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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Teachers!

Now that it's May, it's time for us to once again hold our elections for the MTAC Long Beach Board. Please keep an eye out for the slate of new board members coming soon!

You may have read in MTAC news recently that I have been nominated to the MTAC State Board to serve as Recording Secretary. I am very grateful to the State nominating committee for their consideration, and to all who have cast their votes (the ballot postmark date was April 20). I look forward to serving in this new role!

Unfortunately, this means I will no longer be able to serve on the Long Beach Branch Board in the coming years. It has been an honor to serve on the Board—I first came on as Second Vice President in 2014 and held that position for several years until being nominated for President 3 years ago. In this time, we have seen several changes to not only the MTAC organization, but generally to studio practices and student behaviors. We've also continued to host successful recitals, festivals, lectures, and masterclasses—I have been privileged to watch many students perform and grow as artists year after year, even when we had to improvise an online recital system back in 2020. It has been quite the journey, and I look forward to seeing what is next for MTAC Long Beach.

The Annual Business Meeting will take place at my home on May 7. This is our opportunity as a branch to hear about and discuss how our various programs are faring.

Good luck to everyone who is preparing for the end of the school year, and for many spring concerts that are coming up - the summer will hopefully bring some relief!

—Marc Lombardino

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MTAC Long Beach Branch 2024-2025 Slate of Officers

Here are the nominees for next year's Board:

President – Sarah Sandvig
1st VP – Yukiko Nobles
2nd VP - Hannah Yi
Recording Secretary - Lynne Graham
Corresponding Secretary - Vanessa Dokko
Treasurer - Mary Inui
Membership Secretary - Susan High
Certificate of Merit - pending
Parliamentarian - Gary Beaston

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/1grXwn9t3sd7-6uIxxjDIlhIhBC1w1_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.

Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival

The 2025 iteration of the Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival was successful. The judges once again were very impressed with the performances and the repertoire selection from teachers. Mark Mendez and Alexis Ohmar wrote very insightful comments to help the students improve. I would like to thank all the teachers for coming to help, and especially to Marc Lombardino for staying through the entire event even though he didn't enter any students.



Elementary Category

First Place: Anaya Loo (student of Hannah Yi)

Second Place: Katherine Hoang (student of Hannah Yi)

Third Place: Amber Nguyen (student of Willie Chen)

Honorable Mention: Vincent Soberano (student of Hannah Yi)



Intermediate Category

First Place: Sahir Shams (student of Sam Grodin)

Second Place: Katelyn Pham (student of Willie Chen)

Third Place: Luca Roppo (student of Willie Chen)

Honorable Mention: Lana Nordstrom (student of Susan High)

Honorable Mention: Penelope Liu (student of Hannah Yi)



Advanced Category

First Place: Olivia Nordstrom (student of Susan High)

Second Place: Psalm Martinez (student of Susan High)

Third Place: Katherine Erber (student of Beejell Soco)

CM Branch Honors Recitals



Congratulations to the students who performed on the Long Beach Branch Honors Recital on April 5, 2025!

Recital 1 Performers: Kaia Nguyen, Sofia Soin, Sylvia Soin, Cydel Gali, Lily Camerino, Nicole McCance, Kyara Lin, Xenia Lee.

Recital 2 Performers: Caleb Nguyen, Miles Mayfield-Hom, Liana Nguyen, Natalie Worden, Maia Pham, Mia Reyes, Brandon Lam, Sadie Hsu, Khang Doan, Yuna Lee, Faith Kim

Senior Medallion Recipients

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Certificate of Merit Senior Medallion!

Kristen Arellano (Lilia Pershina: Teacher)
Drew Cazares (Melissa Lyons Caldretti: Teacher)
Kyla Farrell (Sarah Sandvig: Teacher)
Varun Koshy (Samara Rice: Teacher)
David Lyons (Sarah Sandvig: Teacher)
Courtney Melancon (Sarah Sandvig: Teacher)
Emma Platt (Sarah Sandvig: Teacher)
London Quincy (Xhenis (Janis) Prendushi : Teacher)
Katherine Shinogi (Sarah Sandvig: Teacher)
Katherine Shinogi (Beejell Soco: Teacher)
Jihea Sunny So (Hyeyeon Hanna Kim: Teacher)
David Vo (Lilia Pershina: Teacher)
Jolie Yang (Hyeyeon Hanna Kim: Teacher)

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

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

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provide all heading/captions/story in
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

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Contact: Rebecca Mauss: rjmauss@gmail.com

Program, Masterclasses

Contact: Hannah Yi: hannahsue127@gmail.com

Membership

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.