



**March 1st, 2015**

Dear CCMTAC Members,

If you have recently moved or changed emails, it is now time to start updating your profile online. The new "Member Help" button on our website contains instructions for updating your contact information both on our branch website and on the state website. It is located in 3 places on our website: at the bottom of the Home page (in yellow), on the right side of the login page and as a separate selection under "Branch Info".

Another up and coming addition to our website will be a branch composers' area with links to contact information. If you are a composer in our branch and I have not already contacted you, please let me know if you would like to be added to the list of branch composers. Please send the information that you would like to appear online to my email address:  
[Jeanette@opendomain.com](mailto:Jeanette@opendomain.com).

If anyone has additional ideas for improving our website, please feel free to contact me.

Good Luck to all of our students as they participate in their Certificate of Merit evaluations!

Best Regards,  
Jeanette Dreifuerst, President

## **COMING UP THIS WINTER...**

March 1: Student Recital, 2 p.m. Orinda Community Church

March 12<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Performance Workshop at Nadia Blanc-Koliha. Please see contact info below.

March 7-8, 14-15: Certificate of Merit

March 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>: Branch Honors Recitals (see location information below)

## 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, Sharon Linton and/or Jeanette Dreifuert for more information at [raschwan@prodigy.net](mailto:raschwan@prodigy.net), [sharlinton@hotmail.com](mailto:sharlinton@hotmail.com) and [Jeanette@opendomain.com](mailto:Jeanette@opendomain.com).

### PROGRAMS

Please contact Sue or Lynda ASAP if your student is interested in performing in the Masterclass on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. Please see flyer in your email for sign-up information. Sue Farmer and Lynda McManus, Chairs

### STUDENT RECITALS

The next monthly student recitals are March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ccmtac.org).  
Barbara Anderson, Chair

### TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

The next meeting is Thursday, March 12 at the home of Nadia Blanc-Koliha, 80 Los Balcones, Alamo, [nadiablank@yahoo.com](mailto:nadiablank@yahoo.com), t. (925) 787-5118. Please contact her about parking arrangements if you are planning on attending.  
Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

The VOCE recital is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. 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 2015 are March 7, 8, 14 and 15. Please contact Judy with any questions at [jmspraktis@astound.net](mailto:jmspraktis@astound.net). Branch Honors Recitals are March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette and Grace Presbyterian Church, 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek  
Judy Morrison, Chair

## MSSL

The MSSL group performed at John Muir Hospital on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The next performance is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Please look for the application in your email today.

Ruth Ann Schwan, Chairperson

## Other Items of Interest...

**Music therapist**, Nola Karim, is in search of new students for her piano studio. She has her Masters degree in music therapy and specializes in children with special needs. She lives in Walnut Creek. If interested please contact her at: [nolakarim@gmail.com](mailto:nolakarim@gmail.com) or 951-505-3864.

## Upcoming Concerts

Please see the attached flyer for the Mazmanian Family Concert on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Lamorinda Music.