



LONG BEACH  
BRANCH

# MTAC Long Beach Branch

1941 75 YEARS 2016

**December 2016**

## President's Notes

Happy Birthday, Long Beach Branch!

Our Branch was formed 75 years ago on December 7, 1941 by a small group of music teachers seeking to band together to promote the profession. Through the combined effort of hundreds of teachers throughout the years, the Long Beach Branch continues to flourish, providing its members with numerous opportunities for professional education and growth, as well as providing performance and evaluation opportunities for members' students. I encourage you to take advantage of all our Branch offers and to give of your own time and talents to ensure the organization continues to thrive for years to come!

We will celebrate our Diamond Anniversary on Sunday, December 4 at 1pm with a luncheon party and two piano concert by the Orpheus Duo from Long Beach State (faculty members Mark Uranker and Althea Waites). If you haven't yet signed up, contact Lyn Pohlmann to see if space is still available!

Lyn and John Pohlmann sponsored an entry recognizing MTAC-LB's founding for the Historical Society of Long Beach's exhibit, *Long Beach Remembers Pearl Harbor*. Our branch's name will appear in the exhibit from 12/7/16 – 4/18/18. An opening reception will take place 12/7 from 6 -8 p.m. Contact the Historical Society for reservations for the reception, or just stop by during the society's regular hours to view the exhibit. More info is available on their website, [www.hslb.org](http://www.hslb.org).

I was saddened to learn of the recent death of retired member, Mariana Simeone. Her memorial service on 11/25 was a beautiful celebration of her life, with musical tributes from MTAC-LB colleague Yukiko Nobles as well as some of Mariana's children, grandchildren, and students.

Branch Recital #1 on November 19<sup>th</sup> kicked off the season at the new home of our Mason & Hamlin grand piano, Newcomb Academy. Overall response to the new venue was quite positive. I hope you will all enter students or participate yourselves in some of our upcoming events at Newcomb! Next on the calendar is the Ensemble Festival on Saturday, December 10. The registration deadline has been extended to Saturday, 12/3. This is always a fun and festive event, and all types of ensembles are encouraged to enter! Family, friends, and teachers can all join in!

Take some time to relax and enjoy this holiday season (and I recommend participating in the Ensemble Festival as a good way to do that)!

Musically Yours,

Laura Dickey, President



President: Laura Dickey

## Upcoming Events:

12/4-MTAC-LB 75th Anniversary Celebration

12/10-Ensemble Festival

1/14-Theme (Styles) Festival

1/28-Wheeler Memorial Concert

For more details, please go online to our website:

[www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com)

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## OUR PIANO HAS A NEW HOME

Our Mason and Hamlin piano has been moved and it now at Newcomb Academy!! All branch events will now be held at Newcomb with our first event coming up on November 19th. Below you will find a map of the campus. You can see that the auditorium is located at the south entrance of Newcomb. There is a small parking lot there as well as plenty of street parking on Lowe St. Chairpersons and teachers, please advise students and families to use the south entrance for all events. The main entrance at the front will be locked. So it may be helpful if chairpersons made some signs.



### Newcomb Academy

3351 Val Verde Ave.

Long Beach, CA 90808

**Main gate/entrance (will be closed)**

Val Verde Avenue

**Auditorium**

#### **PRIVATE RENTAL**

The board has approved allowing members to rent the facility under the umbrella of our branch. Anyone wishing to rent the auditorium for their own private studio recitals, please contact Mary Inui at [jminui@gmail.com](mailto:jminui@gmail.com). The district must have at least 30 day notice of time and day. Rental fees are \$49/hr with 4-hour min on weekends. Extra custodial fee for 6+ hours.

**South Entrance**

Lowe Street

## Branch Recital #1

Our First Branch Recital for the 2016 – 2017 season took place on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. It was our first Branch event at our new venue the “Newcomb Academy”. Only one program was scheduled for 10:30 am.

Seventeen students arrived and performed on piano and voice with one accompanist.

