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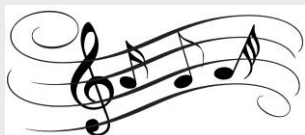
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Teachers!

Now that it's May, it's time for us to once again hold our elections for the MTAC Long Beach Board. You can find the proposed slate of officers in the newsletter. An online ballot will be sent to you soon! You may also choose to vote with a paper ballot at the annual business meeting.

The Annual Business Meeting will take place at the home of Sarah Sandvig on May 3. This is our opportunity as a branch to hear about and discuss how our various programs are faring. This has been our first full year at our new regular recital location, and it is the first full year that we have been able to hold primarily in-person events.

Now is also the time to sign up for the convention if you plan to attend. It will be held up north this year, but hopefully we can send a decent contingent of teachers from Long Beach.

Good luck to everyone who is preparing for the end of the school year, and for many spring concerts that are coming up - the summer will hopefully bring a lot of relief!

—Marc Lombardino

MTAC Long Beach 2023-2024 Slate of Officers

Here are the nominees for next year's Board. The official slate.

President: Marc Lombardino
First Vice President: Dr. Mark Sullivan
Second Vice President: Hannah Yi
Recording Secretary: Linda Pryor
Corresponding Secretary/Honorary Advisor: Laura Dickey
Treasurer: Rebecca Mauss
Membership Secretary: Susan High
Certificate of Merit Director: Sarah Sandvig
Parliamentarian: Gary Beaston

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Annual Business Meeting

Where: Home of Sarah Sandvig, 2971 Shakespeare Drive, Rossmoor, CA 90720

Saturday, May 6, 2023 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Branch Recital #3 (Andrea Chou-Wu, Marc Lombardino: Chairs)

Where: OSLC-BFH

Saturday, May 20, 2023 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sonata/Sonatina Festival (Willie Chen: Chair)

Where: OSLC - Sanctuary (parking same as Bjerke Hall)

April General Meeting

If you were unable to attend the April general meeting presented by Tanner Cassidy who is a PhD candidate in Music Theory at the University of California, Santa Barbara, it is available at <https://youtu.be/zk2WY57dXxk>. His presentation is titled Hearing Cultural References Through "Topic Theory", and I hope you will take time to listen and watch it. He described his presentation as follows.

Our whole life, we're trained to hear musical references subliminally. Hearing a minor scale when a villain appears in a movie or associating the sound of the snare drum with the military are common examples of the ways that music can contain cultural codes that reach back into history. These moments are called "musical topics" by modern music theorists, and have a long history within and beyond Western art music, with music theorists particularly fascinated with music of the late-18th century. Topic theory provides a way to look at music as it communicates with other pieces, to learn the references of a piece in order to hear how its original audiences heard it. In his presentation he provided (1) a brief description of what musical topics are, (2) an overview of some of the common topics encountered in classical music, (3) a topical analysis of Mozart's Piano Sonata in F Major (K. 332), and (4) some brief discussion of topics in other periods and styles beyond the Classical.

Yukiko Nobles, yukikonobles@gmail.com

VP - Program



Music Teachers' Association of California- Long Beach Branch
Application for the Harold P. Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Music Award

This award is offered annually to a high school senior or junior who is a student of the MTAC Long Beach Branch. The award is in the amount of \$500. The student must have used his/her musical gifts and other talents to enhance the lives of others in the school and the community. In addition to outstanding musicianship, the student must demonstrate attributes that include good scholarship and qualities of character and industry.

Application deadline is Friday, May 5, 2023.

Please email (preferred) or send the completed form and all supporting materials to:

Vanessa Dokko, 2712 Silverwood Dr., Los Alamitos, CA 90720
vanessa@dokkopianostudio.com

Applicant's Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Instrument _____ Instrument #2 (if applicable) _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY

- Briefly describe your musical training.
- List the school musical organizations in which you participate.
- List community or church musical involvement.
- List other community volunteer activities.

(Wheeler Scholarship Application continued)

Requirements

- Please write 1-2 page essay describing why you are a good candidate for this award.
- Email a quality recording of a recent performance to vanessa@dokkopianostudio.com
The recording should include two works of contrasting style and must correspond to the instrument studied with the submitting teacher. Single movements of longer works are acceptable.
- Include two letters of recommendation from persons other than the student's current MTAC teacher or family member.
- Include proof of community service and other volunteer activities.

Instrument #1	Print Name of Teacher	Telephone
Instrument #2	Print Name of Teacher	Telephone

Member News – from Louise Earhart

Louise Earhart performs with The Northern Michigan Music Ensemble. William Cernota, cello, Michelle Wynton Taylor, violin of Chicago, and Dr. Louise Earhart, piano, California. The concert on August 13 will be its fifth year. These are YouTube links for our ensemble concerts in Michigan at The Cross in the Woods National Shrine" in Michigan

2022 link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2l2klO7XTo>

2021 link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q5qa8Llk058>

2019 link is <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/358828433>

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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!

Congratulations to Branch Honors Students!



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: Lilia Pershina, lilia.pershina@gmail.com

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Certificate of Merit

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Andrea Chou-Wu: jou_hsiang_en@hotmail.com

Newsletter

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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.