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BRANCH

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April 2015

President's Notes

Happy April everyone!

Wow! What a fantastic month we've had in our Long Beach Branch. The month started with our first CM Mock Evaluations, which was a wonderful experience; especially for students who are new to this program. The Bach Festival Winners recital, on the following day, was an absolute delight. So much talent from these students; congratulations to their teachers!

Our month finished with an incredible Certificate of Merit weekend. Thank you so much to our wonderful Branch Chair, Ellen Noble, and to those teachers who went above and beyond to help wherever it was needed. Everything ran smoothly and the evaluators were very appreciative.

I am really looking forward to our General Meeting this Wednesday, April 1st at Lisa Kato Fitchett's home on Improvisation! I hope to see you all there!

Have a wonderful month, and take some time to enjoy the sunshine!

Most sincerely,
Sarah Sandvig
President: MTACLB



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Upcoming Events:

- 4/1-General Meeting
- 4/1-Wheeler App. Deadline
- 4/11-Honors Recital Deadline
- 4/12-SCJBF All-Branch String Regional
- 4/15-Board Meeting
- 4/18-CM Branch Honors Recital
- 4/18-Sonata/Sonatina Deadline
- 5/2-Play-A-Thon Fundraiser
- 5/6-Annual Business Meeting
- 5/9-Sonata/Sonatina Competition
- 5/13-Board Meeting
- 5/31-Potluck & Officer Installation

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

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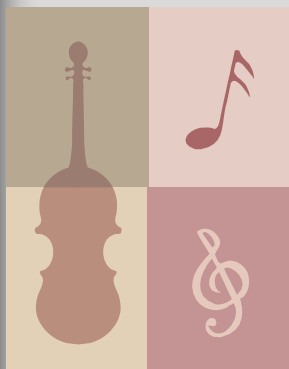
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News to Tell:

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



Certificate of Merit

Our branch just concluded our CM weekend. Thanks to our hardworking teachers it was a very successful event. I would like to give special thanks and recognition to those teachers who accepted responsibility for large CM tasks; instrument chairs, Marla Devich (piano), Alicja Blanquart (strings), and Sarah Sandvig (voice), event day chairs; Lunchroom coordinator Kazuko Yasukawa, Theory Room chair, Tasha Locke, and Grading Room chair, Andrea Chou-Wu.

I would also like to take this time to recognize our outstanding students. We know they all worked hard to meet the requirements of this demanding program. I am proud to list the following students who received 100% on their theory exams:

- Level 1-** Caleb Yi (Ahn)
Erin Babbitt (Dickey)
Sarah Cruz (Sandvig)
Ivy Ngyuen (Sullivan)
- Level 2-** Ella Mak (Chou-Wu)
Matthew Borkovich (Inui)
Claire Grover (Devich)
Alexander Kim Padilla (Yu)
Katherine Shinogi (Sandvig)
- Level 3-** Lucas Coriaty (High)
Grace Abdoo (Goodwin)
- Level 4-** Brandon Kim (Chen)

Kudos!

The Wheeler Memorial Scholarship Award is offered each spring to a graduating high school senior. With this award, our branch honors the memory of Harold Parker 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 4, 2015. Please have your graduating seniors apply for this wonderful award! You can email me at leahkang@gmail.com for a PDF or Word copy of the application.

Music Teachers' Association of California – Long Beach Branch

Application for the Harold P. Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Music Award

This award is offered annually to a graduating high school senior who is a student of a member of the MTAC Long Beach Branch. The award is in the amount of \$500. The student must have used his/her musical gifts and other talents to enhance the lives of others in the school and the community. In addition to outstanding musicianship, the student must demonstrate attributes that include good scholarship and qualities of character and industry.

☐ Application deadline is April 4, 2015

☐ Please send the completed application form and all supporting materials to:

Leah Kang - 15539 Woodruff Ave Unit 8, Bellflower, CA 90706

☐ The award recipient will be honored at the June meeting of the MTAC Long Beach Branch

Applicant's Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Instrument _____ Instrument #2 (if applicable) _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY.

