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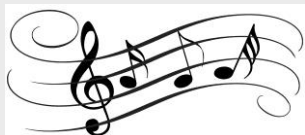
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Teachers!

March has arrived, and unlike in past years, it is going to be fairly quiet for MTAC Long Beach, save for a few important things. Congratulations to all students and their teachers who participated in Certificate of Merit! Results will be available on your MTAC portal on March 13 for Teachers, and March 15 for students and parents.

This month, we will have a general meeting via zoom discussing “new” repertoire. Expect an email from program chair Yukiko Nobles with more information. The zoom link will be provided via email in the week before the program.

At the Branch recitals and Bach festival this year, I set up some recording equipment to take video of our students' performances. These videos are for the teacher and students' exclusive use, and work well as both pedagogical tools and submission materials for Certificate of Merit. Even though we've passed the CM deadline for this year, it's never too early to start thinking about getting more repertoire prepared in advance.

I have received several questions regarding parking for events held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Bjerke Fellowship Hal, the location where we currently have our branch Mason and Hamlin piano housed. The parking lot indicates a fee to park there, but this only applies to cars parking there overnight. These hours will never conflict with the timeframes of our events. Please do use the church parking lot, as street parking in this neighborhood is tight and hard to come by!

Next month, we will have our annual Branch Honors recital, recognizing students who received the state honors award in Certificate of Merit. Keep on the lookout for more information regarding this recital. In May, we will have our last Branch Recital of the year on May 6, and our annual Sonatina/Sonata festival on May 20. All of these are sure to be wonderful events!

Until next time,

–Marc Lombardino

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:00 am - 11:30 am

General Meeting: Roundtable Discussion on New Repertoire

Where: Zoom Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2023 10:00 am - 11:30 am

General Meeting: Lecture on Topic Theory with Tanner Cassidy

Where: Zoom Meeting

Saturday, April 22, 2023 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Branch CM Honors Recital

Where: OSLC-BFH

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 10:00 am - 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)



March General Meeting



On February 26 we presented a vocal masterclass with Shannon Kaubel at the home of Sarah Sandvig. 5 students from the studio of Sarah Sandvig, Melissa Lyons Caldretti, and Harriet Bennish, age ranging from middle school through 71. There were 30 people in the audience including the performers.

On Wednesday, March 22 at 10 am, we will host a general meeting via zoom. The topic will be a roundtable discussion on new repertoire which may include new method books and new teaching repertoire from beginning, intermediate, and advanced. The repertoire may be from different cultures, for example, Chinese, American, etc. I encourage you to contact me what new repertoire you found and what kinds of repertoire you are seeking. Instead of guessing what your interests are, it will be helpful to let me know.

Yukiko Nobles, yukikonobles@gmail.com
VP - Program

Branch Recital 2 - February 4, 2023



On February 4, we held our second Branch Recital of the year! Congratulations to all 16 of our performers and their teachers! We hope you will join us for our final branch recital of the school year on May 6, 2023!

Bach and Baroque Festival 2023

The Bach and Baroque Festival Recital was held on February 18, 2023 in Bjerke Hall at Our Saviours Lutheran Church. The audience was enthusiastic and the performers were in top form! There were nineteen entries representing nine MTAC-Long Beach studios.

Our three adjudicators, Dr. Judy Huang, Lusine Shahinyan, and Peggy Taylor, awarded six Honorable Mentions and selected nine students to advance to the Regional Festival. The Keyboard Regional Festival will be held on May 21 and the Strings Regional Festival will be held on April 16, 2023.

Many thanks to all the participating teachers and our branch president, Marc Lombardino for helping out on the day of the festival. The recital ran smoothly because of all your help and support.

Congratulations to the following students and teachers: (Winners advance to the Regional Festivals)

Marla Devich: Lily Camerino (Honorable Mention)

Laura Dickey: Agnes Chen (Honorable Mention)

Louise Earhart: Nicholas Jensen (Winner)

Susan High: Nicholas Choi (Winner), Ezekiel Nordstrom (Honorable Mention),
Olivia Nordstrom (Honorable Mention)

Moni Simoneov: Maya Brisard (Honorable Mention)

Lilia Pershina: Nathaniel Johnson (Winner), Sofia Soin (Winner), Sylvia Soin (Winner),
Kaitlyn Johnson (Winner), Paulo Mazarakis (Winner)

Craig Richey: Henry Courtney (Winner)

Mark Sullivan: Lucas Liem (Winner)

Sharon Collins: Austin Hsuing (Honorable Mention)





Music Students' Service League (MSSL) 2022-2023

This year we will have 2 ways students can serve our local senior community. We will have in-person recitals at Westmont of Cypress as well as virtual recitals to be sent to Artesia Christian Home.

IN-PERSON RECITAL:

Location: Westmont of Cypress (Senior Living)
4889 Katella Ave.
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Dates: October 16 November 13 December 11
 January 8 February 12 March 12

Submit name(s) and piece(s) to matthewinui1@gmail.com. All pieces must be performance ready. All recitals will begin at 3:00 pm and please dress appropriately (no casual attire). The deadline to submit names for participation will be 5 days before the recital dates.

proof of 2 Covid shots or negative PCR/rapid test + masks required

VIRTUAL RECITAL: Submit videos to matthewinui1@gmail.com by the 10th of each month.

All performers will receive community service hours and a certificate.

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Please have photos as jpeg files and provide all heading/captions/story in MS WORD format, not PDF files.

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www.mtaclb.com

for past newsletters, forms, maps, calendar, and more!

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

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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.