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President's Message

Dear Branch Members,

How time flies, from my first message to you last July until now. Our Branch has had many festive and successful events and programs, with the two annual Potlucks always a favorite. May I first say thank you to all the Chairs of events. Some of you were taking on the responsibilities for the first time, and all of you did an outstanding and professional job in scheduling and with program design and printing. I offer thanks and respect to the Board, for participation with dedication, team work, late night work, enthusiasm, sense of humor, responsibility, creativity, loyalty to this Branch and bringing yummy donuts, cobblers and spice muffins to Board meetings. We do have a good time in addition to serving the Branch. I give a big hug to our membership and their dedication to teaching and molding talented students who participate in Branch events and are chosen to perform at the MTAC Convention and beyond. I might not be at the June 2 Potluck/Installation as I will be coming back from a music conference in San Francisco. However, I would like to extend the incoming Board all best wishes for the upcoming year. Many best regards to ALL for a productive and relaxing summer and let's continue to participate in and promote the wonderful variety of events offer by our MTAC Long Beach Branch.

Leonne Lewis

JUNE Calendar

June 2 Sun. 5-7:30 pm
Potluck and Installation of Officers

June 28-July 2
2013 MTAC State Convention at the Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara

Pictures from Long Beach Bach festival



This is a photo I took with my phone of the Long Beach.

Bach Festival held at the Seal Beach Church on Sunday, March 10, sponsored by the Camerata Singers. The winners from SCJBF and the Bach Baroque Festival were invited to perform.

Becky Mauss

Pics for newsletter

Here are some pics!



Seniors who were present for the medallion ceremony.

Here is the list of seniors who received medallion:

| Student FirstName | Student LastName | Teacher FirstName | Teacher Last |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Jillian | Campbell | Ellen M | Noble |
| Myna | Casner | Sally | Curry |
| Emily | Dearborn | Yukiko Y. | Nobles |
| Isabelle | Gawel | Janice Radford | Luna |
| Justin | Geffrey | Lisa Michiko | Kato |
| Danielle | Hall | Sally | Curry |
| Ricky | Lee | Allan John | Carter |
| Elisha | Mitchell | Ann Cavadini | Goodwin |
| Lauren | Navarro | Rachel Hye-Jeong | Ahn |
| Abigail | Salomon | Linda | Pryor |
| Emilie | Sohl | Sally | Curry |
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Group pictures of the branch honors recital.

Sarah Sandvig

May 1, 2013 - Photo from Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers at Linda Pryor's Home.



Christine

May 4, 2013 Branch Recital Report

Our third and final Branch Recital for the season took place on Saturday, May 4th, 2013 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. We had two programs at 10:30 AM and 11:30 PM. All 45 of the student applicants arrived and performed on piano and voice, with three accompanists. The studios represented were those of Willie Chen, Andrea Chou-Wou , Dr. Louise Earhart, Maureen Lombardino, Adriana Manfredi, Lilia Pershina, and Jelena Radovic, Elizabeth Weed and Noreen Wenjen. All of our students did a very fine job. Congratulations to them and their teachers. Our gross revenue for this recital was \$450.



Maureen Lombardino

May 5, 2013 - Photo from The MTAC Long Beach Branch's Piano Benefit Concert performers after the Concert Program!



Christine

Teachers' Recital

We had a very successful recital. We want to thank the teachers who performed: Clorinda Moore, Ann Goodwin, Leah Kang, Louise Earhart, Manon Robertshaw, Leonne Lewis, Sally Curry, Willie Chen, Ellen Noble, Jeremie Favreau, Wanda Pahk and Sung-ja Han. We really appreciate their beautiful and energetic performances, as well as their contribution to raise funds for our Mason & Hamlin piano. Our audience, though small, was very supportive of our performers. And, we were able to add over \$500 to our fund.

Sally Curry, Chair
Marla Devich, Chair

Pictures from Sonata/Sonatina Competition

Elementary Division



Elementary Division Winner



Intermediate Division



Intermediate Division Winner



Advanced Division



Advanced Division Winner



Noreen Wenjen, NCTM
Nationally Certified Piano Teacher

2013 Harold P. Wheeler Jr. Memorial Award Winner

Dear MTAC Long Beach Branch members,

The Harold Wheeler Music Award Committee and I would like to congratulate this

year's winner - violinist Ray Cheng, a student of Janice Luna. Ray received an award of \$500 which was presented at the June 2nd Potluck and Installation of New Officers Meeting. We wish to thank all the applicants of the Wheeler Music Award this year and encourage eligible seniors to apply for next year's award in spring of 2014.

All best wishes,

Leah Kang, Chair and Distinguished Committee of Four

MTACLB JUNE 2 POTLUCK

The Potluck/Installation of Officers for 2013-2014 is scheduled for Sunday, **June 2**, 5:00 pm - at the home of Sarah Sandvig. It is requested that you bring food - be creative: california cuisine, chips n' dip, fusion, bangers n' mash, field greens, fresh fruit, etc. The event will also include performances by three division winners of the recent Sonata/Sonatina Competition and the winner of the Harold Wheeler Scholarship Award. See you there.

