

Contra Costa Music Teacher's Association of California

December 1, 2017



Dear CCMTAC Members,

Our annual holiday party is tomorrow! Come and enjoy an evening of socializing with friends, excellent food and wine, and music! I hope to see you there!

Tanya Heeb
Contra Costa Branch President

COMING UP THIS SEASON...

- December 1: Baroque Festival Registration Opens
- December 2: Holiday Party, 7 p.m. at Sue Farmer's residence
- December 20: Deadline to apply for Baroque Festival
- January 4: Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Steinway Gallery
- January 11: Teacher Performance Workshop at Julie Rieth's 9:30 a.m.
- January 18: Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m. Sue Cardwell's residence
- January 21: Student Recitals, 2:00 p.m. for school age and adult



PROGRAMS

Our Christmas party is on December 2, 7:00 p.m. at Sue Farmer's residence. The address is 679 Tahos Road, Orinda. Come enjoy the excellent food and an evening of caroling! In January, we will be watching the Nelita True video on Technique through listening, professor at Eastman School of Music and "One of the world's most sought-after and beloved pianist-teachers," as described in the Clavier Companion. The video will follow our membership meeting at Sue Cardwell's on January 18th, 10:00 a.m.
Program Chair, Sue Farmer

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECITAL

The month of December is the last opportunity we have to give to our favorite charities to claim a tax deduction for this calendar year. I would welcome and encourage your donations to our "Honor Our High School Seniors" recital program. Your donation will make it possible to offer this program again in May of 2017. Any amount would be appreciated. I have requested donations from my student's parents in lieu of Christmas gifts for me and many are happy to do that. 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!
Program Chair, Ruth Ann Schwan

BAROQUE FESTIVAL

The Baroque Festival dates are Friday evening, February 23, 2018 and all day on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Orinda Community Church. Recitals are held simultaneously in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. There is a total of twelve recitals –four on Friday evening and eight on Saturday. The event is open to all students who study with a CCMTAC teacher. Students of all ages and levels of advancement are welcome. We welcome performers on all instruments, and voice. Students perform one piece from the Baroque period in a recital setting. They receive a score of either 3, 4, or 5 from each of the three evaluators, and also written comments about their performance from each evaluator. In addition, students may receive a red ribbon (3rd place), blue ribbon (2nd place) or a plaque (1st place) according to the total of the three scores. Students must be present in order to receive their award.

The entry fee is \$40.00 per student. In order to enroll your students, you must first go to the CCMTAC website, log in using your password, and create a roster of all of your students. For each student you place on your roster you must enter their name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and birthday. Later, when you know which students want to participate in the Baroque Festival, you can select the child's name from your roster and enter the specific information: the name of the piece they will play, the composer, the length of the piece, and the CM level of the piece. You may choose the day – either Friday evening, Saturday morning, or Saturday afternoon. However, we cannot guarantee that you will get the day or time that you choose. Students must be willing to participate on either day. The deadline to enroll in the Baroque Festival is Dec. 20.

A week or so before the Festival, teachers will receive by e-mail a mock-up of the recital programs in which their students have been selected to participate. No more than five students from any studio can perform on the same recital.

All teachers who have students participating in the Festival must work in some capacity.

- 1) Registration - one teacher is needed to check students in for each recital.
 - 2) two scorekeepers are needed for each recital.
 - 3) one emcee is needed for each recital.
- If you feel you cannot be at the church to help on that day, you must find a parent or reliable high school student to work for you. Marcia Berryman (berrymanm@hotmail.com) is in charge of the work schedule, and will be contacting you after the recital programs are set.

We look forward to hearing your students at our 23rd Baroque Festival.
Baroque Festival Co-Chair, Marcia Berryman

STUDENT RECITALS

The next student recital will be Sunday, January 21 starting at 2:00 pm for school age and adult students. All student recitals are held at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Please register your students online at ccmtac.org. The database opens several weeks prior to a recital to register your students and closes several days before the recital.

Barbara Anderson and Lorraine Phillips, Chairs

TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

The next meeting is Thursday, January 11 at Julie Rieth's residence, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Please rsvp by e-mail to julierieth2@gmail.com or phone 833-0272. These meetings can be a rehearsal for an upcoming performance, a sharing of teaching pieces, or sharing studio problems. For new members, this is a great way to get to know other members in a smaller setting.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

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

James Greening-Valenzuela Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The dates for Certificate of Merit evaluations for 2017 will be March 17, 18, 25, and 25 for all instruments. Theory testing for ALL instruments and ALL students will be on March 17-18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord. October 1-January 15 are the dates for entering repertoire online. Additional information can be found under Certificate of Merit on the new mtac.org website.

Judy Morrison, Chair

MSSL

Music Students Service League is inviting students of all instruments to participate in their outreach programs. They are bringing the joy of music to retirement homes, hospitals on a regular basis. Students do not have to memorize their music in order to perform.

PAS Piano Competition

This competition is open to high school students who reside or attend school in Contra Costa County, or study with a teacher who is a CCPAS member. Competition day is Sunday February 4, 2018. For more information visit the CCPAS website – ccpas.org

Happy Holidays!

