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Please send items for inclusion by *no later* than the **15th of each month** to the Newsletter Editor (jou_hsiang_en@hotmail.com). Inclusions should be print-ready and *photos need to be in .jpg format* and have captions including the name of the event and/or the people in it written under it.

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President's Message

Dear Branch Members,

April is CM month, the moment many have been waiting for. Since we have been receiving CM Tips from our Director, all is well, comfortable and familiar. I'm sure all students are practicing overtime as the CM weekend draws near...All's well that ends well, says Shakespeare. Anyway, we will have a super Branch team in place at Long Beach State, and a well-organized lunch room, too. I will see you there. Also, the Branch Honors Recital, at month's end, will highlight the efforts and work of participating students and their teachers. As reported, last month's LB Bach Festival with participating students from our Branch (sponsored by the LB Camerata Singers) was a hit. And yes, there is more to come after CM, with several events scheduled for May, Wagner's birthday month. So, with the CM countdown under way, Good Luck to all and continued thanks to Sarah Sandvig.

Best wishes

Leonne Lewis

MTACLB 2013 Calendar of Events

APRIL

Apr. 3 Wed. 9:30 am General Meeting at the home of Kimiyo Takeya

Apr. 3 Harold Wheeler Scholarship Award Application Deadline

Apr. 6 Sat. CM at CSULB

Apr. 7 Sun. CM at CSULB

Apr. 13 Sat. Deadline for Branch Recital #3 entry form Online at www.mtaclb.com

Apr. 13 Sat. Deadline for CM Branch Honors Recital Entry form Online at www.mtaclb.com.

Apr. 13 Sat. Deadline for Teachers' Recital for Piano Maintenance Fund

Apr. 15 Mon. Composers Today Symposium

Apr. 18 Thu. 9:30 am Board Meeting at the home of Leonne Lewis

Apr. 27 Sat. Deadline for Sonata/Sonatina Competition Entry form Online at www.mtaclb.com

Apr. 27 Sat. 9-5 pm CM Branch Honors Recital at SBCSL

Apr. 28 Sun. SCJBF String All-Branch Regional at El Camino College

Report on the Bach/Baroque Festival 2013

The festival was held on February 23 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. These students were selected to perform again in the March 10 Bach Festival sponsored by the Camerata Singers:

Heather Leach, soprano

Emilie Sohl, soprano

Marilyn Eteaki, soprano

Shiyloh Gettler, soprano

Myna Casner, mezzo-soprano

Robby Gleiser, violin

Kevin S. Chong, violin

Students came from the studios of Sally Curry and Janice Luna.

Pictures from 3/6/13 Meeting



#1 - Kimiyo introduces our Guest Speaker, Lou Spisto.



#2 - Lou Spisto speaking to us during our MTAC-LB Meeting. Lou is the CEO of The Old Globe Theater and Pacific Symphony Orchestra.



#3 - Our Guest Speaker Lou Spisto.

Christine

Teachers' Recital for Piano Maintenance Fund

Date: May 5, 2013

Venue: Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living

500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach 90740

This is a great opportunity for us to express our love of music and share it with our families and friends. At the same time, we will be helping to maintain our beautiful Mason & Hamlin piano. Please contact Chairs Sally Curry and Marla Devich if you would like to perform. Ensembles and solos are welcome!

Sally Curry: sallycurry@hotmail.com

Marla Devich: mjdevich@verizon.net

Slate of officers for 2013-2014

The slate of officers for 2013-2014 is as follows:

President---Marla Devich

1st Vice President---Rachel Grizzel

2nd Vice President---Janice Luna

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Corresponding Secretary---Jelena Radovic

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Membership Secretary---Mary Inui

Certificate of Merit Director---Sarah Sandvig

Newsletter Editor---Andrea Chou-Wu

Branch Recital Director---Maureen Lombardino

Parliamentarian---Becky Mauss

Honorary Advisors---Sally Curry and Shirley Lee

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.