



April 1st, 2014

Dear CCMTAC Members,

The MTAC Convention in Los Angeles will take place June 27th – July 1st at the Hilton Hotel at LAX. Early bird registration is available until May 15th. The MTAC March Newsletter, (available on the mtac website after logging in) has registration information and a summary of presenters who will be at the convention. If you, a parent or responsible high student is interested in working as a page at the convention, there is information about that and a form at the end of the newsletter that is due by June 1st.

There are many recitals coming up within our own branch. Please join us for the Branch Honors Recitals on April 12th and 13th, the student recital on April 27th, Honoring Our Seniors Recital May 18th and the VOCE Recital on June 1st. Dates, times and locations are listed below. It is wonderful that our branch is able to provide our students with so many opportunities to perform. Please come to some or all of our recitals to support our students. Enjoy the beautiful Spring weather and I wish you all a wonderful Easter season!

Jeanette Dreifuert
Contra Costa Branch President

COMING UP SOON...

- April 3rd: Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Lafayette Library Redwood Room
- April 10th: Teacher Performance Workshop 9:30, at Barbara Anderson's
- April 12th and 13th: Branch Honors Recitals in 2 locations-Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Lafayette and Grace Presbyterian Church, W.C.
- April 13th: CCPAS Master class with Hans Boepple, Professor of Piano at Santa Clara University, 2:30 to 4:30 PM at Grace Presbyterian Church.
- April 14th: Wellborn and Hallum **Both Sides of the Coin**, Mon, April 14, 10:00-12:00, Holy Names University Studio Theater (1st floor of the Valley Center for the Performing Arts), 3500 Mountain Blvd, Oakland, free admission
- April 26th: Masterclass with Sue Hammond, 10:00 a.m. Steinway Store**
- April 27th: Student Recital, 2:00 Orinda Community Church
- May 8th: Teacher Performance Workshop 9:30 at Mary Hotten's, 46 San Pablo Ct., Moraga

May 15th: CCMTAC General Membership Meeting followed by Luncheon

May 18th: Honoring our Seniors Recital, 7 p.m.

June 1st: VOCE Recital, Orinda Community Church, 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS...

Membership renewals begin in April. Any members who have recently moved or changed their contact information will need to update their information now so that the State Office can send the invoice for Membership renewal to the correct address. (see instructions below)

Student, Provisional and Cal Plan Members who have memberships that will expire in 2014 may be blocked from renewal. Students who do not provide verification with official transcripts may also be blocked from renewal until verification is obtained by the State Office. All membership status inquiries can be directed to Melanie Doyle at mdoyle@mtac.org

Instructions for Updating Personal Information :

CCMTAC Website: First Logon, then select the “My Profile” Button. This will bring you to the page where you can edit your information. When you are done press “Save” at the bottom of the page.

MTAC Website: After logging on, click on “Teacher Information” at the top left. You may edit anything in the purple box and press “Submit” at the bottom of the page.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS...

PROGRAMS

The next program for this year will be our Masterclass with Sue Hammond on April 26th at the Steinway Store, 1605 Bonanza Street in Walnut Creek from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m. We now have 6 students signed up for the Masterclass and more on the waiting list. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lynda McManus and Sue Farmer, Chairs

VOCE (Voice, Orchestral Instruments, Chamber Music and Ensembles)

Please join us for our first CCMTAC VOCE recital, featuring string and piano students from our branch in chamber music ensembles. Sunday, June 1, 5:00 p.m. at Orinda Community Church. Thanks to all participating teachers and students. Let's hope this is just the first of many to come!

James Greening
Branch VOCE Chair
jgrv@juno.com

Honor Our High School Senior's Recital coming in May!

Reminder: It's time to gather up your seniors and ask them to fill out an application to perform in the "Honor Our High School Seniors" Recital on May 18th at the Lafayette Library and Community Center at 7 p.m. (Application is attached).

Step one: Fill out the application and write a short essay on "What Music Means To Me" Select your choice of live performance or YouTube posting. Have your parents sign the permission page as well. **Deadline is April 15th.**

Step two: Send the completed application to Ruth Ann Schwan, 640 Glorietta Blvd, Lafayette, 94549. The piece that you select will be your decision along with the approval of your teacher. There is no memory requirement.

After the performance each student will be given a Certificate and a cash award (amount to be determined by how many students participate). There may be a prize award as well, again depending upon our budget amount available.

The recital will be video-taped for viewing on YouTube. There will be certificates given to YouTube players but no cash award or prize possibility.

There will be refreshments following the program.

Don't miss this fun and exciting event!

STUDENT RECITALS

There are only two more recitals left this year. The next recital will be April 27th at 2:00 p.m. and the final recital for this year will be on May 18th for students and adults. All recitals are held at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

The next meeting is Thursday, April 10th, 9:30 a.m. at Barbara Anderson's residence, Orinda. Please RSVP by e-mail to bandersonpiano@aol.com, or phone 925-254-5049. The final workshop will be held on May 8th at Mary Hotten's, mjhotten@gmail.com or 925-938-9715.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Thank you to Judy and her team for their many, many hours of work and to the teachers of our branch who volunteered their time to make this a success!

The Branch Honors Recitals will be at two separate locations this year on April 12th and 13th – Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette and Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. If you have any questions, please contact our branch chairperson, Judy Morrison per email at jmspraktis@astound.net.

Judy Morrison, Branch Chair

MSSL PROGRAM

Students will visit Rheutlinger Community for Jewish Living in April and Rossmoor in June. Please let us know if your students would be interested in joining us. You can also check out our new website at msslmusic.org.

Jared Wong, Chair