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### President's Message

Dear Branch Members,

Have you ever broken or fractured a bone? This happened to me a couple of weeks ago - my right wrist/forearm area, which is in a removal brace. It seems to be healing. But, there are some things I won't take for granted again, like brushing my hair or opening a jar of pasta sauce or twisting open a bottle of Calistoga water! Otherwise, the October 3 General Meeting program of Koto music was awesome, the details and photo of same can be seen in this newsletter. There are a few events, certainly among Branch favorites, that are scheduled for this month and next. And, our next General Meeting won't be until January 5. Over the past few months, our Branch has gained three new members - piano, violin and viola. As usual, the Branch website and e mails regarding Branch information, keep all well informed.

Die Zeit Gallopiert or time races by, as this is the month for Thanksgiving. May I wish all of you and your families a Happy and Relaxing Thanksgiving holiday. Let's hope that people of all nations are able to come together in peace, harmony and respect.

Best wishes

Leonne Lewis

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## MTACLB Calender

### \*NOVEMBER

Nov. 3 Sat. 10-2 pm Theme Festival at SBCSL - "Contemporary Music"

Nov. 4 Sun. 4-7 pm. YAG Concert at SBCSL -

Nov. 15 Thu. 9:30 am Board Meeting at the home of Leonne Lewis

Nov. 17 Sat. Deadline for Ensemble Festival. Entry form Online at [www.mtaclb.com](http://www.mtaclb.com)

### \*DECEMBER

Dec. 8 Sat. 10-2 pm. Ensemble Festival at SBCSL

Dec. 22 Sat. Young Composers Guild/Composers Today Evaluations Deadline  
Contact Lisa Kato, CT Chair

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## CM Calender

\*November 15, 2012 11:59 p.m.

Database closed for Registration for all branches. Branches may not make their own registration deadline. No late registration

\*November 16, 2012

Fees, one teacher and one check, must be submitted directly to the Branch Chair and must be postmarked no later than November 16.

Work Contracts (if required by Branch) MUST also be submitted at this time!

\*December 15, 2012

Branch CM fees due to State Office Check from Branch to State Office for the branch CM fees must be postmarked by 12/15 or a 1% late fee will be imposed.

\*December 15, 2012

Evaluator Schedules must be completed.

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## Long Beach Branch Young Artist

Phoebe Kim was our Long Beach Branch Young Artist, presented at our recent MTAC Convention in San Diego. Her teacher, Janice Luna, is happy to announce that Phoebe was the recipient of a \$ 1,000 scholarship from the Natenstedt Family, and also received a full scholarship to Northwestern University in Illinois as a violin performance major.



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### **In Loving Memory of Peachy**

Christine Ho's dog, Peachy, was her very first family dog that was adopted as a puppy on July 23, 1997, at two months of age. She is a cockerspaniel mix, and a very friendly dog who loved to greet all of her Students and their families that came in for their violin and piano lessons at her home. Peachy also had a unique talent of posing for pictures, which made for many wonderful family memories.

Tragically Peachy was diagnosed and treated for terminal stomach and liver diseases during the last two months of her life this August and September. Christine and her family had to make the very difficult decision to put her to sleep on October 1, 2012. She will always be loved and is dearly missed.

R.I.P. Peachy - May 11, 1997 - October 1, 2012



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### **October 3 General Meeting program of Koto music**

The founder of Koto Music Conservatory, Yoko Awaya and her colleague Neely Ishii, came to perform and presented a demonstration on the traditional Japanese instrument Koto. (a 13-stringed Japanese harp which is designed from body shape of a dragon.)

They brought three different sized Koto and explained traditional Japanese music notation and showed us an original manuscript from the early 1900s.

They played Rokudan (six-step variation) by Yatsunashi Kengyo (1614-1685), Japanese Folk Songs, and Theme and Variation on Love Story. They also entertained us with a video of her recent performance of Mozart Eine Kleine Nachtmusik.

Thank you.

Kimiyo

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### **October 6, 2011 Branch Recital Report**

Our first Branch Recital of the season took place on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. We had a total of two programs at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. All 33 student applicants arrived and performed on voice and piano. The studios represented were those of Andrea Chou-Wu, Sung Ja Han, Adriana Manfredi, Lilia Pershina, and Elizabeth Weed.



