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LONG BEACH  
BRANCH

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi everyone! We hope your year has been filled with learning, teaching, and playing. Our year is now coming to a close. We have come so far. We have learned to survive as well as possible in Covid-19, learned to teach on Zoom, or Facetime and basically find our way. We have begun to have events in our new home that houses our piano, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, our Branch Recitals and our Sonata/Sonatina Festival to be specific. Thank-yous go to Andrea Chou-Wu and Marc Lombardino for their leadership in the Branch Recitals and to Hannah Yi and Willie Chen for their leadership in the Sonata/Sonatina Festival.

Our next event is on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 7:30 pm when we will install our new officers for 2022-2023 at the home of Sarah Sandvig. We will have a potluck meal. The first-place winners from the Sonata/Sonatina Festival will perform their winning selections along with the recipient of the Harold P. Wheeler Scholarship. It's a time for our members to connect, see our students perform and share a meal. I hope all can attend and wish each other well. Our state MTAC Convention is coming up soon from July 1-5 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County (right in our neighborhood). We hope you are able to attend.

Yukiko and Louise want you to know that the encouragement we received as Presidents is much appreciated. Please, if you are called by our new incoming president, Marc Lombardino, to be chairman of one of our events, please consider an affirmative reply.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you these last two years as Presidents. It has been a privilege.

Yukiko Nobles and Louise Earhart  
Co-Presidents, MTAC Long Beach



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday June 5, 2022 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Branch Potluck/Installation/Performances by Sonata/Sonatina competitions and Wheeler Scholarship winners

Where: Home of Sarah Sandvig

Friday July 1 through Tuesday July 5, 2022

MTAC State Convention @ Hyatt Regency Orange County

### June 5th Board Installation, Potluck & Performances

You are cordially invited to attend our Board Installation & Potluck this coming Sunday, June 5th! Here are the details:

**What:** Board Installation & Potluck

(winners of the Sonata/Sonatina Festival & Harold Wheeler Scholarship will also perform)

**When:** Sunday, June 5th at 5:00pm

**Where:** The Home of Sarah Sandvig: 2971 Shakespeare Dr, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

**Details:** This is a Potluck and all members are invited to come! Please click on the following link to RSVP and choose what dish you'd like to bring: [Potluck RSVP & Sign-up](#)

Thank you so much, and hope to see you there!

MTACLB Board of Directors

### MTAC Long Beach Election Results

The results of the election are in, and 19 members voted unanimously for the slate of officers and for the revisions of the branch bylaws and standing rules.

President: Marc Lombardino  
First Vice President: Mark Sullivan  
Second Vice President: Yukiko Nobles  
Recording Secretary: Charis Nieto  
Corresponding Secretary/Honorary Advisor: Laura Dickey  
Treasurer: Rebecca Mauss  
Membership Secretary: Susan High  
Certificate of Merit Directors: Sarah Sandvig and Andrea Chou-Wu  
Parliamentarian: Gary Beaston

## Two MTACLB Members presenting at MTAC State Convention

**Althea Waites** will present a lecture on the piano music of Margaret Bonds, an African-American composer and concert pianist who was a colleague and friend of Florence Price. The presentation is scheduled for July 1 at 5 PM at the Hyatt-Regency hotel in Orange County, the designated site for the MTAC Convention and teachers are cordially invited to register for this event.

On Sunday July 3, **Sarah Sandvig** will present "Using Manipulatives in the Voice Lesson". This session will demonstrate the benefit of using manipulatives (including therabands, funnels, straws, balls, larynx & vocal cord models, and more) to help voice students conceptualize how their instrument functions (vocal cords, breath support and body).

## SCJBF Regional Festival Results

Congratulations to Caleb Bush, student of Pheaross Graham and Lucas Liem, student of Mark Sullivan, who were selected from the Bach Regional Festival to participate in the 2022 Complete Works Audition. More information regarding the Complete Works Audition will soon be available.

Charis Nieto

## WHEELER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to Kiran Trivedi, the 2022 recipient of the Harold P Wheeler Memorial award. Kiran is a piano student of Becky Mauss. He is a junior at Los Alamitos High School where he plays trumpet in the Jazz Band. He is an Eagle Scout who did his project for the American Red Cross. He has also played in the MSSL events for our chapter. You will meet him and his family at the program on June 5.

Dolly Ickler

## BRANCH RECITAL REPORT



The last Branch Recital for the 2021 - 2022 season took place at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 23, 2022. It was an in-person solo recital scheduled with a total of 7 performers and the program incorporated different styles of music. Many thanks to the teachers and studios represented: Charis Nieto, Hannah Yi, and Lilia Pershina and congratulations to all the students and families for performing in our very first in person Branch Recital.

Branch Recital Co-Chairs: Marc Lombardino and Andrea Wu

## SONATA/SONATINA FESTIVAL

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the MTAC Long Beach Branch held our annual Sonatina/Sonata Festival at our Savior's Lutheran Church. We had fifteen participants total. Our judges were Joel Clifft, Fang Fang Inouye, and Ruby Cheng. The prize winners of each category are listed below:



### Elementary Division

1st Place: Penelope Liu (student of Hannah Yi)  
2nd Place: Brayden Zhou (student of Willie Chen)  
3rd Place: Jayden Nguyen (student of Willie Chen)  
H.M.: Wesley Zhou (student of Willie Chen)



### Intermediate Division

1st Place: Caleb Bush (student of Phaeross Graham)  
2nd Place: Gatsby Lemus (student of Willie Chen)  
3rd Place: Gillian Willis (student of Louise Earhart)  
H.M.: Ethan Soberano (student of Hannah Yi)



### Advanced Division

1st Place: Nicholas Jensen (student of Louise Earhart)  
2nd Place: Sebastian Fonseca (student of Hannah Yi)  
3rd Place: Aubrey Ahn (student of Mary Inui)  
H.M.: Ava Zarate (student of Hannah Yi)  
H.M.: Mason Nguyen (student of Willie Chen)

Thank you to all who participated and to the teachers for their continuous support!

Willie Chen and Hannah Yi, festival chairs

## 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](mailto:sullivan03@sprynet.com)**

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

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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.