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# Noteworthy News



December 2015

## President's Notes

### Upcoming Events:

- 12/6-Ensemble Festival Deadline
- 12/12-Ensemble Festival
- 12/12-Wheeler Memorial Concert
- 1/10-General Meeting
- 1/13-Styles Festival Deadline
- 1/15-Composers Today Deadline
- 1/18-SBCJF Master Class
- 1/20-Board Meeting
- 1/23-Sytlles Festival
- 1/27-Baroque Festival
- 1/30-General Meeting
- 1/31-VOCE Deadline

For more details, please go online to our website:

[www.mtaclb.com](http://www.mtaclb.com)

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Happy December, everyone!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family and took a few days to breathe and rest.

We have some wonderful events coming up this month. I hope your students can participate and you can also attend them! On December 12th, we have both our Ensemble Festival and our Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert, both at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living in Seal Beach.

You can enroll students for the Ensemble Festival on our website, [www.mtaclb.com](http://www.mtaclb.com), (deadline is Sunday, December 6th). If you can perform in the Wheeler Concert, which is a fabulous time for our teachers to perform, please email Harriet Bennish at: [alinkletter@yahoo.com](mailto:alinkletter@yahoo.com). We also have MSSL recitals on 12/6, 12/13 & 12/20, which are great opportunities for your students to perform for the elderly and earn community service hours!

I hope to see everyone on December 12th! Have a wonderful month and Happy Holidays!!

Sarah Sandvig

MTACLB-President



President: Sarah Sandvig

## January Duo Piano Masterclass

### Dear MTACLB Members

#### CALL FOR MASTERCLASS PARTICIPANTS

In keeping with this year's loose theme of collaboration, our January piano master class will be a unique event and special opportunity for your students. We are excited to have Mark Uranker and Althea Waites of CSULB's own Orpheus Duo giving a clinic on duo piano playing on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at CSULB! Their biographies and information about the Orpheus Duo are attached.

We are looking for four duos (8 total students), each preparing one piece or movement, for this event.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your late intermediate / early advanced students to gain experience collaborating with another like-leveled musician before they get to college, and to explore a new type of music they might not otherwise get the opportunity to perform alongside their solo repertoire.

#### **Q: What is the intended age/level for this event?**

A: Preference will be given to high school students performing more advanced repertoire (approximate CM levels 6+). College/adult students will also be considered after high school students have taken available spots.

#### **Q: Is this class intended for two pianos or one piano, four hands?**

A: Preference will be given to students preparing two-piano music. Available space will then be filled by one-piano four hands participants.

#### **Q: My studio only has one piano, but I have two students I know would be perfect for this opportunity – how can I prepare students for this event?**

A: There are two options: 1) bring in a keyboard to your studio alongside your piano, or 2) book FREE/NO CHARGE TO YOU! time at 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Tasha Locke's home studio – equipped with a small grand and an upright – any day except Thursdays or Sundays.

***Deadline for participant sign-ups is December 1.***

## 2015-2016 Branch Directory Corrections

Mark Sullivan has a new address:

395 Wisconsin Ave  
Long Beach, CA 90814

## Music Students Service League

### 2015-2016

To participate, **RSVP to Liam Watts, [wattsdojn@earthlink.net](mailto:wattsdojn@earthlink.net)**, 3 days before recital day.  
Recital attire preferred.

**Jennifer Watts and Andrea Chou-Wu, Co-Chairs**

#### Artesia Christian Home

11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701

(562) 865-5218

October 4 @ 3:00

November 8 @ 3:00

December 6 @ 3:00

#### Katella Manor

3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

(562) 596-2773

October 18 @ 3:00

November 22 @ 3:00

December 20 @ 3:00

#### Country Villa, Seal Beach

3000 N Gate Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

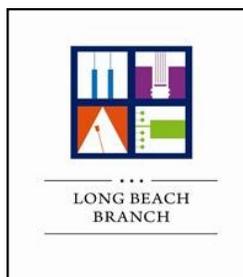
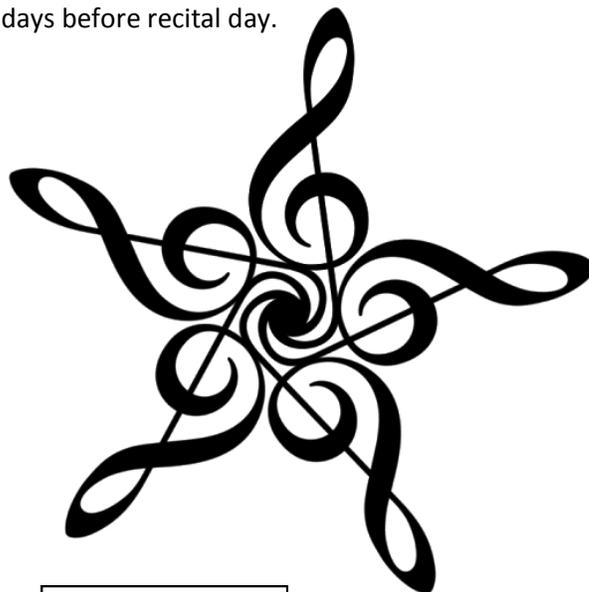
(562) 598-2477

