

*Contra Costa Music  
Teacher's Association of  
California*

*February 1, 2017*



Dear CCMTAC Members,

This is a good time to update your contact information at [www.ccmtac.com](http://www.ccmtac.com), [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org) and [new.mtac.org](http://new.mtac.org). 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 MTAC convention is June 30 to July 4 at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara. The theme is “Breaking Barriers” and the featured artists are The Cheng-Chow Trio. Please consider performing in the Teacher Convention Recital. This is open to any instrument or group of instruments. The form can be found under Adult Performance on the old website <https://www.mtac.org/programs/performance/adult-performance/>. The deadline to register is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Applications for the Composers Today Symposium are open February 20 to April 20.  
Convention applications are open March 1 to April 15.

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Jeanette Dreifuerst,  
Contra Costa Branch President

*COMING EVENTS*

February 2: Board Meeting, Lafayette Library 10:00 a.m. Oak Room

February 3 and 4: Baroque Festival

February 5: Student Recital 2:00 p.m. Orinda Community Church

February 9: Teacher Performance Workshop 9:30 a.m. Mary Hotten’s residence

March 5: Student Recital, 2:00 p.m. Orinda Community Church

*PROGRAMS*

Lino Rivera will be conducting our Masterclass in April. The date and time will be announced soon. Hyunji Park will be giving an overview of next Fall’s Sonata Contest repertoire on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Kirsten West, followed by a luncheon. Many thanks to Sue Cardwell and Barbara Becker for hosting and preparing the wonderful luncheon in January. Those of you that didn’t make it to the luncheon missed out on some really delicious food!  
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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Library.  
Ruth Ann Schwan, Program Chair

### *BAROQUE FESTIVAL*

The Baroque Festival is this Friday evening, February 3, 2017 and all day on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Orinda Community Church. Recitals are held simultaneously in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. There are a total of twelve recitals –four on Friday evening and eight on Saturday. Please feel free to come by and enjoy the recitals. We look forward to hearing your students at our 22<sup>nd</sup> Baroque Festival.  
Carlene Reeves and Marcia Berryman, Chairs

### *STUDENT RECITALS*

The next Student Monthly Recital is scheduled for Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm Orinda Community Church. This recital is for school age students. The following recital is March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Registration closes several days prior to the recital.  
Barbara Anderson, Chair

### *TEACHER’S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS*

Music Teachers' Performance Workshop will be hosted by Mary Hotten on February 9th. 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. If you wish to attend, please contact Mary at [mjhotten@gmail.com](mailto:mjhotten@gmail.com) or (925) 376-1299 cell: 482-7196  
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](mailto:jamesgreening36@gmail.com).  
James Greening-Valenzuela Chair

### *CERTIFICATE OF MERIT*

The dates for Certificate of Merit evaluations are March 4, 5, 11, and 12. The theory exam will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord. The Branch Honors recitals will be on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Judy Morrison, Chair

### *MSSL*

Students who are interested in community service through performing can get more information and sign up for events at [www.msslmusic.org](http://www.msslmusic.org). Nonmembers may also participate for a \$5 fee.  
Students and teachers may contact also Jenny Wong [jennywong337@yahoo.com](mailto:jennywong337@yahoo.com) .  
Jenny Wong, Chairperson

## *Special Events and Information*

Special Performance of Justin Levitt's Orchestra piece  
"From Another Time" performed by Diablo Symphony Orchestra: Mariachi Meets the  
Symphony  
Sunday, February 19, 2:00 p.m. at the Leshar Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek

I am writing to invite you to share in one of the biggest and most special musical events of my life. Most of you know that I am a pianist and composer and that I have been working very hard to get my music books and recordings out into the world. What you may not know is that I also studied orchestration for years to be able to compose for the Orchestra. I am blessed and fortunate to say that one of my pieces is being performed by the Diablo Symphony, February 19th at 2:00PM at the Leshar Theater Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. The conductor of the Orchestra is the brilliant Matilda Hofman.

As I was writing the piece I could see snow falling and felt the cold of a Russian winter inside myself. At the same time, I felt warmed by a passionate melody telling a story of Russia from a very long time ago - this led me to the title, "From Another Time."

It would mean the world to me to share this moment with you! Please visit their website, box office or call 925-943-SHOW to and get tickets and let me know if you can make it so I can keep an eye out for you.

Here are the links to get tickets. Kids under \$12 are free  
<https://lesherartscenter.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=614>  
<https://lesherartscenter.showare.com/ordertickets.asp?p=4987&src=eventperformances>

Justin

*Konevets Quartet from Russia perform with guest  
Marina Tolstova and music from Tanya Heeb*

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., St. Michael and All Angels Church, 2925 Bonifacio St.,  
Concord

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity, Walnut Creek

Please see previously sent email from 1/29 for flyer.

*Lino Rivera performs two upcoming concerts:*

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

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

*June 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. at the Dean Leshner Center*

INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED  
PIANIST & COMPOSER  
**GREGORY TABOLOFF**  
PERFORMS HIS MAGNUM OPUS  
**TABOLOFF PIANO CONCERTO #1**  
*"The Mystic"*  
&  
**BEETHOVEN PIANO CONCERTO #3**  
DAVID RAMADANOFF  
conducts the  
**TABOLOFF PHILHARMONIC**

"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  
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www.gregorytaboloff.com

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