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# Noteworthy News



November 2015

## President's Notes

### Upcoming Events:

- 11/1-SCJBF Registration opens at [www.scjbf.org](http://www.scjbf.org)
- 11/1-General Meeting
- 11/7-Theme Festival
- 11/18-Board Meeting
- 12/6-Ensemble Festival Deadline
- 12/12-Ensemble Festival
- 12/12-Wheeler Memorial Concert
- 1/10-General Meeting

For more details, please go online to our website:

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

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Happy November everyone!

Even though the weather may not seem like Fall, our upcoming studio events, holidays and busy schedules are upon us!

In my own studio, I added an "upcoming events" list to my website and included all of our varied and fantastic MTACLB festivals, competitions and recitals. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate in all that our branch offers, in addition to our own studio events.

Coming up this Sunday, we have a general meeting & round-table discussion on studio policies, held at my house. I do hope you can come! Bring a copy of your policies (sans your fee/rates) and we'll discuss, eat snacks, and catch up with each other.

Our Theme Festival is coming up on November 7th, as well as three more available MSSL concerts on 11/8, 11/15 & 11/22!

Have a wonderful month!

Sarah Sandvig

MTACLB-President



President: Sarah Sandvig

## News to Tell:

Please submit all Noteworthy News to Mary Inui at [jminui@gmail.com](mailto: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

### REMEMBER...CM Registration is October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015

CM registration is on your teacher home page at [mtac.org](http://mtac.org).  
The Teacher Work Agreement is at [mtaclb.org](http://mtaclb.org) on our new Certificate of Merit page.

After you have enrolled your students in CM you must send me the following, postmarked no later than Nov.1, 2015.

- 1) One check payable to "MTACLB" including fees for all students
- 2) A print copy of your Student List
- 3) A print copy of the Student Fees List
- 4) The signed Teacher Work Agreement

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our branch CM evaluations are April 2 and 3. Be sure that your families are aware that this is the weekend immediately following Easter Sunday. There are no refunds for CM fees.

Best wishes for a successful teaching year!

It has come to my attention that our branch CM dates of April 2/3 will present a serious conflict for some of our high school students who have mandatory school events at that time. CM does offer make up evaluations (MUPs) for high school students with a valid excuse. The issue is that students who have a MUP are not eligible to be considered for Convention programs.

To solve this problem our branch will schedule an alternative CM date (Sunday, March 6) for those students who meet the following criteria:

1. The student must be currently enrolled in high school, 9th grade or higher.
2. The conflict with the April 2/3 weekend must be a mandatory school activity such as a choir or orchestra trip.
3. The student must provide a written excuse from the teacher to the branch CM Chair to be postmarked Nov. 1.

Please email me if you have students who meet this criteria. You may drop off, scan and email, or mail me the letter from their teacher verifying their school obligation. Again, this letter must be postmarked by November 1st in order for your students to be evaluated on March 6th.

Thank you,

Ellen Noble  
MTACLB: Branch Chair

## 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

Pheaross Graham has a new address and number:

13942 Bessemer St.  
Valley Glen, CA 91401  
[\(818\) 312-6343](tel:8183126343)

## Music Students Service League

### 2015-2016

To participate, **RSVP to Liam Watts, [wattsdoim@earthlink.net](mailto:wattsdoim@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

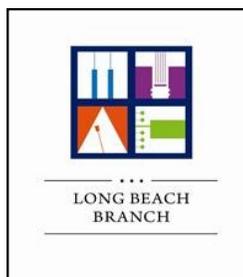
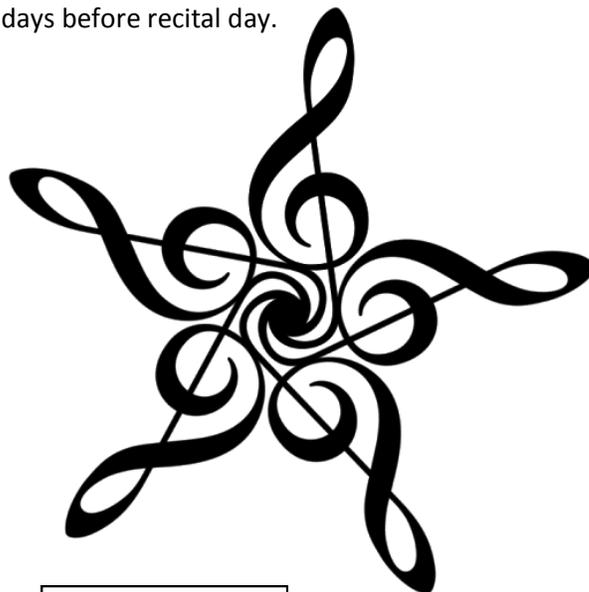
(562) 598-2477

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.mtaclb.com](http://www.mtaclb.com). There is a \$6.00 fee for each participant, including teachers. Holiday music is welcome on the program.

## Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert

Harold P. Jr. and Nancy Wheeler – Memorial Benefit Concert  
Saturday, December 12, 2015 5:00 PM

Long Beach MTAC members are invited to perform their favorite music for family, friends, and students. All proceeds go towards the Wheeler Memorial Fund for a scholarship that is awarded to a graduating high school senior in the Spring.

Please submit the title of the work you wish to perform, your instrument and the approximate length of your piece (or pieces). I was informed that "6 minutes" is the recommended time limit, with a maximum of 8-10 minutes. Submit this information no later than December 1st to Harriet Bennish, chair at [alinkletter@yahoo.com](mailto:alinkletter@yahoo.com). Call Harriet on her landline [562\) 621-9734](tel:562-621-9734) or her Cell [562\)235-0438](tel:562-235-0438) if you have any questions. Please take note of Harriet's personal information as she was inadvertently not included in the 2015-2016 Branch Directory.



September CM Meeting/Potluck at the home of Tasha Locke





## Branch Recital #1

Our first Branch Recital for the season took place on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. There were two programs one at 10:00 AM, and one at 11:30 AM.

Twenty-one students performed on piano and voice. Accompanying the vocalists was Lukas Swidzinski. The studios represented were Adriana Manfredi and Laura Dickey. All of our students did a very fine job. Congratulations to them and their teachers.



10:00 am recital



11:30 am recital

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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!*

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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.

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THANK YOU!