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### **President's Message for March Newsletter**

Dear Branch Members,

Johann Sebastian Bach seems to be the buzz word for the months of February and March. Last month's calendar was filled with four exciting and successful events of which you will read about in this newsletter. Firstly, congratulations to VOCE winners and their teachers who participated, to the Branch Recital participants. And to the theme of the month - JSB with the SCJBF, Bach/Baroque Festival and this month's LB Bach Festival on March 10, sponsored by the LB Camerata Singers. And, as a fitting tribute, we celebrate Mr. Bach's birthday on the 21st of this month (1685-1750). I hope you will get a chance to visit us on the 6th for the General Meeting and program which will highlight The Old Globe Theater - to be or not to be there, that is the question. Otherwise, all is going well with CM preparation, with the event now weeks away. Also, if you have five hours free on Saturday, March 2, watch the Met HD broadcast of Parsifal at a local theater. Continued thanks to Board members and Chairs of events.

Best wishes, Leonne Lewis

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### **MTACLB 2013 March Calendar of Events**

Mar. 6 Wed. 9:30 am  
General Meeting at the home of Kimiyo Takeya

Mar. 10 Sun. 4-7 pm  
Long Beach Bach Festival  
Winners of the SCJBF & Bach/Baroque Festival invited to perform at SBCSL

Mar. 14 Thu. 9:30 am  
Board Meeting at the home of Leonne Lewis

Mar. 30 Sat.  
Composers Today State Contest

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**1/5/13 Recital of Milena Kitic and Vivian Liu**



#1 - Milena Kitic is the Soprano in Recital and Vivian Liu is her Accompanist.



#2 - Milena and Vivian host a Question and Answer Session with the audience after the Recital.



#3 - Vivian Liu, Accompanist with Milena Kitic, Soprano, after their Recital!

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### **Photo from January 19 Styles Festival**

Here is the photo of Styles Festival performers, January 19, 2013 at SBCSL. This year, the program theme was music of 20th and 21st Centuries. There were a total of 19 students from the studios of Willie Chen, Andrea Chou-Wu, Hyeyeon Hanna Kim, Adriana Manfredi, Jelena Radovic and Lilia Pershina. The Festival Evaluator was our Branch President, Leonne Lewis, and the Chair Jelena

Radovic.



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## **The Long Beach Southern California Junior Bach Festival**

Congratulations to the forty-five students who performed 2 wonderful programs in the Long Beach Bach Festival held on February 2, 2013, at the SBCSL. Nine studios were represented. Seventeen winners were chosen by our judges to proceed to the Regional Competition on May 19, 2013 from 9 am to 5 pm (location TBD). In addition, three alternates and four honorable mentions were selected. The winners listed will also be sponsored by the Camerata Singers of the Long Beach Bach Festival and included in a concert on March 10, 2013 at 4 pm at the SBCSL. The judges for the Long Beach Bach Festival were, Kyung Ja Bae, LaVaun Beyer, and Kevin Fitz-Gerald.

Many thanks to the teachers who helped with the festival!

Mary Inui

Photos and Winners List are included:

**Dr. Louise Earhart**

Sophia Wackerman

Megan Nguyen-Honorable Mention

**Susan High**

Noah Lovold

Stephan Kelman

**Lisa Kato-Fitchett**

Nicholas Echeverry  
**Rebecca Mauss**  
Sharon Liu  
**Dr. Mark Sullivan**  
Noah Conger  
Christopher Roberts  
Spencer Ma  
Benjamin Tran-2nd Alternate  
Andrew Tran-3rd Alternate  
Carina Novarro-Honorable Mention  
**Kazuko Yasukawa**  
Luna Hijikata  
Jamie Hsu  
Hannan Salam  
Mai Takahashi  
Asuka Watanabe  
Alisa Hathaway  
Jocelyn Hsu  
Erika Hathaway  
Emily Lennon  
Jonathan Cheng-1st Alternate  
Mizuki Horiguchi-Honorable Mention  
Ko Tanoura-Honorable Mention





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**Pictures from 2/6/13 Meeting**



#1 - Guest speakers Bonnie Bell and Jeanne Skrocki - Mother and Daughter Violinists



#2 - Bonnie and Jeanne feature a video interview of their Granddaughter-Daughter on TV, a 3rd Generation Family Violinist! She is currently a Music Major at University of Redlands, the University where her Mother Jeanne is a Violin Instructor!



