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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By the time you read this, we will have had our welcome luncheon potluck at my home on October 1st, 2021. If you were not able to attend, the branch directories passed out will be available for pick-up—see in the newsletter for more details!

We welcome four new members to MTA CLB this year: Voice teacher Melissa Caldretti, Piano teacher Katie Klein, Violin teacher Moni Simeonov, and Piano/Composition teacher Samara Rice (who has also taken on the responsibility of ASCAP chair for this year). We're glad that you have chosen to join the Long Beach Branch, and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and hearing your students at our recitals!

We will be hosting two more events in October after the welcome luncheon. On the 12th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, we will have a roundtable discussion on Studio Management. Our Second Vice-President Yukiko Nobles will send information on this meeting. At our new principal recital venue, the Bjerke Fellowship Hall at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (OSLC-BFH), we will have the first of three yearly branch recitals on October 22nd, hosted by Andrea Chou-Wu and myself.

Looking ahead, we will meet on November 9 at my home again to hear a talk by a colleague of mine from Santa Barbara, Dr. Alexandra Birch. You'll hear more about her as we approach her talk, but I thought I'd take this opportunity to explain a little bit about what her talk will be about, specifically regarding the title of her lecture "Musical Stolpersteine - Recovered Music from Atrocity and Reincorporation into the Canon." If you are unfamiliar, a Stolperstein (plural Stolpersteine) is, in German, literally a "stumbling stone," and more specifically a type of public memorial for victims of the Holocaust. Dr. Birch's research focuses on recovering scores of composers who were the victims of persecution and genocide. Because of their circumstances, these composers' works are often lost, which means that regardless of their quality they cannot be memorialized into our musical canon ("canon" meaning all the pieces we know that are performed and discussed regularly). I'll let her explain further, but as I understand it, her talk will focus in part on the role we teachers play in passing on that musical canon to our students, and how we can therefore participate in exposing our students to these musical Stolpersteine—pieces of music through which we memorialize those who might otherwise have remained forgotten.

Alright, that's probably enough heavy discussion for now. Please enjoy our newsletter, and look forward to more information about our events coming soon!

Marc Lombardino, MTAC Long Beach

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Bjerke Fellowship Hall (OSLC-BFH)
370 Junipero Ave, Long Beach, CA 90814

Saturday, October 1, 2022 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

New Member Welcome Luncheon and Get Together Meeting

Where: Home of Marc Lombardino, 1141 E Marcellus St., Long Beach, CA 90807

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 10:00 am – 11:30 am

General Meeting: Studio Management Roundtable Discussion (This meeting is for our members and please contact Yukiko Nobles at yukikonobles@gmail.com for any topic you would like to hear, discuss, and share relating to the studio management, for example, videography for auditions, evaluations, and competitions, how to build a studio, how to communicate with student's parents, etc.) Please RSVP by October 9.

Where: Home of Louise Earhart, 2237 Radnor Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815

Saturday, October 22, 2022 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Branch Recital #1 (Andrea Chou-Wu & Marc Lombardino: Chairs)

Where: OSLC-BFH

CM DEADLINE: OCT 31, 2022 - LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR CM

CM DEADLINE: NOV 5, 2022 - LAST DAY FOR PARENTS TO PAY FEES

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

General Meeting: Alexandra Birch presenting "Musical Stolpersteine - Recovered Music from Atrocity and Reincorporation into the Canon"

Where: Home of Marc Lombardino, 1141 E Marcellus St., Long Beach, CA 90807

Saturday, November 19, 2022 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Theme Festival: Theme TBA (Dr. Louise Earhart: Chair)

Where: OSLC-BFH

Saturday, December 10, 2022 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ensemble Festival (Ellen Noble & Marla Devich: Chairs)

Where: OSLC-BFH

2022-2023 Branch Directories

The hard copy of the 2022-2023 branch directory is available now. You may pick it up from the front porch of Marc Lombardino, 1141 E Marcellus St., Long Beach, 90807 from Monday, October 2 - Wednesday, November 2 between 8 am - 8 pm. Please park on the street and not on the driveway. You can also send a self-stamped, self-addressed envelope (no smaller than 6' x 9') to Marc on the above address if you would like him to mail it to you. The directory is also available on our website in the member section. It is password protected—the password is mtaclb1941. 1941 is a reference to the year the MTAC Long Beach Branch was chartered.



Music Students' Service League (MSSL) 2022-2023

This year we will have 2 ways students can serve our local senior community. We will have in-person recitals at Westmont of Cypress as well as virtual recitals to be sent to Artesia Christian Home.

IN-PERSON RECITAL:

Location: Westmont of Cypress (Senior Living)
4889 Katella Ave.
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Dates: October 16 November 13 December 11
 January 8 February 12 March 12

Submit name(s) and piece(s) to matthewinui1@gmail.com. All pieces must be performance ready. All recitals will begin at 3:00 pm and please dress appropriately (no casual attire). The deadline to submit names for participation will be 5 days before the recital dates.

proof of 2 Covid shots or negative PCR/rapid test + masks required

VIRTUAL RECITAL: Submit videos to matthewinui1@gmail.com by the 10th of each month.

All performers will receive community service hours and a certificate.

BRANCH RECITAL #1 (October 22, 2022)

It's time to enroll your students for the first branch recital of the year (open to all students and teachers of MTACLB) on October 22, 2022. The recital will take place in person at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. This is a good chance to give students who will participate in CM an opportunity to get one or two of their pieces learned and recorded well ahead of time.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 11:59 P.M.