1. Briefly describe your musical training.
2. List the school music organizations in which you participate.
3. List community or church musical involvement.
4. List other community volunteer activities.

REQUIREMENTS

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

O Include 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.

O Include two letters of recommendation from persons other than the student's current MTAC teacher or family member.

****Include proof of community service and other volunteer activities.**

Instrument #1 Print Name of Teacher Teacher's Signature Telephone

Instrument #2 Print Name of Teacher Teacher's Signature Telephone

**MTAC Long Beach Branch
invites you to our**

First Annual Play-A-Thon

**When: Saturday, May 2nd, 2015
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Where: Seal Beach Church of Spiritual Living
500 Marina Drive,
Seal Beach, CA**

*Prizes will be awarded to all
student participants!*



**The purpose of this exciting event is to raise money for
the ongoing upkeep of our Mason and Hamlin Piano.**

Play-A-Thon Fundraiser Tips

I made this promo using the Flipagram app. Feel free to copy and share for your studios or you can make your own Flipagram slideshow tailored to your studio (it took me about 20 min). I am suggesting the theme: "Where the Music Takes You" to guide my students in soliciting Play-a-Thon sponsorships. Also feel free to use it, view and share as you wish: <http://flipagram.com/f/SqCaEx9dYB>

Also, I am sending every student home with one of these ziploc labeled bags with their play a Thon packet.... Again feel free to do this as well! Donating spare change is not a problem for most and it's fun to see how much we all collect!



Regards,
Adriana Manfredi

April General Meeting

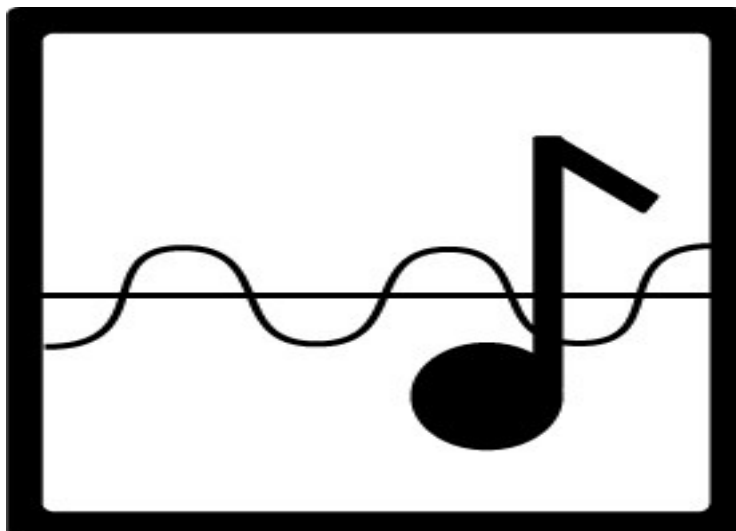
Our next general meeting will be at 9:30am on April 1st, 2015 at the home of Lisa Kato Fitchett. Lisa will present a program about teaching composition and improvisation.

Lisa has the following to say about the program:

"On Wednesday, April 1st, 2015, I will be presenting teaching materials and methods for improvisation and composition. I invite anyone who has questions about Composers Today or the Improvisation Festival to email me ahead of time at lisa.fitchett@gmail.com. In particular, for anyone who has a student who is "stuck" with the beginning of a piece, but doesn't know where to go from there, I invite teachers to send me a PDF of their student's work in progress ASAP, with a brief outline of the student's background (such as how long they've been studying, and what theory level they are comfortable with). Teachers may also email me an MP3, MPEG4, or WAV file (audio recording) of student improvisation if they wish. (Recordings can be made easily using the "voice memo" function of iPhone, and sent directly from there."

Questions about the program should be directed to Lisa Kato, while any questions about the meeting itself may be directed to me.

