



LONG BEACH  
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## MTAC Long Beach Branch

1941 75 YEARS 2016

**February 2017**

### President's Notes

Happy February!

In January we had our Theme (Styles) festival on January 14. We had a nice turnout of students and Ardes Abad gave wonderful evaluations to all who participated. The following weekend, due to the record breaking rainfall, our general meeting with Katharin Rundus was postponed. Katharin was eventually able to give an amazing voice masterclass on Feb. 12. On Feb. 5th, there was keyboard masterclass given by own Craig Richey. Reports to come in the next newsletter.

For any teachers with high school seniors this year, you will find an application for the Wheeler Memorial Scholarship included in this newsletter. Please print as needed.

Have you had recitals recently? Remember to send a copy of your program (hardcopy or email) to our ASCAP chair, Jennifer Watts, so ASCAP composers will be compensated for performances of their works! This is a wonderful program provided by the state MTAC office, and it costs us nothing other than postage to get the programs to the state office. Support your local composer! (And chair Jennifer Watts is one – I saw on Facebook today that she has another new book just published by Hal Leonard! Congratulations, Jennifer!)

Share your love of music with your students and all you meet to help bring beauty and joy to this world, which needs it so badly!

Musically yours,

Laura Dickey

President



President: Laura Dickey

### Upcoming Events:

2/15-Branch Recital #2  
application open

2/25-Branch Recital #2

3/4-SCJBF Winners' Recital

3/8-Deadline Mock CM

3/18-CM Mock Evaluations

3/21-General Meeting

For more details, please  
go online to our website:

[www.mtaclb.com](http://www.mtaclb.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 + \$34 custodial fee with 4-hour min rental on weekends.

**South Entrance**

Lowe Street

## Theme Festival

The Theme/Styles Festival took place on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at our new location, Newcomb Academy. It is a very nice venue. if you have not seen it yet you should go check it out. Sixteen students and three teachers played piano pieces with the Sounds of Nature theme. The studios represented were those of Laura Dickey and Rebecca Mauss. Both of these teachers as well as Dr. Louise Earhart played beautifully. The students were each given comments and useful written advice from the evaluator, Ardes Abad. Our gratitude to Mr. Abad for his help with the Festival. All of our performers did a very fine job. Congratulations to them and their teachers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Lombardino  
Theme/Styles Festival Director



**The 2017 Annual  
Competition for Singers**  
Sunday, May 21, 2017

California State University, Long Beach  
Bob Cole Conservatory of Music  
E. Atherton St. (near Palo Verde Ave.)  
Long Beach, CA 90815



VO-CAL is a private organization founded by a group of professional voice teachers for the purpose of promoting excellence in singing.

This Annual Competition is to provide an opportunity for singers to perform before a panel of outstanding adjudicators in a positive and constructive format. Singers receive written evaluations to assist them in growing as performers and musicians.

Winners recitals will be held the day of the Competition. First place winners will perform one piece at the recital. Prizes will be awarded to the top winners in each category.

**Categories and Fees:**

Classical and/or Musical Theater - \$40 per Category

\*Division 1: 11 years and under

\*Division 2: 12 – 13 years

\*Division 3: 14 – 15 years

\*Division 4: 16 – 18 years (High School)

\*Division 5: 18 – 24 years (College)

**Audition Information:**

Students will prepare two contrasting pieces. Pieces must be age appropriate.

Original copies of music as required by Copyright Law must be given to the judges at the competition.

**Deadline:**

Saturday, April 22nd, 2017

**Registration:**

Go to [www.vo-cal.org](http://www.vo-cal.org) to register your students and for more information.

**Accompanist:**

Students will provide their own accompanist, or a staff accompanist may be provided upon request, for a fee of \$25 per student, per category. (No rehearsal available on the day of the event.) Teachers may not accompany their own students. Accompanists may play for a MAXIMUM of 18 students.

**Eligibility:**

Teachers must reside in the following counties: Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, and San Diego.

**Teacher duties:**

Teachers who have participating students must volunteer on the day of the competition. Teachers may be asked to help in any of the following ways: Check-in, Door Monitor, Adjudicating, Hospitality, Set-up or Clean-up.