This was a very special Recital. Besides being the first recital at the new venue, there were 5 students (level 9 and higher) that performed after a short intermission. The parents and students who stayed, were treated to some great performances from young artists.

Participating teachers included Shun-Lin “Sam” Chou, Laura Dickey, Adriana Manfredi, Lilia Pershina, Craig Richey, and Hannah Yi. Plan now to perform in the second Branch Recital on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>!





## Ensemble Festival is Around The Corner!

Sign up now for the festive and fun Ensemble Festival on December 10 at Newcomb Academy! Don't hold back because you think everyone might not fit on stage! The stage at our new venue is big enough to hold BIG ensembles! The deadline to register has been extended to December 3, and the entry fee is only \$6 per performer (including teachers and parents/family/friends). This is an informal event, so put together a group with whatever instruments are available (Sister's violin? Brother's accordion? tambourine, sleigh bells, wood block?) and join in the fun! Music of any type is acceptable, including holiday music. The start time and number of recitals depends on the number of entries; the auditorium is available from 10am – 2pm. Register and pay the entry fees online; teachers should collect fees from students and pay when registering (parents/students should not pay separately online since it makes it difficult to track who has paid). Note that registration is not complete until the entry fees have been paid.

## "Sounds of Nature" Theme Festival

The annual Theme and Styles Festivals have been combined this year and will take place on January 14. This year we will use the same theme as the State Convention Theme recitals: "Sounds of Nature." Vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles are invited; teachers are welcome to perform as well. An adjudicator will provide written comments (optional for teacher performers).

Deadline is currently set at January 4, but may be extended slightly to allow everyone to recover from the holidays. Entry fee is \$11. Teachers should collect all entry fees from their students and pay online when they register their students (parents/students should not pay online themselves since it makes it difficult to keep track of who has paid). Note that registration is not complete until the entry fees are paid.

## Accompanist Fee Help

### DID YOU KNOW?

Do you hesitate to enter students in our local events because of professional accompanist fees? Standing rule #13 states that "Accompanist fees for all recitals may be paid in part by the Branch. Each student is allowed fifteen dollars (\$15) per recital to a maximum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) per teacher per academic year. This fee cannot be paid for Certificate of Merit evaluations. Contact Treasurer Mary Inui if you wish to take advantage of this allowance.

## Harold Wheeler Memorial Concert and Scholarship Award

Each year, our teachers donate their time and talents to the Harold Wheeler Scholarship Recital to raise funds for the scholarships given from the Harold Wheeler Memorial Fund. This year's recital will take place at Newcomb Academy on January 28, 2017 at 4pm. Jeremie Favreau is organizing the program; contact him if you are interested in performing to see if space is still available. And don't forget to publicize the event to your student families and friends! How often do they get to hear YOU perform? How inspirational that can be! We generally ask attendees for a donation of \$10, but of course any donations are welcome even if you cannot attend.

If you have a senior student who might be interested in applying for the scholarship this year, send application materials to Dolly Ickler by April 1. Applicants will be asked to submit a formal application, a recording of the student performing two works of contrasting styles, and two letters of recommendation, which cannot be from the current MTAC teacher or from any family member of the teacher or student.

The scholarship recipient is selected based on the following criteria:

"The student must have used his or her musical gifts to enhance the lives of others in the school and community. The student must have proved attributes that include good scholarship, musicianship, and industry." (From Branch Standing Rule #14b)



## **MUSIC STUDENTS' SERVICE LEAGUE 2016-2017**

To participate, RSVP to Liam Watts 3 days before recital day at [wattsdojn@earthlink.net](mailto:wattsdojn@earthlink.net) Recital attire preferred.

