



## *Contra Costa Music Teacher's Association of California*

*June 1, 2018*

Dear CCMTAC Members,

We are at the end of the school year, looking forward to summer vacations. We are working less, breathing a little easier. Now we can spend more time with our families.

Please remember to send email to Angela Prikett if you have any info updates. Her email address is [angelapsh@gmail.com](mailto:angelapsh@gmail.com). Thank you, Angela, for taking care of our directory for so many years!

The window for MTAC membership renewal is May 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please go to [new.mtac.org](http://new.mtac.org). After logging in using your user id and password for that website, a window to renew your membership dues should be visible. You must renew your membership by July 31<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for participation in Certificate of Merit.

Enjoy your summer! I hope to see many of you at this year's convention in Orange County.

Tanya Heeb,  
Contra Costa Branch President

### *COMING EVENTS*

June 29– July 3: MTAC Convention, Hyatt Regency Orange County

July 31: Deadline to renew membership and still participate in Certificate of Merit

September 6: Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Steinway Gallery in Walnut Creek

September 18: General meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church in Walnut Creek.

### *HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECITAL*

Recital was held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Lafayette Library and Community Center starting at 6:30 p.m. There were 21 students performing: three violinists and one Chinese instrument, the Guzheng. Fourteen teachers presented students this year. Julie Rieth made a presentation to Serena Wang and her family for their work in the MSSL program. Each student received a \$100.00 scholarship and a certificate. A drawing was held for the \$150.00 gift card from Amazon. Refreshments were served by Kirsten West following the program. In order to offer this program in the future, donations will be needed to fund it. Any amount would be helpful and appreciated.

Ruth Ann Schwan, co-chair

## *CERTIFICATE OF MERIT*

Dates for 2019 are March 9, 10, 25, and 17 (maybe one more day). It looks like theory testing will take place on March 9 and 10.

Our CM Chair for over 30 years **Judy Morrison** is leaving our branch, leaving California. We will miss you, Judy! And we hope you enjoy your new life!

The job Judy was handling is too big for one person. From now on the CM committee will take care of it. The group of people is working right now to make this program run smoothly.

Thank you Julie, Jeanette, Lorraine, and Gail!

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

Anyone with questions about VOCE should contact James Greening-Valenzuela . We are looking forward to seeing more orchestral instrumentalists and singers at the recital next year. For pianists, it's a great opportunity to experiment with duets or trios with other instruments, learning how to play accompaniment. Piano teachers, give your students a chance to learn something new.

## *MSSL*

Co-founder and a president of this organization, Serena Wang, graduated from high school and is leaving her position. Former Vice President Michelle Chen will be the next MSSL President. Congratulations, Michelle!

## *SONATA CONTEST 2018*

November 17 is a date for our next contest. Repertoire selection is posted on our branch website. Each level has two choices of Sonatas/Sonatinas.

## *BAROQUE FESTIVAL 2019*

The dates for this event are February 1,2. We want to hear more instruments at this event. We want to hear our singers as well. Let's make this 2019 festival even more interesting.

## *Special Events and Information*

### **University of the Pacific has provided top-quality musical experience for students**

Brubeck Institute Jazz Camp -----June 17-23. Grades 8-12

Pacific Music Business Camp -----June 17-23 Grades 5-8

Junior Band & Orchestra Camp-----July 8-14 Grades 5-8

Senior Band, Orchestra, Choir Camp--July 15-21 Grades 8-12

Pacific Music Theater Camp - - - - - July 15-21 Grades 9-12

Senior Piano Camp - - - - - July 15-21 Grades 9-12

Check their website for online registration, discount deadlines and scholarships.

<http://go.pacific.edu/MusicCamp>

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June 8 at 7:30 – PAS Composers Concert at Grace Presbyterian Church, Walnut Creek



# St. Paul's Concert Series

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1924 Trinity Avenue Walnut Creek, California 925-297-0134

## 2018 SEASON

**May 26:** Richard Cionco—Pianist  
*Featuring Beethoven, Lecuona, Janacek, Chopin, and Liszt*



**June 16:** Whirl—Rock Band  
*Featuring Nikki Nation's Original Compositions*



**Aug 25:** Marina Tolstova—Soprano  
*"Ave Maria", Favorite Arias, Songs and Duets  
Trinity Center Benefit Dinner and Concert*



**Sep 22:** Robyn Carmichael—Pianist  
*Featuring Mendelssohn, Chopin, Schumann, and Liszt*



**Oct 20:** Temirzhan Yerzhanof —Pianist  
*Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Schumann, Greig, Chopin*



**Nov 10:** ARI Quintet  
*Classical Collection for Piano and Strings*



Concerts are on Saturdays at 7:00 pm. All Concerts have free parking. No admission tickets needed. Donations gratefully accepted at the door (avg \$20, \$10 students). ALL are welcome! For more info, email [ConcertSeries@stpaulswc.org](mailto:ConcertSeries@stpaulswc.org).