#3 - Violin Trio with Jeanne Skrocki, Kimiyo Takeya, and Bonnie Bell.



#4 - Picture of Violin Trio after their performance.



#5 - Bonnie Bell and Jeanne Skrocki, Mother and Daughter Violinists

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### **VOCE competition**

On Saturday, Feb. 9, at Saddleback College, our annual VOCE recital and competition was held in conjunction with Orange Coast Cities and South Coast Branches.

Our Long Beach Branch was represented by four teachers: Sally Curry, Maureen Lombardino, Janice Radford Luna, and Sarah Sandvig with 9

Intermediate Solo Voice entries and 1 Intermediate Solo String entry and 2 Instrumental Ensembles (1 Intermediate and 1 Senior group).

Sarah Sandvig's student, Cynthia Price was the 1st place winner from the vocalists. Janice Luna's students: Robert Gleiser (solo entry), Mizuki and Daichi Horiguchi (duo), and (trio) Ray Cheng and Ryan Kim along with Joseph Yen (student of Teri Watson from Orange County West branch) all took 1st places and were invited to precede to the finals on April 21 at Chapman University. Congratulations to these fine students and their teachers!

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### **February 23, 2013 Branch Recital Report**

Our second Branch Recital of the season took place on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. We had two programs at 10:00 AM and 11:30 PM. 51 out of 53 student applicants arrived and performed on piano, voice, and violin, with three accompanists. The studios represented were those of Andrea Chou-Wu, Marla Devich, Laura Dickey, Sung Ja Han, Christine Ho, Leah Kang, Maureen Lombardino, Adriana Manfredi, Joan Nelson, Lilia Pershina, and Jelena Radovic. All of our wonderfully talented students did a very fine job. Congratulations to them and their teachers.

The first picture is from the 10:00 AM Recital Program and the second one is from the 11:30 AM Recital Program.





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## **A CLASSICAL CONCERT**

DATE: Sunday, March 3, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Unitarian Universalist Church

5450 East Atherton

Long Beach, CA 90815

Sally Curry, Soprano

Manon Robertshaw, cello

Rob Woysner, piano

Featuring works by Handel, Purcell, Bach, Lecuona, Mozart, Donaudy, Charpentier, Duparc, Fauré, Brahms, Wolfe, Beethoven, Poulenc, Louiguy, Bernstein, Sondheim and Gershwin.

Free will offering

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## **Long Beach Camerata Bach Festival**

The Camerata Singers and the Long Beach Bach Festival sponsor our MTAC-LB students in a special recital. The winners of the Branch Southern California Junior Bach Festival and the Branch Bach/Baroque Festival are invited to perform on Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. All teachers and students are invited to attend this recital.

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## **The Harold Parker Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Award**

The Harold Parker Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Award is offered each spring to a graduating high school senior. With this award, our branch honors the memory of Harold P. Wheeler, Jr. for his dedication to music and community service. Graduating seniors with good scholarship, musicianship, and those who have used their music to benefit the community are encouraged to apply. The award is in the amount of \$500. If you would like a pdf copy of the application, please email me at leahkang@gmail.com.

Leah Kang

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### **2013 Nominating Committee**

Marla Devich  
Mary Innui  
Laura Dickey  
Jelena Radovic  
Rachel Grizzel  
Sally Curry, Parliamentarian

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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](http://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](http://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](http://www.firefox.com) Our website works best when you use the correct web browser!

Type [www.mtaclb.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.