To register your students, please visit www.mtaclb.com, select the tab "recital registration," then select the "branch registration" button to complete the online registration form. The registration fee is \$12 per student.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the event chairs, Marc Lombardino - marclombardino@gmail.com OR Andrea Wu - jou_hsiang_en@hotmail.com

Branch Recital co-chairs: Marc Lombardino and Andrea Wu

ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL: December 10, 2022

Now is the time to make plans for your students, parents, and possibly yourself, to participate in this year's Ensemble Festival. This informal event encourages musicians of all levels to come together to experience the pleasure of making music with others. We are looking forward to our first festival at the new location for our branch piano, Our Saviour's Lutheran church.

If you have any questions, please contact co-chairs Marla Devich (562) 230-1957 or Ellen Noble (562) 619-0684

WHEELER MEMORIAL CONCERT January 29, 2023

Dear colleagues,

I am glad to announce that the Wheeler Memorial Concert will take place on Sunday, January 29th, at 3.30 pm. This event functions as our annual Teacher's Concert—branch members are the primary performers, though in the past we have had musical collaborators from outside the branch perform as well. The donations received at this Concert will go towards our annual Wheeler Scholarship.

I invite you all to come and play at the Memorial concert in 2023!

I hope you will be able to play on this coming concert.

If so, please let me know what you would like to play at jef72@hotmail.fr.

Thank you for letting me know!

-Jérémie

FREE MUSIC BOOKS

I have 16 volumes of The International Library of Piano Music for any teacher (preferably new teacher) who would like them and could pick them up. I live in Cypress.

Susan McCormick
 714-453-8867
ukefest@yahoo.com

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Some key reminders for CM–The most important upcoming dates are the following:

October 31 is the deadline to apply for CM

November 5 is the deadline for parents to pay their CM fees

January 15 is the deadline to edit CM applications (in other words, the last day to edit your students' repertoire lists)

February 21 is the deadline to upload media (in other words, the last day to submit CM materials).

Please note this date is MUCH earlier than MTAC Long Beach teachers may be accustomed to (Before the pandemic, our in-person evaluations were usually held near the end of March–our deadline this year is a whole month earlier!)

The following is from the CM state chair Michelle Rumley as published in the most recent MTAC organization-wide newsletter (September 2022):

The 2023 Certificate of Merit enrollment will begin soon! This year's evaluations will be held exclusively through the online MTAC Testing Portal. The CM 2024 Season will debut an in-person Testing option. More information will be provided in the coming months.

You can view your Branch's testing dates for 2023 by looking at the CM section of your Teacher Portal. You can review the general program dates below.

| Deadline | Dates |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Enrollment Open | 10/1/2022 |
| Enrollment Close | 10/31/2022 |
| Fee Deadline | 11/5/2022 |
| Teacher Edit Deadline | 01/15/2023 |
| Convention Application Open | 03/15/2023 |
| Convention Application Close | 04/15/2023 |
| Convention Fee Deadline | 04/15/2023 |
| CM Certificates Send Out | May 2023 |
| MTAC Convention Dates | June 30-July 3, 2023 |

Please note: these dates are the same for the Panel and YAG applications as well.

A message from the State Chair, Michelle Rumley

Dear MTAC Teachers,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 CM Season! The CM Council is ready to serve and implement this fantastic program as we embark on another year of music-making and education.

CM Communication

All CM program and repertoire questions you may have during the year should be sent through the red "Help" button in the CM section of your Teacher Portal at mtac.org and your Regional Coordinator will respond to your question. For technical assistance, please continue to contact the MTAC State Office via cminfo@mtac.org.

CM Teacher Training

Your CM teacher training video and online quiz information is now available! We encourage all CM teachers to view the video and take this quiz. Taking the quiz is not required for participation in CM 2023.

CM Practice Portal

All students enrolled for the CM 2023 test will be able to take practice theory tests and sight-reading/singing tests on the practice portal once their application is paid. We hope this preparation tool will enhance the experience and more effectively meet the needs of our students, parents, and teachers.

CM Evaluators

MTAC will be accepting applications for CM Evaluators soon! New and returning evaluators will receive information from the State Office on how to apply to evaluate for the CM 2023 season. We are looking forward to another year of musical excellence.

Sincerely,
Michelle Rumley
CM State Chair

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Please have photos as jpeg files and provide all heading/captions/story in MS WORD format, not PDF files.

Don't forget to check out our website:

www.mtacb.com

for past newsletters, forms, maps, calendar, and more!

WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Here is a quick list of Board Members who can help with any questions you may have.

Sending Emails/Announcements to the Branch
Contact: Dr. Mark Sullivan: sullivan03@sprynet.com

Referral Service (If you need students or your studio is full)
Contact: Mary Inui: jminui@gmail.com

Reimbursements for Branch Expenses:
Contact: Rebecca Mauss: rjmauss@gmail.com

Program, Masterclasses
Contact: Yukiko Nobles: yukikonobles@gmail.com

Membership
Susan High: susanhigh@gmail.com

Certificate of Merit
Contact: Sarah Sandvig: sarahsandvig@gmail.com
Andrea Chou-Wu: jou_hsiang_en@hotmail.com

Newsletter
Contact: Nancy Carr carrmusicstudio@gmail.com

Additional Questions/Concerns
Contact: marclombardino@gmail.com

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.