below.

Our MTAC-WLA branch would like to invite Southern California MTAC branch members to enter students into the orchestral instrument category of the new MTAC-WLA concerto competition. The orchestral instrument category is open to flute, violin and violoncello students ages 14 to 18. First Place winners will have the opportunity to perform with the Culver City Chamber Orchestra at a Young Artists concert on May 17, 2014. Auditions: Sunday, **April 27, 2014**, Steinway Piano Gallery, West Hollywood. Please see attached competition guidelines for eligibility, repertoire list and application information or go to <http://mtacwla.org/mtac-wla-branch-concerto-competition/> for more details. Questions or inquiries about the competition may be directed to the Concerto Competition committee:

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