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LONG BEACH
BRANCH

President's Message

Season's Greeting to everyone! As you get ready for this busy time of the year, please remember to check our website as our calendar has updated.

We would like to give thanks to our chairs for the successful Wheeler Concert and Theme Festival. Our annual Ensemble Festival will take place on Saturday, December 7, at Newcomb Academy. At the Festival we will also celebrate our MTAC Long Beach Branch birthday. Our branch is 78 years old. Please join us for our celebration!

December is also an important month for CM teachers, as the January 15 deadline input student repertoire and other information into the database approaches.

This includes the consideration for Convention and Branch Honors Recitals along with carpooling.

As one of your Presidents, I sometimes like to include something that came to my thought and was somehow special to me. In an enlightened moment (I wish there were more!), suddenly, I saw a beautiful hydrangea flower that I had been gazing at in a new light. Why, I said to myself, it's not round at all. It's an illusion seemingly round. It's made up of tiny flowerets that know how far to grow just to make this larger flower seem like a complete round ball. "Each knows." Then I thought of all the organizations that are made up of such lovely flowerets which, together "each knows" how to band together to make up a greater, more powerful, larger organization. My thinking broadened farther and farther and led me to include even the planet Earth in this "Metaphor of the Hydrangea." Probably even the universe (?)

Your Co-Presidents, Yukiko and Louise, wish you peace and joy in all your holidays for 2019. Our new year, 2020, is the year of clear vision. Let's us strive to look for answers and solutions that bless us all.

Louise Earhart & Yukiko Nobles
Co-Presidents: MTAC Long Beach



Upcoming Events:

President's Notes

Ensemble Festival-Dec.7

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Ensemble Festival: December 7

Co-Chairs: **Marla Devich**, 562-433-3545 and **Ellen Noble**, 562-431-6740

This year's Ensemble Festival coincides with the date of our branch founding, December 7, 1941. We plan to celebrate with a branch birthday cake and with singing! Come join the fun!

The 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. Holiday music is welcome on the program. There are no repertoire restrictions or memory requirements.

This year's festival is Saturday, December 7, at Newcomb Academy. The deadline to enter is Saturday, November 23. The entry form is online www.mtaclb.com. There is a \$6.00 fee for each participant, including teachers.

General Meeting

Our General Meeting will feature a piano masterclass with Carl Matthes at the home of Lyn Pohlman on Sunday, January 19 from 3:30-5:30 pm.

Bach – So. Calif. Jr. Bach Festival (SCJBF) Long Beach Branch Baroque Festival

Dr. Mark Sullivan & Charis Nieto, Co-Chairs

Event: Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm* (Newcomb Academy)

Entry Deadline: Saturday, January 18, 2020

Entry Fee (per student): \$30

*** Time varies depending upon number of participants.**

This year the Long Beach Branch is combining the Baroque and Bach Festivals into a single event. Participating teachers must enter students for the Bach and Baroque festival by using the registration system at scjbf.org. Please contact Mark Sullivan ahead of the Jan. 18 entry deadline if you need assistance.

All participating students will be evaluated and receive written comments by the three judges.

Piano students who participate in the Festival with original keyboard works composed by J.S. Bach will be eligible for selection to compete at the SCJBF Region III keyboard festival on Sunday, May 17, 2020. At least 50% of eligible pianists will be selected for Regional.

Singers, strings and winds players, together with pianists performing Baroque repertoire that is not eligible for the Keyboard Regional Festival will be considered for Honorable Mention.

Pianists selected for the SCJBF Regional Keyboard Festival, together with strings and winds players, pianists and singers who receive Honorable Mention, will be invited to perform at the Long Beach Branch Bach/Baroque Winners Concert to be held on Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Pianists and instrumentalists are eligible through age 18. Singers are eligible through age 25.

Please note: **SCJBF organizes All-Branch Regional Festivals for Strings and Winds/Voice** categories. These events combine both Branch and Regional levels and usually take place in April and May. There is no prerequisite to enroll.

For details, please check the SCJBF website for updates at:
<https://www.scjbf.org/stringswindsandvoice.htm>

MSSL November Report

We have completed the two MSSL recitals for November. Both were enjoyed by the residents.

The forty-five-minute November 10th recital at Artesia Christian home had 13 performers, representing the studios of: Dr. Sam Chou, Andrea Chou-Wu, Rebecca Mauss, and Lilia Pershina.

The seventy-minute November 17th recital at Katella Manor had 12 performers, representing the studios of: Dr. Sam Chou, Andrea Chou-Wu, Rebecca Mauss, Lilia Pershina, and Dr. Mark Sullivan. It was quite a recital with several advanced performers.

Teachers, please be aware for the month of December, there will be a change to the regular schedule. The Katella Manor recital is usually held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The residence already had an event scheduled for 12/15. The MSSL recital has been moved to the 4th Sunday of the month or December 22. The time of 3:00 PM has not been changed. Since that date is so close to Christmas, please let me know as early as possible, BUT no later than 12/15, if your students will be performing. IF there are not enough performers, the recital will be canceled.



Wheeler Concert A Huge Success

The Wheeler Concert, held on Sunday, November 3, was an outstanding success! Nine members and a few friends treated the audience to a varied and rich program of music for cello, guitar, piano solos, duet, and trio. Many thanks to event chair, **Jeremy Favreau**, for organizing this concert.

The purpose of the event is to raise funds for the annual scholarship that our branch offers to a high- school senior who shows outstanding scholarship and musicianship and has used their musical talents to give to the community. These attributes were personified in the life of Harold Wheeler in whose honor this recognition is given.

Thank you to the generous Donors to the Wheeler Scholarship Fund:

Gary Beaston, Tom Groth, Louise Earhart, Clorinda Moore, Linda Pryor, Betty Farish, Randy and Shelley Skinner, Ray Wilson, John Watt, Mark Sullivan, Mark Millerin, Ying, and Scott Noble. This year we raised \$360.00.

If you would like to donate to the Wheeler Fund you can do so at our branch website, **mtaclb.com** using the PayPal donate button. You can also mail a donation to branch Treasurer, Ellen Noble (See directory for her address)



Theme Festival Report

Theme Festival chair, Laura Dickey, reported that there were six studios represented and 29 entries. Three teachers also performed, and the recital brought in enough funds to cover expenses. It was an enjoyable program and we hope to include even more students and teachers next year.



Student piano for sale

A Yamaha console has come up for sale. The piano resides in Long Beach. Here is a photo of it in its current condition. Contact Robert Pryor, at 562-619-4427 for information.





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www.mtacb.com

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- 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.

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