



LONG BEACH  
BRANCH

# Noteworthy News



March 2015

## President's Notes

Happy March everyone!!

I am thrilled for our upcoming CM Mock Evaluations on Saturday, March 7th. Both of my sons will be participating, and I know it will help them get ready for CM. I hope your students will participate as well!

We had a fabulous Branch recital and Bach/Baroque Festival last week. Congratulations to all students, and especially those who were selected to perform at our winners recital on Sunday, March 8th. This recital will feature the winners of the Southern California Junior Bach Festival (piano) and the winners of the Bach/Baroque festival (Voice and cello). The recital is held at Bay Shore Church in Belmont Shore at 3:30pm. All members are welcome to attend this wonderful event hosted by the Long Beach Camarata singers.

CM is fast approaching!! Please consider enrolling your students that are new to CM in our mock Evaluations on Sat. March 7th. To help your students these last few weeks, time their technique, help them sight-read and give them practice theory tests. Give them written feedback on their pieces so they can take the next few weeks to polish them.

We have an exciting calendar of events as a branch this month! I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Most sincerely,  
Sarah Sandvig  
President: MTACLB



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### Upcoming Events:

- 3/7—General Meeting
- 3/8—SCJBF Winners' Recital
- 3/18—Board Meeting
- 3/28—3/29 —CM Evaluations
- 4/1-General Meeting
- 4/1-Wheeler App. Deadline
- 4/11-Honors Recital Deadline
- 4/12-SCJBF All-Branch String Regional
- 4/15-Board Meeting
- 4/18-CM Branch Honors Recital
- 4/18-Sonata/Sonatina Deadline
- 5/2-Play-A-Thon Fundraiser
- 5/6-Annual Business Meeting
- 5/9-Sonata/Sonatina Competition
- 5/13-Board Meeting
- 5/31-Potluck & Officer Installation

For more details, please go online to our website::

[Mtaclb.com](http://Mtaclb.com)

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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



## Nominations and Elections

The following Active MTAC-LB Members have agreed to serve on the nominating committee: **Laura Dickey, Bridget Bellavoine, Tasha Locke, Linda Pryor and Jelena Radovic**. Thank you so much for agreeing to serve the Long Beach Branch as our nominating committee. They will meet in the month of March.

The Long Beach Branch needs Active Teacher members to fill our board positions to keep our branch running smoothly and so we can continue to offer programs for teachers and students. Please help the nominating committee by being ready and willing to serve if called upon to do so. The following appears in the Branch Directory page 40 concerning nominations and elections. "The nominating committee shall nominate one candidate per office for the Board of Directors and concurrent Officer Positions.

Nominations by any Voting Member may also be taken from the floor of the Branch Annual Meeting, at which time the elections are held. Voting Members shall elect Directors and Officers at the Branch annual Meeting. Voting shall be conducted by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for such candidates designate office shall be elected. "

Becky Mauss—Parliamentarian

## Certificate of Merit: In Appreciation

I want to express my sincere thanks to those teachers who have responded to my requests for additional help with our branch CM. It is a very large undertaking and one that would not happen without many willing hands. Our CM weekend is not until March 28/29 and already teachers have been putting in hours to prepare.

I hope I don't omit any names but I want to recognize my repertoire checking committee: Alicja Blanquart, Andrea Chou-Wu, Marla Devich, Laura Dickey, Shirley Lee, Lilia Pershina, Sarah Sandvig, Mark Sullivan, and Kazuko Yasukawa.

Also assisting with CM preparation are Sally Curry and Becky Mauss. Thank you for your generosity. I know our CM weekend will be a success because all the wonderful teachers in our branch will help make it so!

Ellen Noble, CM Branch Chair

The Wheeler Memorial Scholarship Award is offered each spring to a graduating high school senior. With this award, our branch honors the memory of Harold Parker Wheeler, Jr. for his dedication to music and community service. Graduating seniors with good scholarship, musicianship, and those who have used their music to benefit the community are encouraged to apply. The deadline is April 4, 2015. Please have your graduating seniors apply for this wonderful award! You can email me at [leahkang@gmail.com](mailto:leahkang@gmail.com) for a PDF or Word copy of the application.

Music Teachers' Association of California – Long Beach Branch


## 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 April 4, 2015

 Please send the completed application form and all supporting materials to:

Leah Kang - 15539 Woodruff Ave Unit 8, Bellflower, CA 90706

 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 music 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.**

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

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

## VOCE 2015

Our VOCE competition was held at Saddleback College on Saturday, Feb. 14. Erin Hsiao and Robert Gleiser, both students of Janice Luna, tied for first place in the Senior Solo Strings category. Both Erin and Robby will go on to compete in the finals at Chapman University on April 19.

