



**April 1, 2016**

Dear CCMTAC Members,

We have several exciting events happening soon. Information about the Branch Honors Recitals, Masterclass with Lino Rivera, Honor Our Seniors Recital, VOCE recital, and the ***First Annual Improvisation Contest*** taking place in June are contained in this newsletter, so please read on!

Please remember to update your address on both the CCMTAC branch website and the MTAC state website if any personal information has changed since last year. Instructions can be found on the ccmtac.com website under "Branch Info", then "Member Help". Membership renewals will be coming up soon, we want to make sure that your information is correct so there are no delays in receiving your invoice for membership dues.

Thank you,

Jeanette Dreifuerst, President

## **COMING UP THIS SPRING ...**

April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>: Branch Honors recitals

April 21<sup>st</sup>: Teacher Performance Workshop at Tanya Heeb's residence, 9:30 a.m.

April 24<sup>th</sup>: Masterclass with Lino Rivera, 11:00 a.m., Steinway Store, Walnut Creek

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Board meeting 10:00 a.m. Lafayette Library Redwood Room

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS...**

### **PROGRAMS**

The masterclass with Lino Rivera will be on the morning of April 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. at the Steinway Store in Walnut Creek. The following students will be performing:

*Adrienne Johnson, Romance, Op 24, No.9 by Jean Sibelius.*

*Gabriele Donzella, Nocturne in c# minor, Opus Posthumous by Frederic Chopin*

*Mariana Izon , Sonata in D Major Hob.XVI/37; L.50 Allegro con brio by Haydn*

*Sarah Yuan, Mozart's Ten Variations on a Theme by Gluck.*

*Jocelyn Thai, Impromptu in A Flat Major, Op. 90 #4 by Franz Schubert*

The May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and luncheon will take place at 10:00 a.m. at Sue Cardwell's (different location than in the directory).

Sue Farmer and Dwight Stone, Chairs

## HONOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECITAL

Our recital to honor our high school seniors will take place again this year! The date will be May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., Lafayette Library Concert Hall.

Ruth Ann Schwan, Chair

## STUDENT RECITALS

The next monthly student recital will be Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> for school age starting at 2:00 pm. All student recitals are held at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.

Please register your students online at [ccmtac.org](http://ccmtac.org). The database is open to register your students. The procedures are the same as last year and may be found in our directory.

Barbara Anderson, Recital Chair

## TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

Hostesses for Teacher Performance Workshops, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.:

April 21<sup>st</sup> Tanya Heeb (note date change from directory)

May 12<sup>th</sup> Kirsten West

All are welcome. Please contact the hostess if you plan to attend. The phone numbers and emails are in the new directory or available on our website.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

The VOCE Recital will be held on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at Orinda Community Church.

Anyone with questions about VOCE should contact James Greening-Valenzuela by email at [jamesgreening36@gmail.com](mailto:jamesgreening36@gmail.com)

James Greening-Valenzuela, Chair

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Branch Honors recitals will be April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lafayette and Peace Lutheran Church in Danville. Teachers with students in the Branch Honors Recitals will receive an email from Judy Morrison with recital times prior to this event. Please contact Judy Morrison at [jmspraktis@astound.net](mailto:jmspraktis@astound.net) with any questions.

Judy Morrison, Chair

## MSSL



Students performed at the Diablo Lodge in Danville in December. If you have students interested in community service hours through the outreach program, please have them contact Jenny Wong [jennywong337@yahoo.com](mailto:jennywong337@yahoo.com) for more information or visit the website at <http://msslmusic.org>.  
Jenny Wong, Chair

## Improvisation Contest

Announcing St. Paul's Concert Series **First Annual Piano Improvisation Contest** and Finalists Concert: Friday, June 24, 2016, at 7:30 pm. This event is open to contestants of any age or level. Contestants are invited to improvise: 1. in a given key: 1 minute; 2. on a given melody: 2 minutes; 3. open freestyle: 3 minutes.

We look forward to your participation. Please spread the word! Tell your piano students and friends. The finalists' performance is open to the public.

**First prize: \$250      2nd prize: \$100      3rd prize: \$50**

Registration fee: \$20. Registration deadline: **June 1, 2016**. To obtain and submit a registration form, or for more information, email: [stpaulsconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsconcerts@gmail.com) or call Dwight at 510-512-2623.

***St. Paul's Concert Series***

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST ...

### Chromatica Chorale Concert

Come enjoy the music of Chromatica Chorale, directed by David Huff and accompanied by Julie Rieth. Our *Under the Italian Influence* program includes choral music by Norman Dello Joio, Mancini, and Salieri's Mass in D Major.

Saturday, April 9th, 7:00pm at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church in Clayton

Sunday, April 10th, 7:00pm at St. Perpetual Catholic Church in Lafayette

Sunday, April 17th, 7:00pm at Peach Lutheran Church in Danville (wine reception follows)

(flyer will follow in a separate email)



A 1936 Model M Steinway piano (5'7") for sale at \$10,500.00 by owner in Oakland. Has been officially appraised for resale and replacement value. Please call 510-530-7275 for more information.

## Upcoming Event – Presentation of Compositions by Justin Levitt

Arlene Barbara Woehl will perform a piano recital of Justin Levitt's compositions at 10:00 am on Monday, April 18, 2016 at the Studio Theatre, Holy Names University, 3500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland 94619. The Studio Theatre is located on the first floor of the Valley Center for the Performing Arts, which is the first building one faces after passing through the guard station.

Arlene Barbara Woehl is Professor Emerita of Music at Holy Names University, where she taught music theory, piano, piano literature classes and graduate music seminars in Bach, Chopin, Schumann, Brahms, and Stravinsky. Having received her Master of Music from Indiana University, she continued coaching with concert artists Daniel Pollack and Adolph Baller. A performer, lecturer, master teacher and piano adjudicator, she has had articles published in *Clavier*, *Music Catalan*, and several biographical dictionaries. She gave the world premiere of the complete *Tonadas* of Joaquin Nin-Culmell. Professor Woehl continues to coach pianists and teachers in Lafayette, California. She has enjoyed editing and performing volumes I and II of Justin Levitt's music.

"I am excited for the opportunity to have Arlene Woehl present my music to the Alameda Branch. Arlene and I work well together, and I feel that she really understands my music. This event is an honor and a very exciting step for me as a composer."--Justin Levitt

Justin Levitt is a professional pianist, composer, and the creator of Life Music. Justin has won several awards with his compositions and is currently working on publishing eight volumes of solo piano music. Justin has performed his music at Carnegie Hall and other prestigious venues across the country. He has composed and performed music for the Diablo Ballet. Justin works for Steinway and Sons and enjoys writing, spending time with his family, and editing with his friend

Arlene Woehl. Justin's music will be available at the event. You can also find it at Steinway Piano Gallery in Walnut Creek or at [www.justinlevitt.com](http://www.justinlevitt.com)

Learn about Life Music at [www.lifemusic.us](http://www.lifemusic.us) (new website will be launched 4-8-16)

MTAC State Composition Contest Awards-

*Sweet Contentment*-1<sup>st</sup> place (2012)

*Within*-1<sup>st</sup> place (2013)

*Peace at Night*-3<sup>rd</sup> place (2013)

*By My Side*-1<sup>st</sup> place (2015)

*The Villain*-3<sup>rd</sup> place (2015)

All available in Volumes I and II, *Within* and *By My Side*