



Noteworthy News

Long Beach Branch
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President's Message

Holiday greetings to everyone! We have some very exciting events on the slate for the months of December and January. December brings us our annual Ensemble Festival on Saturday the 7th. Students and teachers will be performing ensemble music of all different styles. Come and join in the fun at our Seal Church! Then on Thursday evening, December 19th, we are hosting YAG violinist Phoebe Kim (student of Janice Luna) in a recital at the Unitarian Church in Long Beach. You and your students won't want to miss this marvelous (free) concert.

In January we have two fabulous programs scheduled. The Styles Festival (highlighting the Baroque and Classic Eras) will take place on Saturday, the 18th. Students will have the opportunity to receive written feedback from a qualified evaluator...a perfect way to prepare for CM evaluations. Our January meeting on Wednesday evening, January 8 will feature branch students performing in a Bach Masterclass. Our master teacher Dr. Mark Sullivan will most certainly share some great insights into the interpretation and performance of Bach's music. Please see the article in this newsletter for further information about student participation.

Wishing you all a soulful holiday season,

Marla Devich

Calendar of Events

December

7th

10:00 – 2:00

Ensemble Festival at SBCSL 500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach 90740

19th

7:00

YAG Concert featuring violinist Phoebe Kim, student of Janice Luna

Long Beach Unitarian Church 5450 E. Atherton Street, Long Beach

January

4th

Deadline for Styles Festival

8th

6:30 – 9:00 PM

Branch Bach Piano Master Class

(Home of Dr. Mark Sullivan 12831 Canter St. Garden Grove 92845)

Deadline for VOCE

11th

Deadline for SCJBF

16th

Board Meeting at the home of Marla Devich

18th

10:00 – 2:00

Styles Festival (Baroque & Classic Eras)

(SBCSL 500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach 90740)

20th

10:00 – noon

SCJBF Master Classes at Chapman University

Featuring: Stewart Gordon, piano; Mark Kashper, violin & viola

Download applications at: scjbf.org

Branch Bach Master Class for Piano

Our January 8 meeting (6:30-9:00 PM) will feature branch piano students in a Bach Master Class, with Dr. Mark Sullivan as Master Teacher. Dr. Sullivan has graciously agreed to host the event in his home: 12831 Canter St. Garden Grove 92845. Teachers and students are all welcome, but seating is limited

to a maximum of 50.

-To reserve seats, please contact Marla Devich (mjdevich@verizon.net)

-Student Applications (to perform) have been sent via email to all members. You may also contact

Marla for an application.

Styles Festival: January 18, 2014

We would like to invite you and your students to take part in 2014 Styles Festival.

This Festival is open to all levels of piano, instrumental and voice students as well as teachers of the Long Beach Branch. It is a great opportunity for students to perform their CM and other repertoire and receive written comments from a qualified evaluator.

For the 2014 festival, students can perform works from the Baroque and Classical Periods.

When: January 18, 2014

Where: Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living, 500 Marina Drive, 90740

Entry Fee: \$10 per performer

Entry Deadline: January 4, 2014

The entry form is online - www.mtaclb.com

Jelena Radovic

Pictures from 11/6/2013 Meeting / Concert

Here are four pictures from our Concert Program at Pinio's Home featuring Duo Pianists Katheryn Klein and Pinio Dovalis Benetatos, with Clarinetist Carolyn Fields.

#1 -Clarinetist Carolyn Fields plays the Adagio movement of the Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra, Opus 107, K. 622 by Mozart, accompanied by duo Pianists Katheryn Klein and Pinio Dovalis Benetatos.



#2 - Duo Pianists Katheryn Klein and Pinio Dovalis Benetatos play Variations on a Theme by Haydn, Opus 56b by Brahms.



#3 - Duo Pianists Katheryn Klein and Pinio Dovalis Benetatos play selections from Peer Gynt Suite Opus 46 by Grieg, accompanying a slideshow of beautiful images!



#4 - Katheryn Klein, Carolyn Fields, and Pinio Dovalis Benetatos after their Concert! They all performed beautifully together!



Christine

Addition to Branch Standing Rules

The Branch Board has added the following to our Standing Rules. Please make note of the change on page 54 of your Branch Directory.

● Add to standing rule #15:

- A. Each committee chair shall keep a notebook of duties to be passed on to future appointed chairs.
- B. Each committee chair shall prepare a report for the annual business meeting in May.
- C. Each committee chair will consult with the President for their budget allowance. Any additional expense will be submitted to the treasurer for board approval before they incur that expense. All expenses will be submitted to the treasurer for payment by check.