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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy November, members of MTACLB!

I hope the start of the year has been a great one for you! I can't believe I'm already picking holiday music for December recitals! It goes so fast.

Our first Fall Festival on 10/18/25 was a success! We had the following:

- 4 Recitals
- 56 students, ages 7-22 &
- 10 studios represented

Many thanks to our participating teachers, students co-chair, Jordan Boggess and wonderful judges Shannon Kauble and Anthony Lopez.

Coming up on **November 15th is our Theme Festival "Music in Nature."** We are excited to have **Dr. Janice Park** (Piano professor from Chapman University) and **Ryan Reithmeier** (Director of the Classical Voice Conservatory at OCSA) as our illustrious judges. Click on their names to read more about them.

This Festival is open to all students of all levels and all instruments. Please work with your students and find some fun pieces they can perform (that may possibly also count for CM)! The registration deadline is 11/7 and the registration form is now posted on our website.

Upcoming events include the Ensemble Festival on 12/6, a Music Ed Presentation on 12/13 and don't forget to enter your rep for CM before 12/15 (you can make changes after then, but something must be in the database).

Have a wonderful month, everyone and I hope to see you at our Festival on 11/15!

Sarah Sandvig
President: MTACLB

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 15 (Sat):** MTACLB Theme Festival (*Music in Nature*) (Sarah Sandvig, Chair)
Evaluator: Ryan Reithmeier
📍 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos — All instruments
- **November 16 (Sun):** MSSL Recital
🕒 3pm-4pm | 📍 Westmont Senior Living Center: 4889 Katella Ave. Cypress, CA
- **November 18 (Tues):** MTACLB Board Meeting
🕒 10:30am | Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4452294595> Zoom ID: 445-229-4595
- **December 6 (Sat):** MTAC Ensemble Festival (Lynne Graham, Chair)
📍 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos — All instruments
- **December 13 (Sat):** Music Education Presentation with Dr. Tammy Yi & General Meeting
🕒 2:00pm 📍 Hannah Yi's Home
- **December 15 (Mon):** CM Application Edit closes
- **December 16 (Tues):** MTACLB Board Meeting
🕒 10:30am | 📍 Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4452294595> Zoom ID: 445-229-4595
- **January 11 (Sun):** Voice Masterclass with Kate Rubke-Foxworth & General Meeting
🕒 2:00pm 📍 Sarah Sandvig's house
- **January 18 (Sun):** MSSL Recital 🕒 3pm-4pm |
📍 Westmont Senior Living Center: 4889 Katella Ave. Cypress, CA
- **January 20 (Tues):** MTACLB Board Meeting
🕒 10:30am | 📍 Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4452294595> Zoom ID: 445-229-4595
- **January 24 (Sat):** MTACLB Wheeler Concert (Yukiko Nobles, Chair)
🕒 3:00pm | 📍 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos Teachers perform



October MSSL Recital Report

This month at the Westmont of Cypress, we completed our second recital of the 2025-2026 school year. This recital had 24 performances, with participants ranging from kindergarteners to high school seniors. Four duets were featured and a total of seven piano studios were represented, being Andrea Wu, Becky Mauss, Hannah Yi, Kookhee Hong, Lilia Pershina, Songmi Kim, and Willie Chen.



Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM, the Music Students Service League hosts a recital at the Westmont of Cypress for senior residents to enjoy. This event allows musicians to share their talents and engender connections with the local community. If you are interested in participating in the next recital on November 16th, please sign up through the QR code or the link below.



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Upcoming BRANCH THEME FESTIVAL

We are excited to announce our upcoming Branch Theme Festival:

Theme Festival – November 15, 2025 (*Music in Nature*, 1 selection)

Registration opens Tuesday October 7- on our website mtaclb.com

Entry Deadline: November 7, 2025

This festival is open to **all students and instruments**. It will feature evaluators who provide written feedback, winners selected for each recital, and will be held at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Los Alamitos**.

Please begin selecting repertoire with your students so they have the opportunity to participate. If your students are also preparing for **Certificate of Merit**, you may be able to select pieces that fulfill both Festival and CM requirements.



Theme Festival – “*Music in Nature*”

Chair: Sarah Sandvig

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2025

Location: BLC – Sanctuary

Entry Deadline: November 7, 2025

Entry Fee: \$35

This annual competitive branch festival is open to all levels of keyboard, instrumental, and voice students. The festival theme changes each year; this year's theme is **Music in Nature**. Performance length should not exceed **five minutes**. An evaluator will provide written feedback for all performers and award **1st, 2nd, and 3rd place**, with honorable mentions as appropriate.

Harold Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert

Our annual Wheeler Memorial Concert will be on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 3 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos. This fund-raising event is for the scholarship that our branch gives every spring to a qualified high school senior/junior, and it has a history of more than 30 years. We would like a lot of participation from our members and their friends, especially from non-piano teachers in our branch. It is less than three months away and I have not received any messages of participation. Even if you are just considering participating or have any question, please contact me.

Wheeler Memorial Concert chair,
Yukiko Nobles
yukikonobles@gmail.com.

Photos from October Fall Festival



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: Yukiko Nobles: yukikonobles@gmail.com

Referral Service (If you need students or your studio is full)

Contact: Sarah Sandvig: sarahsandvig@gmail.com (to be added to our online database)

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Susan High: susanhigh@gmail.com

Certificate of Merit

Contact: Sarah Sandvig: sarahsandvig@gmail.com

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Contact: Nancy Carr carrmusicstudio@gmail.com

Additional Questions/Concerns

Contact: sarahsandvig@gmail.com

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.