Thanks,

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Earhart Studio Recital

Hello everyone,

The Studio Recital will be next Sunday, June 2, at 500 Marina in Seal Beach, The Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. It's on the corner of 5th and Marina. You also can find directions on their website. We will begin the main recital at 3:00 pm.

There will be solos, a trio, a singer, and the entire Mother Goose Suite for four hands with a narrator reading the words written by Ravel himself.

After the main recital, Paul Nuttall will present a short solo program. I hope you can stay to hear him. He's in his second year at Antelope Valley Junior College and is a music major. Recently he was asked and played Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue with the Symphonic Band. Last year he played Mendelssohn's Concerto in G minor with the College/Community Symphony.

His program will be:

Bach
D Minor Prelude and Fugue from Book II

Beethoven
Op. 109 in E Major

Chopin
Etude in C minor "the Ocean"
Scherzo in C# minor

Bring your friends and family. I would love to see you there.

Sincerely,

Louise Earhart

MTAC-LB 2012-2013 E-Scrapbook Deadline Extended to June 7th.

Dear MTAC-LB Branch Members,

My special thanks to those of you who have e-mailed me with your digital pictures for the MTAC-LB 2012-2013 E-Scrapbook! The deadline for submitting your digital pictures has been extended to Friday, June 7, 2013. Please send your digital pictures to me through my e-mail address, Viole1@aol.com, or by replying to this e-mail.

Thank you so much,

Christine Ho
MTAC-LB First Vice-President and Historian

Nancy Wheeler is ready to find a new home for her Steinway piano.

It's a Model "M" and has been rebuilt. It has been kept in beautiful condition and if anyone knows any place that might welcome this instrument, we are accepting any reasonable offers. Please contact Anne Simpson at 562-303-4500 or at aesgoodtogo@yahoo.com.

MTACLB New Member/Members/Program Directors/Newsletter Editor Website Instructions

If you have a new email address and need to update your information:

1. Please email Christine at violine1@aol.com to receive the MTACLB email updates.
2. Please contact Beejell Soco, webmaster at beejell@gmail.com if you have any questions concerning the website. You will also need to do the following to update your Classical Edge account and receive the MTACLB newsletter.
3. Go to www.mtaclb.com.

4. Click on "Login" and log onto the MTACLB website with your current name and password.

5. go onto "Edit My Profile" and change your listed email address.

Do NOT start a new account with a new user name!

New Members:

How to sign up as a new member on the www.mtaclb.com website?

Open up a firefox browser or download a firefox web browser for free. You can download it for free at www.firefox.com Our website works best when you use the correct web browser!

Type www.mtaclb.com in your web browser

Click on "Login" in the box on the top of the website.

Click on "Create Account."

Fill in the all of the required information on that page.

Click on "Continue."

Fill in the all of the required information on that page.

Click on "Save".

MTACLB members with accounts:

Type www.mtaclb.com in your web browser.

Type in your username in the blank box.

Type in your password.

(If you cannot remember your user name or password, click on "Forgot Username/Password")

Click on Login in the box on the top of the website.

To Edit your Profile, add or change the following: (note your instrument, specialty, education, email address, home address, etcj.)

Log on

Click on "Edit my profile."

Scroll down until you see "profession."

Example for teachers:

If you are a teacher, click on the following boxes:

"Teacher" "private studio" private studio"

Scroll down to the bottom of the page with the up/down scroll on the right side and Click "continue."

Complete the info on the next page.

Scroll down to the bottom of the second page and click "finish" to save your info.

**If you see a little message flash on your computer asking if you want to stay on the classical edge website, be sure to click "okay" to stay on the website. If you do not, the website will automatically time out for security reasons, and your information MAY NOT have been saved! You will have to do this every time you have about 10 minutes of inactivity.

Additional email-related information. Please do not just click "reply" when you have a question regarding an email or program, as it will send the email to the

1st Vice President (person relaying the emails) instead of the person in charge of the program. Be sure to look for the email address for the program director and email them directly!

Additional hint when entering a student in an event:

X means delete and the pencil means edit.

If you hold your mouse over an icon it will give you what it means.

There is an option at the bottom to print out the info for the students you have registered.

MTACLB Program Directors Instructions:

Each program director needs to contact Reza at Classical edge at least a month before the scheduled event. admin@classicaledge.org Please give him the following information:

1. The Name of the event.
2. The date of the event.
3. The online application due date.
4. Your name and email address.
5. Any specific additions or changes if this is a program that we have not had before. Otherwise, Reza will set up the new event from a template of the event from the previous year.

Open up a firefox browser or download a firefox web browser for free. You can download it for free at www.firefox.com Our website works best when you use the correct web browser! After you have downloaded Firefox,, and you see the word "firefox" on your menu bar, Click and hold on "file" and click "New Document"

Type www.classicaledge.com in your web browser.

Type in your username in the blank box.

Type in your password.

(If you cannot remember your user name or password, click on "Forgot Username/Password")

Click "Login."

