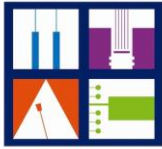


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### President's Message

Dear MTAC members,

We hope you are well, and we wish you and everyone on our planet wellness and protection. Our world is now in unprecedented territory in modern history, maybe in the history of mankind. We are concerned for your well-being. Practically, and at this time, we need to take care of each other. We need to check on each another. Also, we need to share our gratitude for our precious gift of music and music making in our lives.

We can find lots of music to read through that will send out loveliness throughout our communities. These positive thoughts and beautiful sounds reverberate.

Our music comes from the greatest minds that ever lived and has the power to help and heal. Please type in the Google line: "Can Classical Music Heal?" and read just the first paragraph. It is very encouraging. It is reputed that in J.S. Bach's time, it was the highest compliment to remark to another, "You are so smart, you probably think you are a Bach!"

Further, we have the right, the responsibility and privilege to share this gift with each other, our communities, and our students. We, as musicians and music teachers, improve the life lived on this planet.

It is our boards' regret that, for the health of all concerned,

we cease activities for the remainder of this season, including the May Sonata/Sonatina competition.

We treasure your friendship, your talent, and your dedication to excellence.

Keep in touch. Thank you.

Louise Earhart and Yukiko Nobles  
Co-Presidents; MTA CLB Branch



## State Office Reprint Concerning C of M Evaluations

Important updates for Certificate of Merit Evaluations:

Evaluations will resume in late-May/early June, depending on advice from local governments in regard to the current COVID-19 pandemic. You and your students will receive a notification once their evaluations have been rescheduled.

The CM Council and State Organization are reviewing different options for this to take place. More details on the Evaluation procedures will be discussed with each branch or region in late April.

The required syllabus piece on the student's application must remain the same, but the remaining repertoire can be changed without penalty.

Due to the ongoing pandemic and with the health and safety of students and their families in mind, all CM Convention 2020 Recitals will be canceled.

Student who have already enrolled for the 2020 Convention will be refunded.

Thank you for your patience and help during this time.

Sincerely,  
CM Council and MTAC State Office

## Branch Recital – May 2, 2020

The third Branch Recital scheduled for Saturday May 2, 2020 has been cancelled. The MTAC Long Beach Board made the decision to cancel this performance in compliance with guidelines set by the CDC regarding public health and safety. It is most important that all students, families and teachers stay at home, happy and healthy.

We would like to thank all past participants from previous Branch Recitals hosted by Newcomb Academy, the home of our Mason and Hamlin branch piano. On October 19, 2019, two recitals with a combined total of 22 performers represented the studios of: Andrea Chou-Wu, Bevinda Gomes, Adriana Manfredi, Joan Nelson and Tina Sowers. On February 1, 2020, two recitals with a combined total of 18 performers represented the studios of: Andrea Chou-Wu, Susan Collins, Laura Dickey, Pheaross Graham, Tina Sowers and Hannah Yi.

Thank you and congratulations to all the students, parents and teachers who made this a wonderful program! We look forward to even more beautiful performances at next season's Branch Recitals!

Jessica Baptist and Lindsey Hundley, Co-Chairs

### Branch Recitals 1 and 2



**The Branch Calendar will be revised as we hear more from state and health officials. Stay well and enjoy the extra practice time.**



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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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