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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Teachers!

It's April, which means it's time for our last batch of recitals and festivals of the season! I hope you're able to register your students and attend several of these!

On April 5, we will have the Branch Honors Recital at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Congratulations to all students who qualified for this recital!

On April 19, we will host our annual Sonata/Sonatina Festival. This is always one of our most anticipated festivals of the year—register your students now if you haven't already!

If you have students that need to do a make-up CM evaluation, the deadline for parents and students to apply for that is April 15, 2025. Parents with students who were "no-shows" for CM should have received an email explaining the process and the issues that are considered acceptable excuses. If approved, students will be able to submit materials for make-up evaluations.

Last March, we hosted our annual Bach/Baroque Festival in collaboration with the Southern California Junior Bach Festival.

Hoping to see you all at our upcoming events!

—Marc Lombardino

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Branch CM Honors Recital

Where: BLC

Saturday April 12, 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 5, 2025

Branch CM Honors Recital

Where: BLC

Saturday, April 19, 2025

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: Marc Lombardino's Home (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

Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival

The 2025 iteration of the Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival will take place on Saturday, April 19, from 9:00 AM until noon at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Los Alamitos. There will be three divisions as usual: Elementary (K-4), Intermediate (5-7), and Advanced (8-12). Please register your students and pay for the event through the branch website. Registration will be up and running shortly. The fee is \$50 per student. We are very fortunate to have Alexis Ohmar and Mark Mendez to be our festival adjudicators this year.

Because we started registration late, the entry deadline has been delayed to April 5. Please e-mail me if you have any questions or concerns at williechen7@yahoo.com.

ASCAP – Send in your programs

Hello MTAC Long Beach Colleagues, As the ASCAP Chair for MTAC-Long Beach, it is my responsibility to collect branch recital programs and submit them to the state office. This ensures that composers and publishers receive proper recognition and compensation for their works performed at our MTAC-LB events.

Please email me at SamaraMusicLessons@gmail.com an attachment of your studio and/or branch event recital program(s). A PDF, Word document, or even a clear photo will work perfectly. I'll make sure it's forwarded to the state office for ASCAP.

Samara Rice

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/1grXwn9t3sd7-6uIxjDilIhBC1w1_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.

CM Branch Honors Recitals

The **CM Branch Honors Recitals** will be held on **Saturday, 4/5/25**, at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos**.

- **Times:** 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM (Select on the form)
- **Who:** CM students (Level 4+) with State Honors
- **Repertoire:** Any memorized piece of choice
- **Register by: Tuesday, 4/1 (deadline has been extended)** – [CM Branch Honors Registration Form](#)
- **Fee:** Free! Teachers will assist in some way (select on the form)
- **Bonus:** Students receive a special certificate

Looking forward to celebrating our students' achievements!

Reach out if you have any questions-

Sarah Sandvig

CM Director

Don't forget to check out our
website:

www.mtacb.com

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

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Please have photos as jpeg files and
provide all heading/captions/story in
MS WORD format, not PDF files.

March MSSL Recital

Today at the Westmont of Cypress, we concluded the 2024-2025 MSSL Recital Program. A total of 33 performers attended this recital, with piano soloists and ensemble groups playing vibrant pieces. We featured 10 incredible studios this month, with performers from second grade to graduate students and even parents. They all joined together to share their love of music to the local community.

This was our last recital for the 2024-2025 school year. These past six recitals helped music students hone their performance skills, earn volunteer hours, and give the residents of the senior center a fantastic time. We are grateful to serve this amazing community and hope to continue to bring quality music for them to enjoy in the future.

- MSSL Chair, Andrea Wu

Performer(s)	Composer	Performer(s)	Composer
1. Piano Duo: Sofia Soin, Sylvia Soin		18. Sienna Meade	
Prime Time	E. Itcherella	The Waltz	F. Burgmüller
2. Piano Duo: Laura Gonzalez, Rohan Soin		19. Kala Nguyen	
Pachelbel's Canon	J. Pachelbel arr. R. Schultz	Le Petit Noir	C. Debussy
3. Seoyi Jeon		20. Benjamin On	
English Suite No. 2 in A Minor, BWV 107, Cello	J.S. Bach	River Flows in You	Yusuf
4. Pratima Karia		21. Piano Duo: Tristan Shaw, Justin Shaw	
Venetian Gondola Song	F. Mendelssohn	Kirby Dream Land Theme Song	J. Ishikawa
5. Neil Karia		22. Tristan Shaw	
Nocturne in C Sharp Minor	F. Chopin	Ronde Alla Turca	W.A. Mozart
6. Goro Kaji		23. Ashley Ahn	
Trumpet Fanfare, Op. 117, No. 8	Gurlitt	Maybe This Time	M. Miladin
7. Elizabeth Liu		24. Daisuke Murata	
Allegro in F	W.A. Mozart	Ronde in A Minor, S11	W.A. Mozart
8. Amber Nguyen			
Sonata in C Major, Op. 55, No. 1 (H. Vivaldi)	F. Kuhlau		
9. Daniel Lerico			
Night Shift	M. Crossland		
10. Cameron White			
Playing Games (Hide and Seek)	B.J. Roscoe		
11. Laila Nadlenghayan			
Etude in C Major	S. Heller		
12. Jaymin Kim			
Island Daydream (Haitian Folksong)	arr. D. Alexander		
13. Katelyn Pham			
French Major Waltz	C. Rollin		
14. Jayden Nguyen			
Etude No. 3 "Tempo di Valza"	J.H. Baime		
15. Gatsby Lemus			
Sonata in G Minor, Op. 7, No. 3 (H. Presto)	M. Clement		
16. Samuel Strotman			
Island Calypso	D. Alexander		
17. Yuna Lee			
Prelude Op. 38, No. 2	D. Kabalevsky		

Lobby Music

Audrey Chen, Joseph Liu, Emmanuel Wu "Il Porto Rosso" by J. Hisashi
 Joseph Liu, Kristina Liu "My Heart will Go On" by C. Dion
 Joshua Wang "Rainbow Blues" by D. Blackwell
 Viera Wang "Summer" by J. Hisashi
 Jonah Wang "Springtime in my Heart" by M. Mier
 Joshua Yang "Song From a Secret Garden" by N. Pailidis
 Angela Huang "Over the Bars" by J.P. Johnson
 Ayden Chen "A Tender Feeling" by Y. Kajara
 Kimian Huang "Red Swan" by Yoshiki

Please be considerate of those around you
 Remember to silence your cell phones
 Thank you for coming!



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

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Contact: Rebecca Mauss: rjmauss@gmail.com

Program, Masterclasses

Contact: Hannah Yi: hannahsue127@gmail.com

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Susan High: susanhigh@gmail.com

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.