This year, Erin and Robert were sadly our only Long Beach Branch entries in VOCE. Last year we had vocal winners as well, but no other studio from our branch was represented this year.

Janice Luna, VOCE Branch Chair



Robert Gleiser (left) and Erin Hsiao (below)

Students of Janice Luna Violin Studio and 2015 VOCE Winners





## 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!

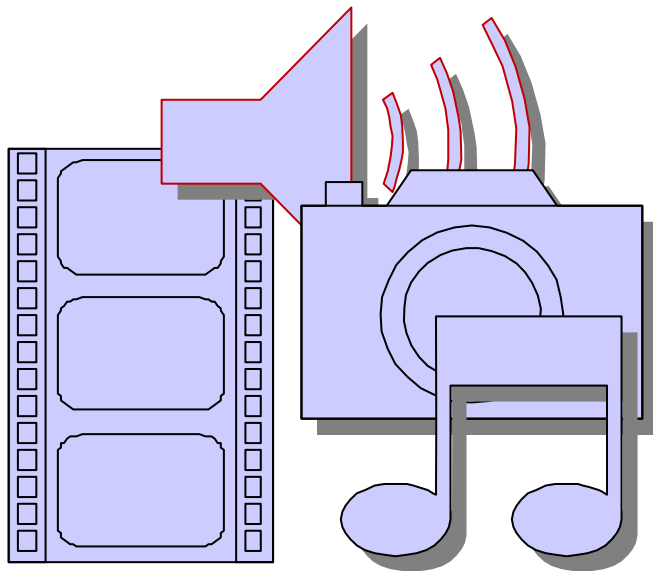
Jessica Baptist -  
Referral Service.



## Photos Needed!

We are doing our MTAC-LB 2014-2015 E-Scrapbook and I need everyone's help. With my new full-time job at Keyboard Concepts Piano Superstore in Fountain Valley which I started in August 2014, I am not able to attend and photograph MTAC-LB Meetings, Recitals, and Events as frequently as I used to. If you have some digital pictures of our MTAC-LB Meetings, Recitals, and other important branch-related events, please e-mail them to me with the dates and descriptions to [Violine1@aol.com](mailto:Violine1@aol.com). Also, if you have pictures from our last 2014 MTAC Convention in Los Angeles, please e-mail share those with me too for our E-Scrapbook.

Thank you all for your help,  
Christine Ho  
MTAC-Long Beach Branch  
Photographer and Historian



## Southern California Junior Bach Festival, Long Beach

Congratulations to the forty-one students who participated in the Long Beach Bach Festival, held on February 7, 2015, at the Seal Beach Center of Spiritual Living (SBCSL). Nine studios were represented. Fourteen winners were chosen to proceed to the Regional Competition on May 17, 2015, at CSU Dominguez Hills. There were also four alternates and four honorable mentions selected. The winners and alternates will also be performing at the Long Beach Bach Festival Winners' Recital sponsored by the Camerata Singers of the Long Beach.

The recital will be held on March 8, 2015 at 3:30pm at Bayshore Community Congregational Church. The judges for this year's branch Bach Festival were Kary Kramer, Rizia Lin, and Sofia Zukerman. Many thanks to the teachers who helped with the festival!

Yukiko Nobles and Kazuko Yasukawa-Co-Chairs

### List of Winners/Alternates/Honorable Mentions by Studio

#### **Marla Devich**

Abigail Heilman – Winner

#### **Dr. Louise Earhart**

Heidi Hernandez – Alternate #3

Thalia Inui - Honorable Mention

#### **Susan High**

Alexander Aubertin - Winner

Noah Lovold - Winner

#### **Ellen Noble**

Shawn Lu -Winner

#### **Dr. Mark Sullivan**

Carina Novarro Winner

Noah Conger – Winner

Christopher Roberts - Winner

Taylor Nguyen – Winner

David Morgan – Winner

#### **Dr. Mark Sullivan cont'd**

Maxwell Liem – Alternate #2

Lucas Liem – Alternate #4

#### **Craig Richey**

Stephen Kelman-Winner

#### **Kazuko Yasukawa**

Jamie Hsu - Winner

Emily Lennon –Winner

Jonathan Cheng - Winner

Jocelyn Hsu –Winner

Hannan Salam - Winner

Skyler Cao – Alternate #1

Emma Huang- Honorable Mention

Erika Hathaway – Honorable Mention

## Southern California Junior Bach Festival, Long Beach

SCJBF Program 1



Program 2



Program 3



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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 15th for publication in the following month. Please have photos as jpeg files and provide all heading/captions/story in WORD format.

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

THANK YOU!