



February 1, 2015

Dear CCMTAC Members,

For a description of presentations and recitals for the upcoming MTAC Convention July 3rd -7th at the Fairmont in San Jose, please read the January MTAC newsletter which you should have received per email or is also available on the mtac.org website. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Baroque Festival next weekend to enjoy the many talented students in our branch!

Best Regards,
Jeanette Dreifuerst, President



COMING UP THIS WINTER...

February 5: Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Lafayette Library, Redwood Room
February 6-7: Baroque Festival, Orinda Community Church
February 12: Teacher Performance Workshop at Mary Hotten's (see details below)
March 1: Student Recital, 2 p.m. Orinda Community Church

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS...

NEW BOARD POSITIONS OPENING

If you are interested in getting more involved, learning more about our wonderful organization and getting to know other members of our organization better by becoming a board member for the 2015 – 2017 session, please contact Ruth Ann Schwan and Jeanette Dreifuerst for more information at raschwan@prodigy.net and Jeanette@opendomain.com.

PROGRAMS

Please contact Sue or Lynda ASAP if your student is interested in performing in a Masterclass in April. They need to know if there is enough interest to finalize the tentative date with Gwendolyn Mok.

Sue Farmer and Lynda McManus, Chairs

STUDENT RECITALS

The next monthly student is March 1st beginning at 2:00 pm. Please remember there is a limit of 4 students per studio so that as many studios as possible can participate. The rules and procedures for entering students into the monthly recitals are on page 5 of the directory. All student recitals are held at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Please register your students online at ccmtac.org.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

BAROQUE FESTIVAL

The festival will take place at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda on Friday, February 6th and Saturday, February 7th, 2015. The information flyer is available on the website under "Programs" then "Baroque Festival".

Carlene Reeves, Chair

TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

The next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 12 at the home of Mary Hotten, 46 San Pablo Ct., Moraga phone: 376-1299, e mail mjhotten@gmail.com

Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

The VOCE recital is scheduled for May 31st, 2015. 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 2015 are March 7, 8, 14 and 15. Please read the new updates to the CM Syllabi that are available on the state website after logging in. Select "CM Resources" on the left side, then "Documents". Please contact Judy with any questions at jmspraktis@astound.net.

Judy Morrison, Chair

MSSL

The MSSL group performed at John Muir Hospital on January 26th. The next performance is scheduled for June 13th at the Diablo Lodge in Danville from 3-4 p.m. Please visit our website for information at <http://msslmusic.org>.

Jenny Wong

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECITAL

The next recital for graduating seniors will be on May 17th at 7:30 p.m.
Ruth Ann Schwan, Chairperson

Other Items of Interest...

Celine Gietzen, cellist and member of the Pleasant Valley-Ventura County Branch has a new publication available to string teachers: Core Music Theory for String Players. Levels Prep to 5 are available now; levels 6-10 and the answer key will be ready by the end of the year. Additional information and sample pages may be viewed at www.coremusictheory.com