

*Contra Costa Music
Teacher's Association of
California*

April 1, 2017



Dear CCMTAC Members,

The MTAC convention is June 30 to July 4 at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara. The theme is “Breaking Barriers”. Registration for the convention is now open. You should have received an email with a link from the state MTAC office with a schedule of events, event registration and hotel reservations.

Please remember to update your contact information before the window for membership dues opens at www.mtac.org and new.mtac.org as well as www.ccmtac.com. These websites are not linked so you will have to update your information on each website. Instructions for updating your personal information are found on the CCMTAC website under Branch Info then selecting Member Help or enter the link below in your browser:

<http://www.ccmtac.com/memberhelp.php>

The deadline to register for the adult performance recital is April 15th. The form can be found under Adult Performance at <https://www.mtac.org/programs/performance/adult-performance/>. Applications for the Composers Today Symposium are open February 20 to April 20. Convention applications are open March 1 to April 15.

Jeanette Dreifuerst,
Contra Costa Branch President

COMING EVENTS

April 13: Teacher Performance Workshop, 9:30 a.m. Kay Andre’s residence

April 30: Student Recital 2:00 p.m. Orinda Community Church

April 30: Masterclass with Lino Rivera, 11:00 a.m. Steinway in Walnut Creek

May 4: Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. Lafayette Library Oak Room

May 11: Teacher Performance Workshop, 9:30 a.m. home of Kirsten West

May 14: MSSL performance at Carlton Senior Living Home, Pleasant Hill

May 18: General Membership Meeting and Board Member Election 10:00 a.m. at Kirsten West’s

May 21: Honoring Our Senior Recital, 6:30 p.m. Lafayette Library Recital Hall

May 21: Student Recitals 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. at Orinda Community Church

PROGRAMS

Lino Rivera will be conducting our annual Masterclass on April 30th at 11:00 a.m. Registration is now closed for this event as we have enough students signed up. Helen Marlais will be conducting a lecture on her new series on Tuesday, May 9th at 10:00 a.m. Both events will take place at the Steinway store at 1605 Bonanza, Walnut Creek. Hyunji Park will be giving an overview on Sonata Contest repertoire on May 18th, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Kirsten West, followed by a luncheon.

Program Chair, Sue Farmer

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECITAL

We sincerely appreciate donations sent in to benefit our “Honor Our High School Seniors” recital program. Donations are still being accepted toward this year’s program. Any amount would be appreciated. Checks can be made payable to “Awards for Excellence” and sent to Julie Rieth at 120 Fulham Ct. San Ramon, 94583. Thank you for your support for this amazing recital each year! The date for the recital will be May 21st, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Library. A drawing will be held for a gift card for Amazon.com this year. Please look for the application posted on our website under Branch Events. The deadline to enter is May 8th.

Ruth Ann Schwan, Program Chair

STUDENT RECITALS

The next Student Monthly Recital is scheduled for Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 pm Orinda Community Church. This recital is for school age students. Registration is now open.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

TEACHER’S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

Music Teachers' Performance Workshop will be hosted by Kay Andre on April 13th. RSVP to Kay at kayandre88@comcast.net. I would like to encourage new members to attend. Even if you do not wish to perform, it is a nice way to become acquainted in a small group.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

Anyone with questions about VOCE should contact James Greening-Valenzuela by email at jamesgreening36@gmail.com.

James Greening-Valenzuela Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

CM packets are available for pick up at Campana’s in Lafayette starting Friday, March 31st after 10:30 a.m.

Judy Morrison, Chair

MSSL

The next community service performance will be by May 14th at the Carlton Senior Living Home in Pleasant Hill. MSSL is also working on organizing a fundraising event with Contra Costa Crisis Center and Katie’s Clinic for Rett Syndrome. Students who are interested in community service through performing can get more information and sign up for events at www.msslmusic.org.

Nonmembers may also participate for a \$5 fee. Students and teachers may contact Jenny Wong jennywong337@yahoo.com.

Jenny Wong, Chairperson

Special Events and Information

St. Paul's Concert Series on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsconcertseries/

Lino Rivera performs upcoming concerts "The Art of Piano Variations"

Friday, April 28, 7:00pm
405 Shrader St, at Oak, San Francisco
website: 405shrader.com

Friday, May 12th, 7:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1924 Trinity Ave, Walnut Creek

Sunday, May 21 at 7:30pm
Haller Lake Concert Series
Haller Lake United Methodist Church
Seattle, WA

June 17th, 2:00 p.m. at the Dean Leshner Center. Tickets go on sale March 1st.

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"The Mystic"
&
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DAVID RAMADANOFF
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"Bravos greet world premiere...
Taboloff unveiled his concerto before a wildly
enthusiastic audience filling the Hofman Theatre.
In a world premier showcase performance, he was joined
by members of the SF symphony and Opera orchestras..."
—Harriet Ainsworth, East Bay Times

"Taboloff's playing is charged with fresh, bristling spirit...
irrepressible energy... poetry, genuine introspection."
—Tim Page, New York Times (Carnegie Hall Debut)

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017
4:00 PM
HOFMANN THEATRE
LESHNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS
(925) 943-7469
www.gregorytaboloff.com

Dear presidents of MTAC and Teachers:

I am very excited to share with you The 2017 Two Cranes International Music Festival which will take place from August 3 - August 15, 2017 in Pasadena City College Music-Art Department, Pasadena, CA. Not only this festival is a once of a life time opportunity for your talented music students to take part in but also to interact with well-known International Faculty - Artists such as: Dr. Dmitry Rachmanov, International concert pianist, Roberto Cani, International Paganini violin competition Top Prized winner, Professor-Conductor Fung Ho, World recognized Producer and voice of KUSC Classical radio station, Alan Chapman, Sensational singer Karen Benjamin, Grammy award winner violinist Lorenz Gammar, International piano professor Edward Francis, International cellists Stan Sharp and Ling Yan, Collaborated artist Pianist Laraine Madden, PCC Language/ Culture Professor Cathy Wei.the most popular studio artist violinist Yu-Tong Sharp and College counselor Tammy Huang-Anacleto.

Please refer to the web site for complete information about the Festival by visiting: www.twocranesmusic.org . I also have attached the Festival post cards and Chinese version of catalog. We are also collaborating with our Pasadena-Beijing Sister Cities and Tainan, Taiwan by having many students attending the Festival. Please note that all students taking part in International Student Music competition in addition to receiving cash prizes will also receive certificates from: Congresswoman Judy Chu, State Senator Anthony Portantino, assembly member Chris Holden and Pasadena Mayor Terry Tornek.

First place winner of International Young Musicians concerto competition will perform with Two Cranes Chamber Orchestra.

These certificates will have much benefit for the student's music portfolio as well as for college entry. Please contact me for details of special scholarship for students. I truly appreciate your kind assistance in promoting this important and exciting Festival by forwarding or announce The 2017 Two Cranes International Music Festival on your MTAC Branch Newsletter.

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Best,

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Articles and pictures for the newsletter may be submitted through the ccmtac.com website or by contacting me directly at Jeanette@opendomain.com by the second to last day of the month.