### **Artesia Christian Home**

11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701

October 2 @ 2pm SUNDAY

November 6 @ 2pm SUNDAY

December 4 @ 2pm SUNDAY

### **Katella Manor**

3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

October 15 @ 3pm SATURDAY

November 19 @ 3pm SATURDAY

December 17 @ 3pm SUNDAY

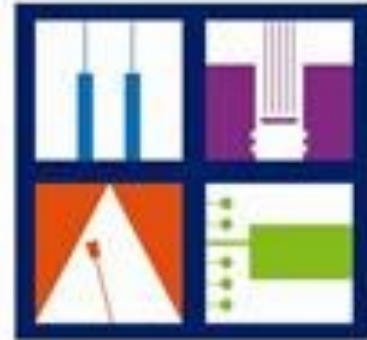
### **Seal Beach Health and Rehab Center**

3000 N Gate Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

October 9 @ 3pm SUNDAY

November 13 @ 3pm SUNDAY

December 11 @ 3pm SUNDAY



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Thank you for your ongoing participation!

Liam Watts, Student Chair 2015-2017

Music Teachers Association of California-Long Beach

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 students community service credit for their time, efforts and talents. These awards, in turn, help students to fulfill their graduation requirements of their schools and other service organizations. Students share their gift of music with the community by giving recitals in senior citizens' homes and by helping with other musical activities. MSSL is a student-run organization under the guidance of an MTAC teacher.

## Teacher Notes

Looking for private students during school hours?

**Teach HOMESCHOOLERS!**

Available during the day

Eager to learn

Frugal

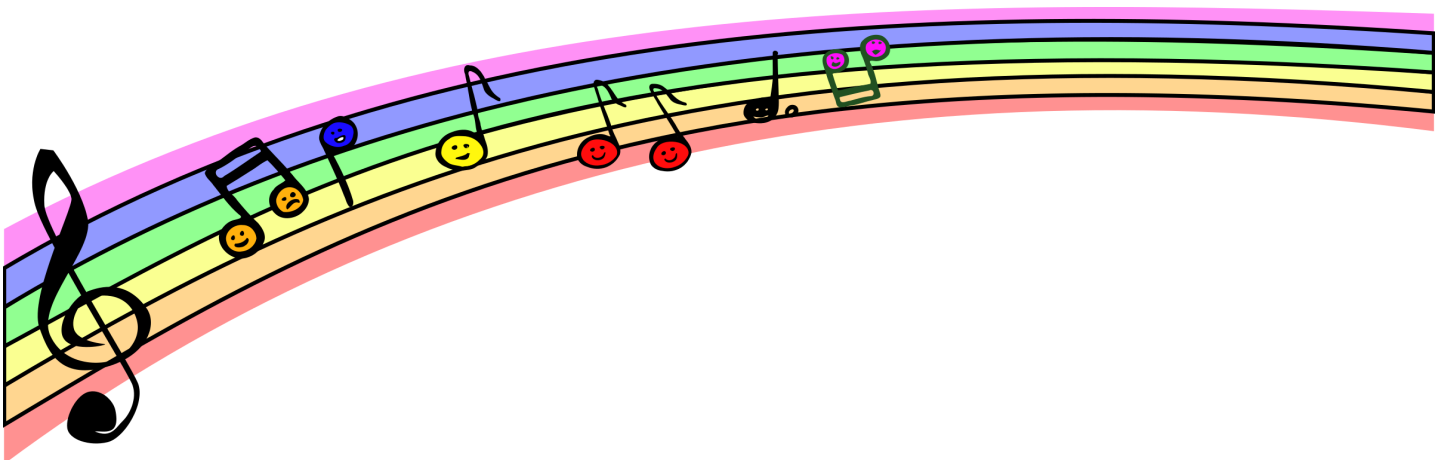
Advertise directly to the SoCal homeschool community through Playground Pass. Ad must include a daytime discounted rate.



Contact Lori Chew

MTAC member, Homeschool Mom, and Founder of Playground Pass

[lori@playgroundpass.com](mailto:lori@playgroundpass.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.

*Don't forget to check out our  
website for past newsletters,  
forms, maps, calendar, and  
more!*

[www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com)

Please submit all Noteworthy News by the 25th for publication in the following month. Please have photos as jpeg files and provide all heading/captions/story in MS WORD format. No PDF's please.

Email all submissions to Mary Inui at [jminui@gmail.com](mailto:jminui@gmail.com).