October 11 @ 3:00

November 15 @ 3:00

December 13 @ 3:00

Thank you for your ongoing participation!



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.

## Ensemble Festival

**Ensemble Festival: December 12** (Co-Chairs Marla Devich, [562-433-3545](tel:562-433-3545) and Ellen Noble, [562-431-6740](tel:562-431-6740))

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. The Festival is at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. The entry deadline is Saturday, December 6. The entry form is online [www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com). There is a \$6.00 fee for each participant, including teachers. Holiday music is welcome on the program.

## Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert

Dear MTAC members,

A flyer for the Sat. Dec. 12 Wheeler Benefit Concert was emailed out. Feel free to forward the flyer to your students, family and friends, and/or make copies for your studio. If you are planning to perform please send the title(s) of your pieces plus length of time needed to perform your work (s). Suggested time is 6-8 minutes with a maximum of 10 min. To ensure that your name will be in the printed program submit all information to **Harriet Bennish's email:**

[alinkletter@yahoo.com](mailto:alinkletter@yahoo.com) H([562-621-9734](tel:562-621-9734)), C([562-235-0438](tel:562-235-0438)) no later than December 5.

Please add this information in your Branch Directory as my name was omitted.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours,  
Harriet Bennish, Chair



## Theme Festival

On Saturday November 7, at 11:00 am, our annual Theme Festival was held. Sixteen students performed piano works by American composers. The studios represented were those of Laura Dickey, Lilia Pershina, Rebecca Mauss, and Andrea Wu. All of the students did a very fine job.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Lombardino



## SCJBF

The Southern California Junior Bach Festival will be held on February 6, 2016 at SBCSL. Times will vary according to how many students enter.

The deadline to register students for SCJBF is January 16, 2016. Entry forms are online at [www.scjbf.org](http://www.scjbf.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Yukiko Nobles or Kazuko Yasukawa. Thank you.

Yukiko Nobles and Kazuko Yasukawa, Co-Chairs SCJBF

## Teachers' Notes

### *Allan Carter*

Our very own Allan Carter will be honored by the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra for his faithful service as librarian for the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra for over forty years. He has done a very fine job and is well-respected by the orchestra, staff and volunteers for his work.

Thank you Allan for your dedication over many years to helping keep music alive in our city!

### *Adriana Manfredi*

I am pleased to be singing the alto arias for Handel's Messiah featuring Long Beach Symphony and Camerata Singers, Sunday Dec 6 4:30p, Long Beach City College Auditorium. Please see info below for \$10 ticket student info.

#### **HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

**Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 4:30pm**

Long Beach City College Auditorium

Robert Istad, Artistic Director

[Allison Tyler](#), soprano

[Adriana Manfredi](#), mezzo-soprano

[Todd Strange](#), tenor

[Abdiel González](#), baritone

Light up your holidays with Handel's magnificent Messiah, featuring professional soloists and our artistic partner, the Long Beach Symphony. An annual tradition for 8 years, reviewers have referred to past performances as "thrilling," describing the sound as "lovely, well balanced and colorful."

Pre-concert lecture by Matthew Netto, 3:30pm

\$40 General Admission, \$10 student tickets at the door with Student I.D.