Thank you,

Maureen

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### **SCJBF Reminder**

Just a reminder that SCJBF registration opens November 1st, Thursday morning. Registration will remain open until January 5th, 2013. Rules and more information is available at the website, [www.scjbf.org](http://www.scjbf.org)

-Kazuko Yasukawa and Mary Inui

Co-chairs SCJBF - Long Beach Branch

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### **Theme Festival Information**

The Theme Festival will be on at noon on Saturday, November 3 at SBCSL. The theme this year is 20th and 21st Centuries. Hope to see you!

Yukiko Nobles

Theme Festival Chair

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### **YAG Concert November 4th at 4pm**

Please join us at this year's Young Artist's Guild concert featuring clarinetist, Sasha Mitrushina. Sasha, 17, is a senior at Westlake High School. Sasha has performed in a wide range of ensembles from orchestra and band to participation in Conejo Valley Youth Orchestra, state-wide honor bands and Moorpark College Jazz Band. He has performed as a soloist with the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic Orchestra, Mount St. Mary's College orchestra, and the CSUN Youth Orchestra. He has also won several awards and competitions including the Young Artist Guild (YAG) Award, Natenstedt Young Artist Guild Scholarship and the AMRON Dustin Koji Jefferson Memorial Scholarship. Sasha is a student of Dr. Julia Heinen.

This concert promises to be an amazing display of Sasha Mitrushina's talent and love for music. The program will include classical masterpieces and a hint of jazz. This will surely be an inspiration for teachers and students. Please help us support this up-and-coming talent. Sponsored by the MTAC Long Beach Branch.

Performers:

Sasha Mitrushina (clarinet)  
Maura Mitrushina (classical piano)  
Lindsey Hundley (jazz piano)  
Rosy Rosenquist (drums)

Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living  
500 Marina Drive.  
Seal Beach, CA 90740  
November 4th at 4pm



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### **CM Fees Reminder**

Attention Long Beach Branch Members:

November 15th is the deadline to register your students for CM (no late registration) and to send me your Certificate of Merit Fee list, student list, signed work form and one check for all fees made payable to MTACLB. My address is:

Sarah Sandvig  
11162 Ranger Dr.  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

Thank you!

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### **Ensemble Festival: December 8**

(Co-Chairs Marla Devich, 562-433-3545 and Ellen Noble, 562-431-6740)  
Come join the fun! Our Branch Ensemble Festival is for everyone who enjoys making music together. It is open to all MTAC students and teachers. Family members are welcome as part of the ensemble. This year's Festival is Saturday, December 8 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. The entry deadline is Saturday, November 17. The entry form is online [www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com). There is a \$5.00 fee for each participant, including teachers. Holiday music is welcome on the program.

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### **Piano Teaching Materials**

I still have 7 boxes of music and teaching materials. Please invite our members to call or email me and make an appointment to come and see the materials..."free to a good home".

Thank you for your help,

Lyn Pohlmann

562 596 2634 or lynjohn@roadrunner.com

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## **Electronic Scrapbook**

Christine Ho is now our new Electronic Scrapbook Historian. She will be collecting pictures and programs for our 2012-2013 Electronic Scrapbook, which will be made into a nice hardcover book at the end of our teaching year 2012-2013. Please e-mail all pictures, scanned programs, etcetera to [Viole1@aol.com](mailto:Viole1@aol.com). When you send your contributions, please include dates and as many descriptions as you can of the pictures and events that are featured. If you don't have a scanner, please mail your contributions to Christine Ho, 3604 Caspian Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810, and Christine will scan your articles for you for the Electronic Scrapbook. She can return the articles for you at General Meetings if requested in writing or by phone. Otherwise, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want your items returned to you.

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## **MTACLB New Member/Members/Program Directors/Newsletter Editor Website Instructions**

If you have a new email address and need to update your information:

1. Please email Christine at [violine1@aol.com](mailto:violine1@aol.com) to receive the MTACLB email updates.
  2. Please contact Beejell Soco, webmaster at [beejell@gmail.com](mailto:beejell@gmail.com) if you have any questions concerning the website. You will also need to do the following to update your Classical Edge account and receive the MTACLB newsletter.
  3. Go to [www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com).
  4. Click on "Login" and log onto the MTACLB website with your current name and password.
  5. go onto "Edit My Profile" and change your listed email address.
- Do NOT start a new account with a new user name!

