



# Noteworthy News

Long Beach Branch  
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## **President's Message**

I would like to thank the performers and attendees at our Wheeler Memorial Fund-raising Concert on Sunday, October 13th. I was very humbled to be a part of this beautiful program and grateful for those who participated, allowing us to raise money for our Wheeler Scholarship Award. Kudos to you all!

We have some great programs scheduled during the months of November and December: Theme Festival (Romantic Music) on Saturday, Nov. 2nd; a Duo Piano Recital for our general meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6th; Ensemble Festival on Saturday, Dec. 7th; and a YAG Concert featuring violinist Phoebe Kim (student of Janice Luna) on Thursday, Dec. 19th. Please be sure to visit our Branch Website mta-clb.com for times, locations and directions to all of these events. We look forward to having great attendance and participation in these programs!

Wishing you all a very happy and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving.

Marla Devich,

President

## Calendar of Events

### ***November***

1st

SCJBF Online Registration opens at [scjbf.org](http://scjbf.org)

2nd

10:00 – 2:00

Theme Festival at SBCSL 500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach 90740

6th

9:30 am

General Meeting at the home of Pinio Benatado 6085 Barry Drive, Cypress 90630

Duo Piano Recital

16th

Deadline to apply for Ensemble Festival

Applications online at [mtaclb.com](http://mtaclb.com)

21st

10:00 am

Board Meeting at the home of Marla Devich

### ***December***

7<sup>th</sup>

10:00 – 2:00

Ensemble Festival at SBCSL 500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach 90740

19<sup>th</sup>

7:00

YAG Concert featuring violinist Phoebe Kim, student of Janice Luna

Long Beach Unitarian Church 5450 E. Atherton Street, Long Beach

## **Upcoming SCJBF Events**

### November 1, 2013

Online Registration Opens for the 2014 Festivals

### January 20, 2014

Bach Master Classes. 10:00-12:00 noon, Chapman University, Berteau Hall, City of Orange.

Dr. Stewart Gordon, Piano Master Class - Salmon Recital Hall

Mark Kashper, Violin/Viola Master Class - Choral Rehearsal Room

Download and print applications at [scjbf.org](http://scjbf.org)

### February 8, 2014

Long Beach Bach Festival for Keyboards – 9:00-5:00\*

Registration Deadline January 11, 2014

Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living – Seal Beach, CA

\*Time varies depending upon the number of participants.

Entry Fees: \$25.00 per student

Make one check, payable to MTAC-LB and mail to:

Mary Inui

2219 San Vicente Ave. Long Beach, CA 90815

Postmarked by January 13, 2014

## From Kazystudio

They are S.Y.M.F. winners from Kazuko Yasukawa Piano Studio.



### **From Janice Luna, regarding the October meeting**

Our October meeting was held at the home of Ann Goodwin. It was a very fine meeting, though few attended. We were treated with a vegetable breakfast torte, and spinach blueberry salad in Anne's spacious kitchen before we had our meeting. Then we enjoyed a short chamber offering by the piano trio of Anne, Clorinda, and their friend Jan and a piano duo afterward with oral notes about the music and how to enjoy making music in your studio. We were also happy to hear about the 'in's and out's' of the published theory books from Sarah Sandvig's studio which she talked about from the "Sharing Teacher Secrets" part of our meeting, as well as Janice Luna's demonstration of using the Galami-an Scale routine as a way to enhance technical development as part of the teaching routine.

Afterward we were invited to have dessert with the wonderful brownies and coffee that were so graciously provided.

How we wished that more of our members could have enjoyed and benefited from this meeting!

### **MTAC Long Beach Branch October 5th, 2013 Branch Recital Report**

Our first Branch Recital for the season took place on Saturday, October 5th, 2013 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. We had two programs at 10:00AM and 11:30 PM. 35 of the student applicants arrived and performed on piano and voice, with two accompanists. The studios represented were those of Willie Chen, Andrea Chou-Wu, Laura Dickey, Sun Ja Han, Adriana Manfredi, Joan Nelson and Jelena Radovic. All of our students did a very fine job. Congratulations to them and their teachers. Our gross revenue for this recital was \$350.

Pictures from the recitals are on the next page.

Maureen Lombardino





**Exciting MTA program on Wednesday, Nov. 6**

Dear members,

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful program planned for our meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 9:30 AM. The Duo Piano Team of Pinio Benatados and Katherine Klein will present an exciting recital, which will include works by Scarlatti & Brahms, a multi-media presentation of Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite and a collaboration with clarinetist Carolyn Fields playing the 2nd movement of Mozart Concerto, K.V.622.

Ms. Benatados will graciously host the program in her home (6085 Barry Drive, Cypress 90630.) Therefore, seating is limited. Please respond to this email no later than Sunday, Nov.2 to reserve your seat.

I hope to hear from many of you soon! Thank you.

Marla Devich

**Ensemble Festival: December 7**

**(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 7 at the Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living. The entry deadline is Saturday, November 16. 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.