Thank you,
Marc Lombardino



In Remembrance



Obituary for Richard Wilmot Earhart

January 19, 1940—February 25, 2015

Richard died with his wife, Louise Hall Earhart at his side. He had suffered for some time from a pernicious neurological disease that progressively robbed him of his vitality. Richard remained alert and courageous to the end.

Richard was the first-born son of Alice and Daniel Earhart of Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Middlebury College in Vermont, and received a Master of Science in Physics from the Ohio State University. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Germany 1962-1964, returning to the U.S. as a First Lieutenant.

After returning from Germany, Richard worked for the Pentagon for three years and then returned to Ohio, where he worked for a NASA contract research firm -- Battelle Memorial Institute. In Columbus he met the Love of his Life, Louise, who with his support, earned a PhD in music theory.

In 1988, Richard took a job with Rockwell International in Southern California. Louise joined Richard in Long Beach in 1990, where she started a successful teaching career in piano. After leaving Rockwell, Richard discovered his true vocation: personal computers. He established a one-man business, First Class Computer Services—a business that evolved as computers and networking evolved. Starting with keeping “old” systems going beyond their intended life, Richard migrated many of his somewhat reluctant clients over to more serviceable web-capable systems. He was also a principal in GOAL, a venture to build a vertical lift-off plane. Richard will be missed by his many clients, by the computer club with whose members he shared knowledge, and by his colleagues at GOAL.

Richard enjoyed vacationing at his family’s summer cottage on Mullet Lake, Michigan, a place of great times spent with family and friends over most of his life.

In addition to Louise, Richard is survived by his brother James (Donna), his Aunt Lois, and many nephews and nieces.

There will be two celebrations of Richard’s life:

On April 9, 2015 at 11 A.M., and on May 2, 2015 at 11 A.M. at the

Second Church of Christ Scientist

8705 Catalina Avenue

Whittier, CA 94605-1503

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to:

The Music Teachers Association of California

833 Market St., #900

San Francisco, CA 94103-1851, or

Long Beach Opera

100 W. Broadway

Long Beach, CA 90802,

or the charity of your choice.

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!

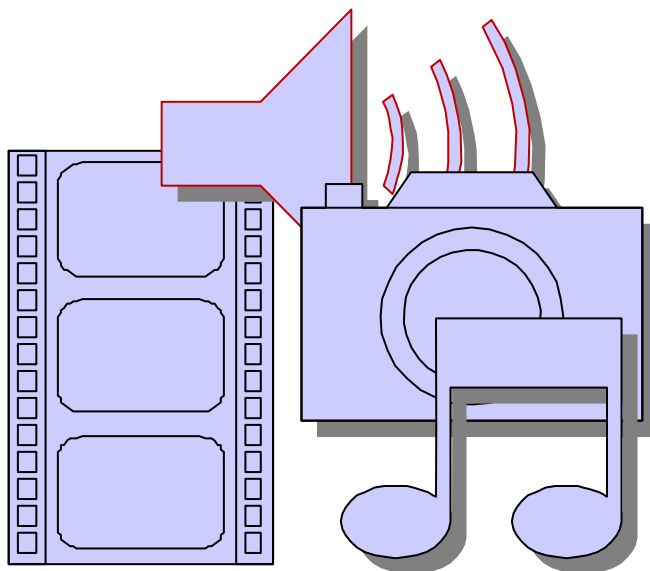
Jessica Baptist - Referral Service.



Photos Needed!

We are doing our MTAC-LB 2014-2015 E-Scrapbook and I need everyone's help. With my new full-time job at Keyboard Concepts Piano Superstore in Fountain Valley which I started in August 2014, I am not able to attend and photograph MTAC-LB Meetings, Recitals, and Events as frequently as I used to. If you have some digital pictures of our MTAC-LB Meetings, Recitals, and other important branch-related events, please e-mail them to me with the dates and descriptions to Violine1@aol.com. Also, if you have pictures from our last 2014 MTAC Convention in Los Angeles, please e-mail and share those with me too for our E-Scrapbook.

Thank you all for your help,
Christine Ho
MTAC-Long Beach Branch
Photographer and Historian



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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!