### **New Members:**

How to sign up as a new member on the [www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com) website?

Open up a firefox browser or download a firefox web browser for free. You can download it for free at [www.firefox.com](http://www.firefox.com) Our website works best when you use the correct web browser!

Type [www.mtacb.com](http://www.mtacb.com) in your web browser



Click on Login” in the box on the top of the website.  
Click on “Create Account.”  
Fill in the all of the required information on that page.  
Click on “Continue.”  
Fill in the all of the required information on that page.  
Click on “Save”.

### **MTACLB members with accounts:**

Type www.mtaclb.com in your web browser.  
Type in your username in the blank box.  
Type in your password.  
(If you cannot remember your user name or password, click on “Forgot Username/Password”)  
Click on Login in the box on the top of the website.  
To Edit your Profile, add or change the following: (note your instrument, specialty, education, email address, home address, etcj.)  
Log on  
Click on “Edit my profile.”  
Scroll down until you see “profession.”  
Example for teachers:  
If you are a teacher, click on the following boxes:  
“Teacher” “private studio” private studio”  
Scroll down to the bottom of the page with the up/down scroll on the right side and Click “continue.”  
Complete the info on the next page.  
Scroll down to the bottom of the second page and click “finish” to save your info.  
\*\*If you see a little message flash on your computer asking if you want to stay on the classical edge website, be sure to click “okay” to stay on the website. If you do not, the website will automatically time out for security reasons, and your information MAY NOT have been saved! You will have to do this every time you have about 10 minutes of inactivity.  
Additional email-related information. Please do not just click “reply” when you have a question regarding an email or program, as it will send the email to the 1st Vice President ( person relaying the emails) instead of the person in charge of the program. Be sure to look for the email address for the program director and email them directly!  
Additional hint when entering a student in an event:  
X means delete and the pencil means edit.  
If you hold your mouse over an icon it will give you what it means.  
There is an option at the bottom to print out the info for the students you have registered.

### **MTACLB Program Directors Instructions:**

Each program director needs to contact Reza at Classical edge at least a month

before the scheduled event. [admin@classicaledge.org](mailto:admin@classicaledge.org) Please give him the following information:

1. The Name of the event.
2. The date of the event.
3. The online application due date.
4. Your name and email address.
5. Any specific additions or changes if this is a program that we have not had before. Otherwise, Reza will set up the new event from a template of the event from the previous year.

Open up a firefox browser or download a firefox web browser for free. You can download it for free at [www.firefox.com](http://www.firefox.com) Our website works best when you use the correct web browser! After you have downloaded Firefox,, and you see the word "firefox" on your menu bar, Click and hold on "file" and click "New Document"

Type [www.classicaledge.com](http://www.classicaledge.com) in your web browser.

Type in your username in the blank box.

Type in your password.

(If you cannot remember your user name or password, click on "Forgot Username/Password")

Click "Login."

Click "MTAC-LB" or the little file picture.

Click on "Programs."

Click on the Program Name, i.e. "MTAC-LB Sonata/Sonatina Competition"

Click on "Change Settings" or picture with paper and wrench. Scroll on both the outer right part of your window until you can see "Application Rules and Policies."

Type your event info, rules, and policies in the blank box. \*\*Be sure to click on the little diskette after every few minutes to save the information that you have typed!! \*\*If you see a little message flash on your computer asking if you want to extend the session (stay on the classical edge website), be sure to click "OK" to stay on the website. If you do not, the website will automatically time out for security reasons, and your information MAY NOT have been saved!

Example of information to include under "Applications Rules and Policies."

Piano Sonata/Sonatina Competition

Chairpersons: Willie Chen and Kazuko Yasukawa

Competition Date: Saturday May 16, 2009 all day

Entry Deadline: Saturday April 25, 2009 at 11:59 PM

Entry fee is \$25 per person. There is no teacher fee.