Contact: [vocalorg@gmail.com](mailto:vocalorg@gmail.com) or Sarah Sandvig: [sarahsandvig@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsandvig@gmail.com)

### Application for the Harold P. Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Music Award

This award is offered annually to a graduating high school senior who is a student of a member of the MTAC Long Beach Branch. The award is in the amount of \$500. The student must have used his/her musical gifts and other talents to enhance the lives of others in the school and the community. In addition to outstanding musicianship, the student must demonstrate attributes that include good scholarship and qualities of character and industry.

- **Application deadline is Saturday, April 1, 2017.**
- Please send the completed form and all supporting materials to:  
Dolly Ickler, 266 Euclid Ave. Long Beach, CA 90803.
- The award recipient will be honored at the June meeting of the MTAC Long Beach Branch.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument #2 (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY.

1. Briefly describe your musical training.
2. List the school musical organizations in which you participate.
3. List community or church musical involvement.
4. List other community volunteer activities.

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Please write a 1-2 page essay describing why you are a good candidate for this award.
- Include a quality recording on CD or DVD of a recent performance. The recording should include two works of contrasting style and must correspond with the instrument studied with the submitting teacher. Single movements are acceptable.
- Include two letters of recommendation from persons other than the student's current MTAC teacher or family member. Include proof of community service and other volunteer activities.

Instrument #1	Print Name of Teacher	Teacher's Signature	Telephone
Instrument #2	Print Name of Teacher	Teacher's Signature	Telephone



## SCJBF

The regional festival for SCJBF will be on Sunday, May 21 at Cal State Dominguez Hills. We hope to see more registration for this coming festival.

Yukiko Nobles, Kazuko Yasukawa



## 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.

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

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

### **Artesia Christian Home**

11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701

Feb. 5 @ 2pm SUNDAY

Mar. 5 @ 2pm SUNDAY

Apr. 2 @ 2pm SUNDAY

### **Katella Manor**

3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Feb. 18 @ 3:30pm SATURDAY

Mar. 18 @ 3:30pm SATURDAY

Apr. 15 @ 3:30pm SUNDAY

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

3000 N Gate Rd, Seal Beach, CA 90740

Feb. 12 @ 3pm SUNDAY

Mar. 12 @ 3pm SUNDAY

Apr. 9 @ 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

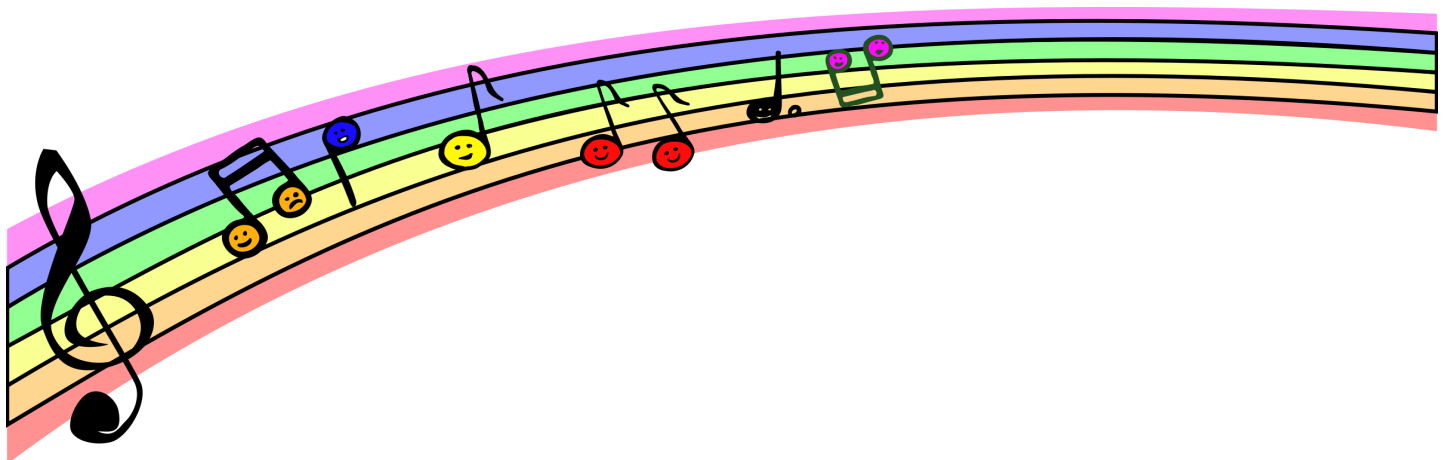
Advertise directly to the SoCal homeschool community through Playground Pass. Ad must include a daytime discounted rate.



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).