



Contra Costa Music Teacher's Association of California

April 1, 20118

Dear CCMTAC Members,

The MTAC convention is June 29 to July 3 at the Hyatt Regency, Orange County. The theme is "Peace through Musical Harmony." Registration for the convention is now open. Early bird deadline – May 15.

Please remember to update your contact information before the window for membership dues opens at 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. Change personal info on the MTAC website--- the new website is new.mtac.org. Then it's login, click on the gold box that says "Teacher" at the top of the page, choose "My Profile" and change info as desired (leave out the part about white bars and purple boxes), click "Save changes" at the bottom of page.

Instructions for updating your personal information for our Branch are found on the CCMTAC website under Branch Info then selecting Member Help, or entering the link below in your browser: <http://www.ccmtac.com/memberhelp.php>

Our March Master class with Olya Katsman was a good one! Thanks to all teachers/students participating in the class. And very special thanks to our Program Chair Sue Farmer who was able to find an excellent teacher as a substitute for the original plan.

Tanya Heeb,
Contra Costa Branch President

COMING EVENTS

April 12: Teacher Performance Workshop, 9:30 a.m. Kay Andre's residence

April 14: High School Vocal Competition at CCPAS

April 15: Student Recital 2:00 p.m. Orinda Community Church

April 22: PAS Piano Master Class with Sharon Mann, 2:00 pm at Grace Presbyterian Church

April 27: Deadline for Honoring High School Seniors student's application

May 3: Board Meeting 10:30 a.m. at Steinway Gallery

May 6: Honoring Our High School Seniors Recital, 6:30 p.m. Lafayette Library Recital Hall

May 10: Teacher Performance Workshop, 9:30 a.m. home of Kirsten West

May 17: General Membership Meeting and Board Member Election 10:00 a.m.

at the Mercer condominium building at 1655 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek 94596

(This is a change from the original location listed in our directory)

May 20: Student Recitals 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. for school age and adults at Orinda Community Church

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECITAL

Teachers: This is the month to enroll your students in our annual Honor Our High School Seniors Recital. The deadline for receiving the application is April 27th. The application is on line at our ccmtac website. After completing it, please send it to me at raschwan88@gmail.com. The essay should be just one page or less on “What Music Has Meant to Me.” Encourage your seniors to participate—they receive a Certificate plus a \$100.00 scholarship and a chance to win a gift card to Amazon.com in a drawing. Refreshments will be served following the program. Teachers, do plan to attend even if you don’t have a senior this year. It is a “Feel-Good” experience.

Ruth Ann Schwan, co-chair

PROGRAMS

Our May 17 general meeting will take place at a new location at the Mercer condominium building 1655 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek 94596. There is a large room with a white grand piano for the Sonata Contest Committee to present 2018 selections, comfortable chairs for attendees, and tables for eating indoor and outdoor. Parking is available at Dean Leshner Center for Arts garage or St. Paul’s Episcopal Church parking lot.

Sue Farmer, Chair

STUDENT RECITALS

The next Student Monthly Recital is scheduled for Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 pm Orinda Community Church. This recital is for school age students. Registration is now open. Teachers, we would like to remind you of our Branch recital policy – in order to keep program moving along there should be no announcements by the performers. Thank you for your cooperation!

Barbara Anderson, Lorraine Phillips, Chairs

TEACHER’S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

Music Teachers' Performance Workshop will be hosted by Kay Andre on April 12th. 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

MSSL

Students are having fundraiser at Macy’s in Walnut Creek on April 28th at 10:30. Raised funds will go to Katie Nues Foundation. Friends and families are invited to participate to get 30% off at Macy’s and show support to MSSL.

Serena Wang, Student-President

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

March 31 is the last CM evaluation day. Some test results will be available online on April 2nd.

Judy Morrison, Chair

Special Events and Information

St. Paul's Concert Series

April 21 Lino Rivera—Pianist, *Altered States: Variations Through Times*

April 22 CCPAS Piano Master Class with Sharon Mann at 2:00 pm. Open to all.

May 12 Greg Taboloff performs at 6:00 pm at Lafayette Library
Famous Virtuoso Russian Piano Masterpieces

Invitations from CCPAS Student Chapter to the teachers, students, parents

(1) April 15 (Sunday) 4 to 5:30 PM in Danville
Music Performance and Audition Preparation Workshop by Jeffrey LaDeur

(2) April 28 (Saturday) at 7 to 8:30 PM in Orinda
Create an Impressive Audition Video Workshop by Yan Chow

(3) May 5 (Saturday) at 7 to 8:30 PM in Moraga
Music Composition Workshop by Kyle Chuang

For more details contact

<ccpas.students@gmail.com>

Happy Easter and have a wonderful spring break!