



LONG BEACH  
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# Noteworthy News



January 2015

## President's Notes

### Upcoming Events:

- 1/3—Styles Festival Deadline
- 1/11—General Meeting
- 1/14—YCG/Composers Today
- 1/14—VOCE Deadline
- 1/17—SCJBF Deadline
- 1/19—SCJBF Master Class
- 1/21—Board Meeting
- 1/24—Styles Festival
- 2/4—General Meeting
- 2/7—SCJBF at SBCSL
- 2/7—Bach/Baroque Fest. Deadline
- 2/14—VOCE: Saddleback College
- 2/14—CM Repertoire Deadline
- 2/18—Branch Recital Deadline
- 2/18—Board Meeting
- 2/21—Branch Recital #2
- 2/21—Bach/Baroque Festival

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Happy New Year, everyone!

I hope you all were able to spend some quality time with family and friends over the past few weeks. I want to say a huge thank you to Marla Devich for putting together such an awesome YAG concert! Our pianist, Athena Tsianos, was incredible, and so very gracious. Thank you to all of those you attended, it meant a lot to Athena and her family.

This month, on **January 11<sup>th</sup>, is our highly anticipated Master Class with Craig Richey at Cal State Long Beach at 3:30pm** in the **Daniel Recital Hall (DRH)**. I am looking forward to watching and learning from such an incredible teacher and member of our branch. I hope you all can attend.

We also have our fantastic **Styles Festival on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. With Romantic and Impressionistic periods as the theme, I'm sure we are in for a day of beautiful music. You can register students on our website, [www.mtaclb.com/recitalregistration](http://www.mtaclb.com/recitalregistration).

Don't forget to enter repertoire for your CM students online as well (teacher home page on [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org)). Our branch deadline for entering repertoire is February 14<sup>th</sup>. ❤️ Make sure you double check for accuracy (spelling, level, school grade, etc.) as how you enter your information is how it will appear on student's evaluation forms.

I hope to see all of you on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>! Have a beautiful month!

Most sincerely,  
Sarah Sandvig  
President: MTACLB



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## News to Tell:

Please submit all Noteworthy News to Mary Inui at [jminui@gmail.com](mailto:jminui@gmail.com) by the end of the month to be published for the following month's newsletter. Submissions must be in Word Format. PDF files will not work.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

—Plato



## VOCE

The deadline for submitting entries into VOCE is January 14, 2015. This year's combined competition for vocalists, orchestral instruments, and chamber ensembles will take place on February 14, 2015, at Saddleback College. The State web site is now open and ready to accept applications.

Janice Luna

VOCE Chair

## SCJBF

This year, the Southern California Junior Bach Festival will be held on February 7, 2015 at SBCSL. Times will vary according to how many students enter.

The deadline to register students for SCJBF is January 17, 2015. Entry forms are online at [www.scjbf.org](http://www.scjbf.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Yukiko Nobles or Kazuko Yasukawa. Thank you.

Yukiko Nobles and Kazuko Yasukawa, Co-Chairs

## Branch Referral Service

Our branch has an ongoing referral service available to all teachers. If you are currently accepting students at your studio and would like your name to be included on this list, please send your name, instrument and (preferred) contact information to: [baptists\\_church@yahoo.com](mailto:baptists_church@yahoo.com).

Thank you!

Jessica Baptist - Referral Service.

## YAG Performance Report

On Saturday, December 13 the branch sponsored a recital by YAG pianist Athena Tsianos ...what a delightful holiday treat this was!! Athena, a student of Bernadene Blaha, has won numerous national and international awards. A diminutive young lady with small hands, she plays with great artistry and amazing power. Her program included a Beethoven Sonata, Chopin Nocturne and Etude, Liszt Ballade and a movement of a Prokofiev Sonata, with a Stravinsky piece as her encore.

Following the concert, we had a lovely reception. Many of the appreciative audience members stayed to speak with Athena and her charming parents. Athena plans to pursue a degree in piano performance and has her sights set on studying with one of several prestigious teachers. Athena will play Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 1 with the Young Musicians' Foundation Debut Orchestra in April.

Thank you to the Board members who provided food for the reception and helped with setup and cleanup. A special thank you to Sarah Sandvig for creating the beautiful flyers and programs for this event.

Marla Devich, Branch YAG Chair

## Ensemble Festival Report

Our annual Ensemble Festival took place on Saturday, December 6. We had two recitals featuring 70 performers from 6 teachers' studios. As always, the day was delightful and everyone thoroughly enjoyed sharing music with one another. Thank you to all of the teachers, students, family and friends who helped to make this event such a success!

Marla Devich and Ellen Noble, Co-chairs

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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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