President's Message

Dear Branch Members,

 I just returned from the September 16 Potluck, which was hosted by Ann Goodwin. This is the opening event of our Branch and turned out to be an informative and festive time. Many thanks to members who brought a delicious selection of food and desserts. Highlights included Rachel Grizzel's four month old son Truman and a CM presentation by Sarah Sandvig. The 2012-2013 Directory was available, and will have already been mailed to those unable to attend. Branch updates include one new member to our Branch (violin) and one in the works. Throughout the year, we offer General Meetings that combine Branch news with exciting programs, the first of which is October 3 featuring the Japanese Koto. Please refer to our website, mtaclb.com as well as this newsletter for updates and current information regarding our Branch.

Best wishes and enjoy the beginning of autumn with its holidays and traditions.

Leonne Lewis

Certificate of Merit Calender

October 1–31, 2012
Evaluator Choice Form posted at Teacher's Home page

November 15, 2012 11:59 p.m.
Database closed for Registration for all branches. Branches may not make their own registration deadline. No late registration.

November 16, 2012
Fees, one teacher and one check, must be submitted directly to the Branch Chair and must be postmarked no later than November 16.
Work Contracts (if required by Branch) MUST also be submitted at this time!

December 15, 2012
Branch CM fees due to State Office. Check from Branch to State Office for the branch CM fees must be postmarked by 12/15 or a 1% late fee will be imposed.

December 15, 2012
Evaluator Schedules must be completed.

MTAC Long Beach Calendar of Events: OCTOBER

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

 ~Oct. 6 Sat. 10-2 pm
 Branch Recital #1 at *SBCSL
 *Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living
 500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach, Ca. 90740

 ~Oct. 7 Sun. 4-7 pm
 Harold Wheeler Memorial Concert at SBCSL

~ Oct. 13 Sat., 2:30 pm
 SCJBF Complete Works Audition Awards Concert
Covenant Presbyterian Church in Long Beach

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

 ~Oct. 19 Fri.10 am
 Los Angeles Bach Festival Young Persons Concert at First Congregational Church of L.A.

Picture from Kazuko Yasukawa piano Studio

They are winners of S.Y.M.F.

MTAC-LB Branch Recital #1

Registration for Branch Recital #1 on October 6 is getting a late start this year. The new deadline will be October 4. There will be two recitals, one at 10:00 and the next at 11:00 am. If you wish to enter your students please send a check for $10.00 per student to the Branch Recital director:

 Maureen Lombardino
4330 Lime Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807

Ensemble Festival: December 8

(Co-Chairs Marla Devich, 562-433-3545 and Ellen Noble, 562-431-6740)

Come join the fun! Our Branch Ensemble Festival is for everyone who enjoys making music together. It is open to all MTAC students and teachers. Family members are welcome as part of the ensemble. This year's Festival is Saturday, December 8 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. The entry deadline is Saturday, November 17. The entry form is online www.mtaclb.com. There is a $5.00 fee for each participant, including teachers. Holiday music is welcome on the program.

A list of SCJBF related events for the 2012-2013 year.

1. Complete Works Audition: Sept. 30, 2012, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM at Cal. State, Long Beach. (Schedule information will be online by September 10.)

2. Complete Works Awards Concert: Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, 2:30 PM at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach, 607 E. 3rd St. (at Atlantic Ave.), Long Beach 90802. Note the new location.

3. Concerto Auditions: Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012 at Daniel Recital Hall, Cal. State University, Long Beach. The first place winner will perform as soloist with the highly acclaimed Los Angeles Bach Festival Orchestra at their Young People's Concert on Friday morning, Oct. 19, 2012. (Rules and applications are online.)

4. Master Classes with Carl Matthews (Piano) and Lorenz Gamma (Violin/Viola): Monday, January 21, 2013, Bertea Hall, Chapman University, Orange. (Applications have be posted online.)

5. Organ, Strings and Winds/Voice Festivals: String All-Branch Regional will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at El Camino College. Winds/Voice and Organ Festival dates and places TBD. Please check scjbf.org "Event Schedule" for updates.

Please mark your calendars!

Thank you.

Kazuko Yasukawa and Mary Inui
SCJBF Branch Festival Co-Chairs

VOCE Information

Lisa Honea is our combined branch chairperson this year. Please register and pay fees online at the mtac.org website. The application deadline is Wednesday, January 9, 2013. (Please note that the application deadline date stated in the directory is incorrect: it is NOT Jan. 12, but Jan. 9). Send the proof of age directly to Lisa at: 1821 Stonehenge Dr. Tustin, CA. 92780, or scan and email it to her at lisa_honea@hotmail.com.

The date of our combined VOCE competition is February 9, 2013 at Saddleback College. Janice Luna is our Long Beach chairperson. Each branch will be adjudicated separately.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE MSSL PROGRAM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE MSSL PROGRAM, PLEASE CONTACT HARRIET BENNISH, OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH CHAIR AT: alinkletter@yahoo.com

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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 "Perfomances" 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 newsetter:

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.