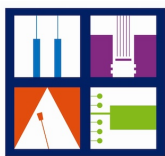


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Upcoming Events:

- ✦ Fri. 3/9 Program- students with special needs
- ✦ Sat. 3/10 CM Mock Evaluations
- ✦ Sat/Sun 3/24-3/25 CM
- ✦ Sat. 4/14 Branch Honors Recital CM
- ✦ Sun. 4/15 CM Convention Application Deadline
- ✦ Sun. 4/22 Gen. Meeting & Program Dr. Rundus
- ✦ Sat. 5/5 Branch Recital #3

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President's Message

Greetings!

As we spring into March, I'm sure many of you are busily preparing students for Certificate of Merit. The Mock CM event we have offered the past two years is currently without a chairman; unless someone steps forward very soon to organize it, it will have to be cancelled. The date currently planned is March 10; the location is Musette Academy in Los Alamitos. Please let me know if you can take charge. The students who have participated in Mock CM in the past have really appreciated having a "dry-run" before the main event!

February featured an interesting strings master class with Master Teacher Ayke Agus. Three violinists performed and received coaching in the home of Maureen Lombardino. As I listened to the comments and suggestions, I was reminded that so many things of importance in music transcend the specific instrument being played. I, and the other piano teachers in attendance, agreed we learned a lot from the program even though we do not teach or even play violin.

Our second Branch Recital was held at Newcomb Academy on February 3. Plan to enter some of your students (and even yourself!) in the next Branch Recital on May 5!

On February 10 the Branch presented its Bach Festival and Baroque Festival. Twelve winners were selected by a panel of three judges to proceed to the Southern California Junior Bach Festival Regional event. One Honorable Mention was also awarded. On 2/24 the winners reprised their performances in our Winners' Concert at the home of Mark Sullivan.

Friday, March 9 we will gather at the home of Sarah Sandvig to hear a presentation on teaching students with special needs by our members Sarah and Adriana Manfredi. Hope to see you all there!

Our Branch offers many opportunities for student performance and for teacher enrichment. The more you participate the more value you receive from your membership. I encourage you to attend the meetings yourself and to encourage your students to participate in our recitals, festivals, and contests. See you there!

Musically Yours,

Laura Dickey, President



Music Teachers' Association of California – Long Beach Branch

Application for the Harold P. Wheeler, Jr. Memorial Music Award

This award is offered annually to a graduating high school senior who is a student of a member 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.

- **Application deadline is Saturday, April 14, 2018.**
- Please send the completed form and all supporting materials to:
Dolly Ickler, 266 Euclid Ave. Long Beach, CA 90803.
- The award recipient will be honored at the June meeting of the MTAC Long Beach Branch.

Applicant's Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Instrument _____ Instrument #2 (if applicable) _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY.

1. Briefly describe your musical training.
2. List the school musical organizations in which you participate.
3. List community or church musical involvement.
4. List other community volunteer activities.

REQUIREMENTS

- Please write a 1-2 page essay describing why you are a good candidate for this award.
- Include a quality recording on CD or DVD of a recent performance. The recording should include two works of contrasting style and must correspond with the instrument studied with the submitting teacher. Single movements are acceptable.
- Include two letters of recommendation from persons other than the student's current MTAC teacher or family member.

****Include proof of community service and other volunteer activities.**

Instrument #1_____
Print Name of Teacher_____
Teacher's Signature_____
Telephone_____
Instrument #2_____
Print Name of Teacher_____
Teacher's Signature_____
Telephone

BACH FESTIVAL

Southern California Junior Bach Festival for our branch was held Saturday, February 10, 2018. 26 keyboard students from 8 studios registered, and 25 students performed. This year the rule has changed, and up to 50% of students can be selected to go on to the Regional with no alternates. The following students were selected:

Brandon Vu (Mark Sullivan), Jonathan Cheng (Kazuko Yasukawa), Carina Novarro (Mark Sullivan), Irenka Ni (Kazuko Yasukawa), Jamie Hsu (Kazuko Yasukawa), Lucasu Liem Ehan Nguyen-Khoa (Rebecca Mauss), Ko Tanoura (Kazuko Yasukawa), Mizuki Horiguchi (Kazuko Yasukawa), Jocelyn Hsu (Kazuko Yasukawa), Maxwell Liem (Mark Sullivan), and Christopher Roberts (Mark Sullivan).

The Honorable Mentions given to Einstina Wan (Shu-Lin Chou), and Claire Godinez (Kazuko Yasukawa).

The Regional III Bach Festival will be held on Sunday, May 20 at CSULB.

Bach Festival Co-Chair Yukiko Nobles & Kazuko Yasukawa



Strategies for Teaching Students **with Special Needs:**

Presented by Sarah Sandvig & Adriana Manfredi

Friday, March 9th 10:00am

Home of Sarah Sandvig

Learn strategies for students with:

Autism

Visual/Aural Impairments

Behavior Problems

Physical Disabilities

Higher Learning Potential

Pre-presentation activity: Click on the link below and ask yourself this question: Does this child appear to have a disability?

Discussion: Visible vs Invisible disabilities - that is where we see the challenges as a teacher and/or parent as a teacher we may not get the full scoop from the family - though we can create the space for them to let us know about their child and discuss strategies in studio to allow for that.

<https://youtu.be/jMrB-ARYkzw>

Music Students' Service League 2017-2018

To participate, please RSVP to Jennifer Watts 3 days before recital day.
Recital attire preferred.

wattsdojin@fastmail.com

Artesia Christian Home

11614 183rd St, Artesia, CA 90701

Sundays 2pm

3/11



Katella Manor

3952 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Sundays 3pm

3/18

Thank you for your participation!

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Background: The Music Students' Service League (MSSL) was formed so that students of MTAC members may have the opportunity to serve the community through music. MTAC awards community service credit to students in exchange for their time, efforts, and talents. These awards, in turn, help students to fulfill the graduation requirements of their schools. Students share their gift of music with the community by giving recitals in senior citizen living facilities. MSSL is a student-run organization under the guidance of an MTAC teacher.

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JEWISH LEARNING PRESENTS
HARRIET BENNISH

TEARS, JOY AND HOPE!

YIDDISH SONGS OF THE
JEWISH GHETTO

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 AT 7:00PM
AT TEMPLE ISRAEL
269 LOMA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90803

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Click on the following Facebook link
for more info!

Harriet Bennish<https://www.facebook.com/events/1688378187883845/>



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Please have photos as jpeg files and provide all heading/captions/story in MS WORD format. No PDF's please.

Email all submissions to Sarah Sandvig at:
sarahsandvig@gmail.com

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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.