[www.longbeachcameratasingers.org](http://www.longbeachcameratasingers.org)

### *Mark Sullivan*

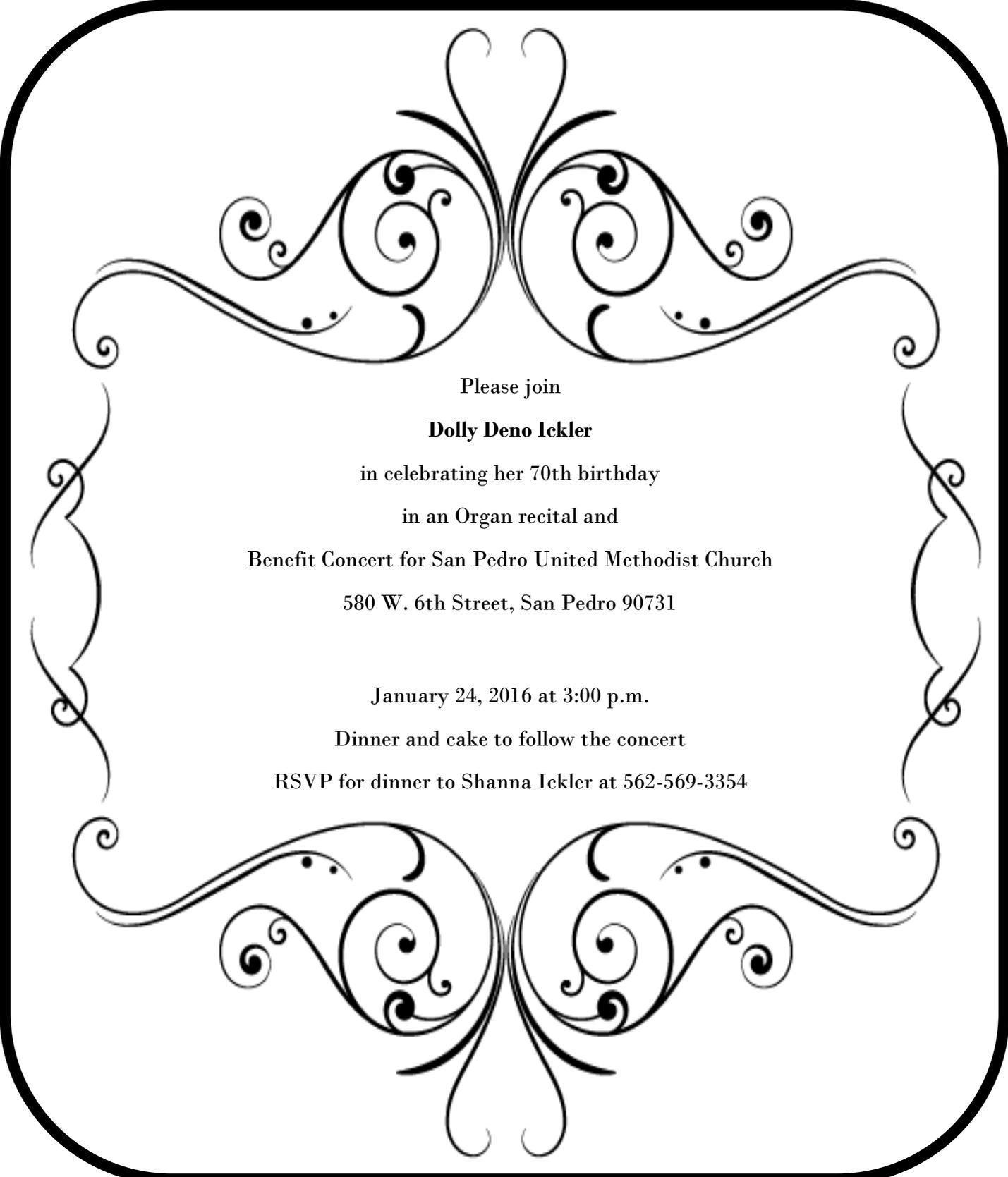
**AFTER 26 YEARS IN WEST GARDEN GROVE, I HAVE MOVED BACK TO LONG BEACH. MY NEW ADDRESS IS:**

**395 WISCONSIN AVENUE  
LONG BEACH, CA 90814**

**THIS IS LOCATED JUST OFF THE CORNER OF WISCONSIN AND FOURTH STREET, BETWEEN TEMPLE AND JUNIPERO.**

**MY PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS REMAIN THE SAME.**

*Dolly Ickler*

A large, ornate decorative border with intricate scrollwork and floral patterns, framing the central text. The border is black and has rounded corners.

Please join

**Dolly Deno Ickler**

in celebrating her 70th birthday

in an Organ recital and

**Benefit Concert for San Pedro United Methodist Church**

580 W. 6th Street, San Pedro 90731

January 24, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Dinner and cake to follow the concert

RSVP for dinner to Shanna Ickler at 562-569-3354

## Long Beach Branch Newsletter

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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](http://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](mailto:jminui@gmail.com).

THANK YOU!