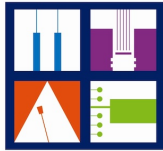


# NOTEWORTHY NEWS



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## Upcoming Events:

- ✦ 10/1-10/31- Certificate of Merit Registration open
- ✦ Wednesday, 11/1  
SCJBF registration opens  
[www.scjbf.org](http://www.scjbf.org)
- ✦ Friday, 11/3 10:00am  
General Meeting
- ✦ Sat. 11/18 10am-2pm  
Theme Festival
- ✦ Sun. 12/3 Early Evening  
Holiday Party
- ✦ Sat. 12/9 10am-2pm  
Ensemble Festival

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## President's Message

Happy November!

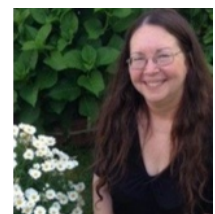
The "new school year" rush is winding down now, and I hope all have been able to enroll their CM students with no trouble. Be sure to remind parents to go online to pay before November 10, and don't forget to send your info to CM Chair Yvonne Chen by November 12.

Our first joint Branch Recital with OCW Branch is shaping up well as I write this. It looks like we have a wide variety of levels and repertoire for a couple of very interesting programs on October 28. This is the second year our branch Mason and Hamlin grand piano has been housed in the Newcomb Academy Auditorium, and we have gotten many favorable comments on the new venue. If you haven't yet been there, I encourage to enter some of your students into a program and come see for yourself!

Our Branch offers many opportunities for student performance and for teacher enrichment. The more you participate the more value you receive from your membership. I encourage you to attend the meetings yourself and to encourage your students to participate in our recitals, festivals, and contests. See you there!

Musically Yours,

Laura Dickey, President





## Theme Festival: November 18th “Music of Dance”

Chair: Laura Dickey, [562-433-3545](tel:562-433-3545)  
Theme Festival – “Music of Dance”

Join us November 18 for our Theme Festival to celebrate “Music of Dance”! All instrumentalists and vocalists are encouraged to be creative in the interpretation of the theme.

Ensembles are welcome, as are teacher and family member participation.

Deadline to enter is November 8; entry fee is \$11.

Questions? Contact Laura Dickey at [astromusette@yahoo.com](mailto:astromusette@yahoo.com) or 310-738-6206

The entry form is online [www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com)



## Ensemble Festival: December 9

Co-Chairs Marla Devich, [562-433-3545](tel:562-433-3545)  
and Ellen Noble, [562-431-6740](tel: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, 9 at our branch piano's new home, Newcomb Academy.

The entry deadline is Saturday, November 19. The entry form is online [www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com)

There is a \$6.00 fee for each participant, including teachers. Holiday music is welcome on the program.



# MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

CM Registration will be open from October 1st- October 31st. Remember to add new students to your list in order to register them. All is done through your teacher portal: [www.new.mtac.org](http://www.new.mtac.org).

Make sure to mail your teacher work agreement and student list to Yvonne by November 15th.

You can find all necessary documents on our website and your teacher portal.

Yvonne Chen  
MTAC-LB: CM Chair

## **SCJBF NEWS!**

We have a first place winner for Complete Work Audition of SCJBF in Various Dance Movement Category, Jocelyn Hsu, a student of Kazuko Yasukawa. Congratulations!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

HOLIDAY PARTY-12/3: more details will follow

## **NOVEMBER 3RD, GENERAL MEETING**

Will be a discussion of various editions of music, held at Dr. Mark Sullivan's home.

## Music Students' Service League 2017-2018

To participate, please RSVP to Jennifer Watts 3 days before recital day. Recital attire preferred.  
wattsdoin@fastmail.com

### **Artesia Christian Home**

11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701

Sundays 2pm

11/5 12/10 1/14/18 2/4 3/11

### **Katella Manor**

3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Sundays 3pm

11/12 12/3 1/21/18 2/11 3/18

Thank you for your participation!  
Music Teachers' Association of California-Long Beach Branch

Background: The Music Students' Service League (MSSL) was formed so that students of MTAC members may have the opportunity to serve the community through music. MTAC awards community service credit to students in exchange for their time, efforts, and talents. These awards, in turn, help students to fulfill the graduation requirements of their schools. Students share their gift of music with the community by giving recitals in senior citizen living facilities. MSSL is a student-run organization under the guidance of an MTAC teacher.

## OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING & PROGRAM NOTES

### MARC LOMBARDINO

Our October Meeting was held at 10am on Friday, 10/6/2017 at the home of Maureen Lombardino. Our topic was a roundtable discussion on Music History and Theory, and how it affects our pedagogy. We had about nine teachers present, and a fruitful discussion followed.

I initiated a discussion of how we incorporate history into our teaching, and those present explained a number of methods they use. These include watching videos of recreated dance genres (for example, the minuet, mazurka, or the waltz), giving biographical information of the composer, discussing period instruments, and so forth. Dr. Louise Earhart then gave a presentation on how her research in Music Theory (starting with her doctoral dissertation on 18th century French music theory) has influenced her personal pedagogy. This includes a unique approach to sight-reading and theory instruction, wherein all elements of notation are broken down into their "basic DNA." For example, differentiating notes on the page not by training to recognize note names and the exact names of notes, but starting with the placement (line and space) and color (white or black) of the note.

**11/3 General Meeting:** Discussion of various editions of Music at Dr. Mark Sullivan's home.



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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.

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