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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays, members of MTACLB!

I hope the start of the year has been a great one for you! I can't believe I'm already picking holiday music for December recitals! It goes so fast.

Our Theme Festival on 11/18/25 was a success! We had the following:

3 Recitals
44 students, ages 8-22 &
9 studios represented

Big thanks to **Jordan Boggess** for creating the programs, certificates and co-chairing this event with me. Special thanks also to **Mary Inui** for volunteering the entire day. We had wonderful, supportive and helpful comments from our judges, Ryan Reithmeier and Dr. Janice Park as well!

Coming up on **Saturday, December 6th is our Ensemble Festival**. The deadline is coming up (November 29th). Please be sure to sign up for this fun event! Any ensemble is welcome: teachers with students, siblings, teachers with teachers, anything goes! Sign up on our website: <https://www.mtaclb.com/programs-recitals.html>

On **Sunday, 12/14 we have a Music Ed Presentation** at Hannah Yi's home at 2pm. Dr. Nita Baxani (of Cal Poly and Colburn school) will be giving a presentation on Music Education. If you have any students interested in this career path, please encourage them to attend. Teachers too! Please email Hannah to RSVP: hannahsue127@gmail.com.

Lastly, make sure to take some time this week to **enter your rep for CM before 12/15** (you can make changes after then, but something must be in the database).

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving! I am thankful for all of you!

Sarah Sandvig

President: MTACLB

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 6 (Sat):** MTAC Ensemble Festival (Lynne Graham, Chair)
📍 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos — All instruments
- **December 14 (Sun):** Music Education Presentation with Dr. Tammy Yi & General Meeting
⌚ 2:00pm📍 Hannah Yi's Home
- **December 15 (Mon):** CM Application Edit closes
- **December 16 (Tues):** MTACLB Board Meeting
⌚ 10:30am |📍 Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4452294595> Zoom ID: 445-229-4595
- **January 11 (Sun):** Voice Masterclass with Kate Rubke-Foxworth & General Meeting
⌚ 2:00pm📍 Sarah Sandvig's house
- **January 18 (Sun):** MSSL Recital⌚ 3pm-4pm |
📍 Westmont Senior Living Center: 4889 Katella Ave. Cypress, CA
- **January 20 (Tues):** MTACLB Board Meeting
⌚ 10:30am |📍 Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4452294595> Zoom ID: 445-229-4595
- **January 24 (Sat):** MTACLB Wheeler Concert (Yukiko Nobles, Chair)
⌚ 3:00pm |📍 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos Teachers perform

Harold Wheeler Memorial Benefit Concert

Our annual Wheeler Memorial Concert will be on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 3 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamitos. At present we have only one piano solo and one piano duet. In order to have a successful fundraiser for our branch's junior or senior's scholarship, we need your participation. Not only our branch members but also your colleagues are welcome to perform with you. Please contact me as soon as possible even though you may not be sure of your repertoire. If you cannot perform that afternoon, there will be other ways to help, for example, being an audience, bringing reception food, etc. I look forward to hearing from you.

Wheeler Memorial Concert chair, Yukiko Nobles
yukikonobles@gmail.com

Theme Festival Report

Our Theme Festival on 11/15/25 was excellent! We had the following:

3 Recitals

44 Students, ages 8-22

9 studios represented

Studios represented:

Melissa Caldretti, Willie Chen, Laura Dickey, Dr. Louise Earhart, Susan High, Mary Inui, Craig Richey, Sarah Sandvig & Hannah Yi.

Special thanks to Mary Inui for volunteering her time for the entire day! Thanks to all teachers for assisting at the recitals and with food donations too. It was a wonderful day!



More photos Theme Festival



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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT
2PM**

**HANNAH YI'S
RESIDENCE
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**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY
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November MSSL Recital Report

On November 16th, at the Westmont of Cypress, we held our third recital of the 2025–2026 school year and officially broke our record for the number of performers, with 31 students taking the stage this month, including a flute, a trio, and several duets! Residents were especially delighted by the trio performance of *No Longer You*, featuring piano, saxophone, and violin, and even requested an encore. Seven piano studios were represented at the recital: those of Andrea Wu, Beejell Soco, Lilia Pershina, Rebecca Mauss, Song Mi Kim, Veronica Sapienza, and Willie Chen.

Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM, the Music Students Service League hosts a recital at the Westmont of Cypress for senior residents to enjoy. This event allows musicians to share their talents and engender connections with the local community. If you are interested in participating in the next recital on January 18, please sign up through the QR code or the link below.

<https://forms.gle/VWDuLCcMohvA1t497>



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: Yukiko Nobles: yukikonobles@gmail.com

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

Contact: Sarah Sandvig: sarahsandvig@gmail.com (to be added to our online database)

Reimbursements for Branch Expenses:

Contact: Mary Inui: jminui@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: sarahsandvig@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.