

Contra Costa Music Teacher's Association of California

February 1st 2018

Dear CCMTAC Members,



With great pleasure I have to report that we had a very productive meeting on January 18 at Sue Cardwell's home. All directors presented their reports, we watched the video, the food was delicious, and the book sale raised \$360 for the High School Seniors Recital. Thank you, Sue for hosting this event! And thank you Ginny Bigelow

for the sale idea! Thanks to the teachers who brought the books and those who bought them! We will have another sale again in May at our last meeting.

Please remind your loved ones that you love them on February 14 (and on any other day).



Tanya Heeb, CCMTAC President

COMING EVENTS

February 1: Board Meeting, Steinway Gallery, Walnut Creek 10:30 a.m.

February 4: Student Recital 2:00 p.m., Orinda Community Church

February 8: Teacher Performance Workshop 9:30 a.m., Jim Gardner's residence

February 23-24: Baroque Festival, Orinda Community Church

March 4: Master Class with Olya Katsman; 11:00 a.m., Steinway Gallery, Walnut Creek

March 4: Student Recital, 2:00 p.m., Orinda Community Church

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 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Library.

Ruth Ann Schwan, Program Chair

BAROQUE FESTIVAL

The Baroque Festival is 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. Please feel free to come by and enjoy the recitals. We look forward to hearing your students at our 23rd Baroque Festival.

Carlene Reeves, Chair

STUDENT RECITALS

The next Student Monthly Recital is scheduled for Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 p.m., Orinda Community Church. This recital is for school age students. The following recital is March 4th at 2:00 p.m. March registration will be open as soon as the February recital is over. Registration closes several days prior to the recital.

Barbara Anderson, Lorraine Phillips, Chairs

TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

There is a change of venue for the Teacher Performance workshop. Jim Gardner will host it instead of Mary Hotten. Teachers please let Jim know if planning to attend before so he can plan refreshments. Calling the night before or just showing up on the day is not appropriate

Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

Our branch VOCE recital (Vocalists, Orchestral instruments, Chamber Music and Ensemble) will be on May 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Location to be confirmed.

Piano teachers: do let me know if you have students that would like to play a movement of a chamber music piece. Should be Level Five or higher. (Piano duets are not a part of VOCE.)

String and Wind teachers: let me know if you have students interested in playing chamber music, in a studio ensemble, or in an ensemble I can help to organize.

Voice and Harp teachers: we welcome your soloists and studio ensembles.

Teachers of participating students may be asked to coach ensembles. We are looking to have instrumentalists perform a movement from a larger work (or a somewhat short work) that can be put together in just 3 or 4 rehearsals.

Once I have the list of participating students, I can choose appropriate repertoire for ensembles, if necessary. I also appreciate any input, regarding repertoire suggestions.

I would like to have participating students confirmed no later than March 1.

My email address: jamesgreening36@gmail.com

Many thanks,
James Greening
CCMTAC VOCE Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The dates for Certificate of Merit evaluations are March 17, 18, 25, and 31. **The theory exam will be held on March 17 and 18 only** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord.

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. Non-members may also participate for a \$5 fee. The next performance coming on

February 10. All instruments and vocalists are invited.

Jenny Wong, Chair

PROGRAMS

We have planned another Master Class for Sunday March 4th at the Steinway Store with Olya Katsman, a renowned teacher. We have room for two more students. Please take advantage of this opportunity to help prepare an outstanding student for CM and possibly the convention. **Please notice a time change for this Master Class – it starts at 11:00 a.m.**, not 12:00 as it was announced before. Time change should work for those who are attending a student recital at Orinda the same day at 2:00 pm.

Sue Farmer

Composers Today

State Composers Contest registration opens February 15 and closes March 8. If you have a talented young composer among your students, help him/her to enter their compositions. There are different divisions based on the age group.

All information is on MTAC site.

Peggy O'Dell, Chair

A note from a state Office

During this fiscal year (Aug'17 to date) the MTAC Foundation has received a total of \$5,490.00 in individual donations. The MTAC Foundation needs your support to continue to facilitate its various

quality music programs and events, to provide funding for scholarships and awards, and to provide financial assistance to its many deserving students for the 2018 fiscal year.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support the MTAC Foundation's cause this Holiday Season. No donation is too small; any amount will be greatly appreciated!

To send in your donation:

- Write a check out to the MTAC Foundation

Mark the program(s) of your choice for your donation* Be sure the Branch name is on the check

- Mail it to:

MTAC State Office

833 Market Street, Suite 900

San Francisco CA, 94103

Thank you very much!

Veronica Reyes

MTAC Finance Associate

Special Events and Information



Mazmanian Family Concert – February 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Shephard Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda

Konevets Quartet with soprano Marina Tolstova – February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek

And finally, one more thing: congratulation to our composer Justin Levitt for his international recognition – his song “Goodbye for Now, but not Forever” was included in the Australian test book AMEB (Australian Music Examination Board). Justin surprises us every year. Last year it was Diablo Symphony performing his music, this year he was published... What's next?