Click "MTAC-LB" or the little file picture.

Click on "Programs."

Click on the Program Name, i.e. "MTAC-LB Sonata/Sonatina Competition"

Click on "Change Settings" or picture with paper and wrench. Scroll on both the outer right part of your window until you can see "Application Rules and Policies."

Type your event info, rules, and policies in the blank box. **Be sure to click on the little diskette after every few minutes to save the information that you have typed!! **If you see a little message flash on your computer asking if you want to extend the session (stay on the classical edge website), be sure to click "OK" to stay on the website. If you do not, the website will automatically time out for security reasons, and your information MAY NOT have been saved!

Example of information to include under "Applications Rules and Policies."

Piano Sonata/Sonatina Competition

Chairpersons: Willie Chen and Kazuko Yasukawa

Competition Date: Saturday May 16, 2009 all day

Entry Deadline: Saturday April 25, 2009 at 11:59 PM

Entry fee is \$25 per person. There is no teacher fee.

Please make one check out to MTAC-LB and mail to Willie Chen at (**add program director's address here) postmarked by the entry deadline.

Location: Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living

Due to the nature of the competition, we are unable to accept time requests.

Winners must be present at the end of each program to receive awards.

All teachers who enter students are expected to help out.

Time limits for each division: elementary 7 minutes, intermediate 9 minutes, advanced 12 minutes.

Please note that there is also a window scroll feature in the small window you are typing in as well. (There may be 3 scroll bars to control the different windows.) The size of the window is small, and you may not be able to see the entire window at once as you are editing it. This is not something that we can change at this time.

You will NOT be able to type in the following information.

Copy This Program: Copy Now

New Program Start Date:

New Program End Date:

New Application Due Date:

(We have locked this process because program directors were creating duplicate programs and students were signing onto two separate events for the same program. Reza needs to copy and create a new program for the director.)

Click on "Performances" to put students in program order either by "Autoorder" or by moving students up and down with the down and up arrows

Click on "Performances" and "Notify" to notify teachers and/or students about their scheduled times.

Newsletter Editor Instructions

1. Click onto firefox 2.0 browser on your computer, or download the newest version from www.firefox.com, and create a new page by going under the pulldown menu "file" and clicking on "new window."

2. Go to www.classicaledge.com and log on and click on to the following: Log into your account. Click on "mtac-lb," then "account" then "website," "edit pages" and "newsletter" tab above. Click on the Create* button below the tabs. Change the newsletter Name to the next month's name, such as "July Newsletter." Don't worry about the email and PDF options yet, and do NOT click "Publish Now." Once you publish a newsletter, it's difficult to alter it and resend it.

Go to the "Past Issues" on the top right of the screen and "cut and paste" the top information from last month's newsletter, changing only the necessary information such as date and newsletter editor info. Be sure to save your work constantly, by clicking on the little icon that looks like a floppy disk on the top line,

about 4 icons over from the left, in the menu. If you do not see this menu, located under the Newsletter Name area, then click on the little down-arrow and it should reveal the icon menu.

You can click on the various icons to figure out each one.

I recommend that you do a "tester" newsletter to get familiar with how this program functions.

Some tips with formatting:

You can move your browser slowly over each icon and the title of each icon should appear.

The little line divider that I use between sections of the newsletter is located next to the smiley face on the right side of the icon menu.

One of the most difficult things about formatting the newsletter is that each paragraph must be moved by the up/down arrow on the right side, and you may not be able to see the entire paragraph at once because of the small screen. You will have to move the slider on the right to view the other parts that you cannot see. You may be able to open up this space with the little icon that looks like a computer screen (maximize the editor size.)

Importing photos: Click on the little square that has a mountain and sun on it, the middle-right of the icons (insert/edit image.) (Click on edit size if you wish to edit the photo size.) Click on the red "upload" button, wait a second, and then click on "ok." The photo should now appear in your newsletter. You can center the photo by clicking on the paragraph formatting icons.

Be sure to save your work frequently by clicking on the disk icon!

When you are ready to send out the newsletter:

Click "Create." Make sure you are using the correct Newsletter Name. Select "Email only Teachers" under Email Options. For PDF Options click "Include PDF on Website and Send Link on email."

3. I was able to type in the white box to set up a new tester page that says "Tester Newsletter for MTACLB by Noreen." I didn't publish it, so you can see it when you log in and go to edit the newsletter, but not from the www.mtaclb.com website. You may want to set up a tester newsletter to try it out before publishing.

4. I cut and pasted the top part of the April newsletter and clicked on the photo of the little disk immediately to save it. I did find that if I tried to cut and paste too large of a section, or a section with too large of font for that paragraph, I did receive a note that I exceeded the amount of space permitted for that paragraph, and my information DID NOT save. I went back and tried to cut and paste a smaller section, saving the section immediately, and it DID work.

5. After about 8-10 minutes, I did receive a pop-up alert asking if I wanted to extend the session. I clicked "okay", and it didn't kick me off. The pop up did not come up again for a long time.