Please make one check out to MTAC-LB and mail to Willie Chen at (\*\*add program director's address here) postmarked by the entry deadline.

Location: Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living

Due to the nature of the competition, we are unable to accept time requests.

Winners must be present at the end of each program to receive awards.

All teachers who enter students are expected to help out.

Time limits for each division: elementary 7 minutes, intermediate 9 minutes, advanced 12 minutes.

Please note that there is also a window scroll feature in the small window you are typing in as well. (There may be 3 scroll bars to control the different windows.) The size of the window is small, and you may not be able to see the entire window at once as you are editing it. This is not something that we can change at this time.

You will NOT be able to type in the following information.

Copy This Program:      Copy Now

New Program Start Date:

New Program End Date:

New Application Due Date:

(We have locked this process because program directors were creating duplicate programs and students were signing onto two separate events for the same program. Reza needs to copy and create a new program for the director.)

Click on "Performances" to put students in program order either by "Autoorder" or by moving students up and down with the down and up arrows

Click on "Performances" and "Notify" to notify teachers and/or students about their scheduled times.

## **Newsletter Editor Instructions**

1. Click onto firefox 2.0 browser on your computer, or download the newest version from [www.firefox.com](http://www.firefox.com), and create a new page by going under the pulldown menu "file" and clicking on "new window."

2. Go to [www.classicaledge.com](http://www.classicaledge.com) and log on and click on to the following: Log into your account. Click on "mtac-lb," then "account" then "website," "edit pages" and "newsletter" tab above. Click on the Create\* button below the tabs. Change the newsletter Name to the next month's name, such as "July Newsletter." Don't worry about the email and PDF options yet, and do NOT click "Publish Now." Once you publish a newsletter, it's difficult to alter it and resend it.

Go to the "Past Issues" on the top right of the screen and "cut and paste" the top information from last month's newsletter, changing only the necessary information such as date and newsletter editor info. Be sure to save your work constantly, by clicking on the little icon that looks like a floppy disk on the top line, about 4 icons over from the left, in the menu. If you do not see this menu, located under the Newsletter Name area, then click on the little down-arrow and it should reveal the icon menu.

You can click on the various icons to figure out each one.

I recommend that you do a "tester" newsletter to get familiar with how this program functions.

Some tips with formatting:

You can move your browser slowly over each icon and the title of each icon should appear.

The little line divider that I use between sections of the newsletter is located next to the smiley face on the right side of the icon menu.

One of the most difficult things about formatting the newsletter is that each

paragraph must be moved by the up/down arrow on the right side, and you may not be able to see the entire paragraph at once because of the small screen. You will have to move the slider on the right to view the other parts that you cannot see. You may be able to open up this space with the little icon that looks like a computer screen (maximize the editor size.)

Importing photos: Click on the little square that has a mountain and sun on it, the middle-right of the icons (insert/edit image.) (Click on edit size if you wish to edit the photo size.) Click on the red "upload" button, wait a second, and then click on "ok." The photo should now appear in your newsletter. You can center the photo by clicking on the paragraph formatting icons.

Be sure to save your work frequently by clicking on the disk icon!

When you are ready to send out the newsetter:

Click "Create." Make sure you are using the correct Newsletter Name. Select "Email only Teachers" under Email Options. For PDF Options click "Include PDF on Website and Send Link on email."

3. I was able to type in the white box to set up a new tester page that says "Tester Newsletter for MTACLB by Noreen." I didn't publish it, so you can see it when you log in and go to edit the newsletter, but not from the [www.mtaclb.com](http://www.mtaclb.com) website. You may want to set up a tester newsletter to try it out before publishing.

4. I cut and pasted the top part of the April newsletter and clicked on the photo of the little disk immediately to save it. I did find that if I tried to cut and paste too large of a section, or a section with too large of font for that paragraph, I did receive a note that I exceeded the amount of space permitted for that paragraph, and my information DID NOT save. I went back and tried to cut and paste a smaller section, saving the section immediately, and it DID work.

5. After about 8-10 minutes, I did receive a pop-up alert asking if I wanted to extend the session. I clicked "okay", and it didn't kick me off. The pop up did not come up again for a long time.