



Contra Costa Music Teacher's Association of California

March 1, 2018

Dear CCMTAC Members,

The MTAC convention is June 29 to July 3 at the Orange County Hyatt Regency Hotel in Garden Grove. The theme is "Peace Through Musical Harmony."

Here is a little sneak-preview into what is going to happen there.

The featured artists are Manasse/Nakamatsu Duo, Keith Porter-Snell, The Ahn Trio, Mark Teplitsky (flute).

MTAC is accepting applications to participate in master classes. There are no fees, but the participants and teachers must be registered attendees of the State Convention.

June 30 – Melody Bober class is open to pianists and piano-ensembles of all ages and levels.

July 1 – a teacher-performer and a psychologist-musician will coach students of all instruments and singers. All levels are welcome.

July 2 – Tim Topham will teach how to add a creative spin to a piece of music a student is currently learning.

Lecture -Recitals:

J.S.Bach French Suite in B minor and M.Mussorgsky Pictures of the Exhibition with L. Nagel
Moscow School of the 20th Century: Scriabin, Rachmaninoff & Medtner with D. Rachmanov
Fiestal music by Latin-American composers for clarinet and piano with V.Figueroa and L. Sanchez

Contemporary Chinese Piano Repertoire for teaching and performing with S.Chan.

What a program!! Come and enjoy!

Tanya Heeb
Contra Costa Branch President

COMING EVENTS

March 4: Master Class with Olya Katsman: 11:00 at Steinway Gallery in Walnut Creek

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

March 8: Teacher Performance Workshop, 9:30 a.m. at Marcia Berryman's

March 17, 18, 25, 31: Certificate of Merit Evaluations.

March 29: Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m. at Steinway Gallery in Walnut Creek

PROGRAMS

Our Master class with Olya Katsman is a very special event. Olya was a primary teacher for her son Misha Gallant. Her students have been winners in State solo and concerto competitions. We all can benefit from watching this outstanding teacher work with our students. The class should last about an hour and a half. Please ask your participating student to stay for the entire class.

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 6th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Library. Please look for the application posted on our website under Branch Events. The deadline to enter is April 27th.

Ruth Ann Schwan, Program Chair

BAROQUE FESTIVAL

Many thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers helping out with the Baroque Festival this year. We could not run these programs for our talented students without all of your help and dedication.

Carlene Reeves and Marcia Berryman, Chairs

STUDENT RECITALS

The next Student Monthly Recital is scheduled for Sunday, March 4th at 2:00 pm Orinda Community Church. This recital is for school age students. The following recital is April 15th at 2:00 p.m. Registration closes several days prior to the recital.

Barbara Anderson and Lorraine Phillips, Chairs

TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

Music Teachers' Performance Workshop will be hosted by Marcia Berryman on March 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 Marcia at berrymanm@hotmail.com or (925) 548-3239.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

This year's VOCE recital is scheduled for May 20th. Anyone with questions about VOCE should contact James Greening-Valenzuela by email at jamesgreening36@gmail.com.

James Greening-Valenzuela Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The dates for Certificate of Merit evaluations are March 17, 18, 25 and 31. The theory exam will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. **Dates for theory testing are March 17 and 18 only.**

No Branch Honors recital this year, but there will be Branch Honors Rewards.

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.

Jenny Wong, Chairperson

COMPOSERS CONTEST

Application portal closes March 8th. Results available April 15th

Peggy O'Dell, Chair

Special Events and Information

St. Paul's Concert Series – March 10th at 7:00 pm – William Feasley, Guitarist

The California Music Teacher Journal:

“Now it's a time to write and submit an article. We encourage articles on studio management, pedagogy, business, MTAC programs, or other music related topics. Please email the title of your article to cmt@mtac.org. The deadline for submission is May 25”

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Gregory Taboloff