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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Teachers!

March has arrived! We have moved our Branch Mason and Hamlin Grand Piano. Its new home is the sanctuary of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Los Alamitos. Teachers looking to book the hall for private studio recitals should reach out to me. The Branch will coordinate with the church for MTAC Long Beach Teacher studio recitals. Please note that their sanctuary is in use most of the day on Sundays. Sunday Recitals will have to be scheduled after 5pm.

This month, we will host our annual Bach/Baroque Festival on March 8. It will be held at our new venue.

Next month, we will have our annual Branch Honors recital, recognizing students who received the state honors award in Certificate of Merit. We will also host our annual Sonatina/Sonata Festival on April 19. Please also let your high school juniors and seniors know about the Wheeler Scholarship Award.

Until next time,

—Marc Lombardino

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 8, 2025 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

SCJBF & Baroque Festival (Sharon Collins)
Where: Bethlehem Lutheran Church (BLC)

Sunday, March 16, 2025 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

MSSL Recital @ Westmont of Cypress

Saturday March 29, 2025 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

General Meeting: Program - The Business of Teaching Music with Sarah Sandvig
Where: Sarah Sandvig's Home (2971 Shakespeare Dr. Los Alamitos, CA 90720)

Saturday April 5, 2025 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

General Meeting: Program - Methods of Beginning Piano Pedagogy with Hannah Yi
Where: Home of Hannah Yi

Saturday, April 12, 2025 Time TBD

Branch CM Honors Recital
Where: BLC

Saturday, April 19, 2025 Time TBD

Sonata/Sonatina Festival (Willie Chen: Chair)
Where: BLC

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Annual Business Meeting (Breakfast at 10am, Meeting begins at 10:30am)
Where: Mark Sullivan's house (simulcast over zoom)

Sunday, June 8, 2025 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Installation Potluck with Performances
(Performers: Sonata/Sonatina Festival Winners and Wheeler Scholarship Recipient)
Where: Hannah Yi's Home



Wheeler Scholarship Applications

The Wheeler Scholarship application window is now open! This award is offered annually to a high school junior or senior who is a student 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.

Please click here for the detailed written aspects of the application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1grXwn9t3sd7-6uIxjDIlhIhBC1w1_SnnglTQ4ZZHO9E/edit

Please submit recordings for each applicant in 1 clearly labeled email or cloud sharing link (Google Drive, Dropbox, etc) to the Wheeler Scholarship Chair, Vanessa Dokko at vanessa@dokkopianostudio.com. Please also contact her if you have any questions.

The application deadline is May 12th at 11:59pm.

Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert

Our annual Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert took place on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 3 pm at OSLC-BFH. The performers were Gary Beaston, Harriet Bennish, Willie Chen, Louise Earhart, Jérémie Favreau, Marc Lombardino, Yukiko Nobles, and Bette Wilson. They played piano solos, a piano duet, and sang. We appreciated the generous donations for the scholarship, even though the audience was smaller than last year.

If you did not have a chance to attend the concert, please enjoy the video:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/zk49ifcsg1wefz4hba528/AJJoe4nR39jGS_tnKcOOTE?rlkey=204a1iqm4co6znooufezf3xna&dl=0 or open the email sent on February 11, 2025 and donate to the scholarship our branch gives to a qualified junior or senior high school student each spring.

Yukiko Nobles, Wheeler Memorial Concert Chair



February MSSL Recital

Today at the Westmont of Cypress, we have finished another recital as part of the 2024-2025 MSSL Program. People from all age groups have joined the recital from 1st grade to 10th grade students, all people who look to share their talents and music to the world, while improving themselves. We featured performers from 5 different piano studios, including Andrea Wu; Becky Mauss; Kookhee Hong; Songmi Kim; and Willie Chen.

Every recital is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM and lasts an hour. This event is invaluable when it comes to providing meaningful entertainment for the seniors and brightening their day. There is also an added benefit of gaining performance experience and community service hours. If you want to seize this opportunity, please click the link or scan the QR code below to sign up for our next recital on March 16, 2025.

Performer(s)	Composer	Performer(s)	Composer
1. Leona Victor Le petit ronde	F. Poulenc	17. Yuna Lee Prelude XV in G Major	J.S. Bach
2. Olivia Victor L'aveu (The Confession)	F. Thome	18. Emmanuel Wu Can't Help Falling in Love	E. Presley
3. Neil Karia Nocturne in c sharp minor	F. Chopin	19. Ayden Chen Hello	TREASURE
4. Stella Yang Ninette's Musette	C. Nevada	20. Jordan Peruga Go for the Gold	P. Keveren
5. Joshua Yang Il Puro Rosso	J. Hnauahi	21. Glory Peruga Amazing Grace	American Trad., arr. N. Faber
6. Gero Kaji The Russian Bear	C. Rollin	<div>Please be considerate of those around you. Remember to silence your cell phones. Thank you for coming!</div>	
7. Elizabeth Liu Always With Me	Y. Kimura		
8. Rohanth Valavala The Queen's Waltz	L. Bastien	<div>Studios Represented Andrea Wu, Becky Mauss, Chans Nieto, Kookhee Hong, Songmi Kim, Willie Chen</div>	
9. Daniel Lorico Sonatina in C Major	M. Clementi		
10. Cameron White My Music Box	B.J. Rosco	<div>Programme made and edited by: Angela Huang, Emmanuel Wu, Jonah Wang</div>	
11. Amber Nguyen Swaggering	C. Norton		
12. Elise Lee Waltz in e minor	F. Chopin		
13. Sabrina Yung Rondo alla Turca	W.A. Mozart		
14. Donna Yung Praeludium XV	J.S. Bach		
15. Audrey Chen Maple Leaf Rag	S. Joplin		
16. Seoyi Jeon Prelude	D. Kabalevsky		



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Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival

The 2025 iteration of the Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival will take place on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We will begin the Elementary division at 9:00, followed by the Intermediate and Advanced divisions. We hope to finished the final entry before noon. Please check the branch website for details.

Please register your students via the branch website and pay all fees online. It will be \$50 per student this year. Make sure that the sonata/sonatina movement is clearly labeled. If you have any questions about repertoire, please e-mail me at williechen7@yahoo.com.

Deadline for registration will be pushed back one week due to the lateness of this announcement. We will close registration at 11:59 PM on Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Please let the parents know that all first-place winners will be performing at the Installation of Officers meeting in June. Teachers are expected to help out in some way during the event.



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**for past newsletters, forms,
maps, calendar, and more!**

**Long Beach Branch Newsletter
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MS WORD format, not PDF files.**

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: Dr. Mark Sullivan: sullivan03@sprynet.com

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

Contact: Lilia Pershina, lilia.pershina@gmail.com

Reimbursements for Branch Expenses:

Contact: Rebecca Mauss: rjmauss@gmail.com

Program, Masterclasses

Contact: Hannah Yi: hannahsue127@gmail.com

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Certificate of Merit

Contact: Sarah Sandvig: sarahsandvig@gmail.com

Newsletter

Contact: Nancy Carr carrmusicstudio@gmail.com

Additional Questions/Concerns

Contact: marclombardino@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.