



May 1st, 2015

Dear CCMTAC Members,

The State Convention is around the corner! It will be at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose this year on July 3rd – 7th. If you plan to attend, early bird registration ends on May 15th. Please go to <http://www.mtac.org/events-information/convention/> for more information and to register.

Best Regards,
Jeanette Dreifuerst, President



COMING UP THIS SPRING...

- May 3rd: Student Recital, 2:00 p.m. Orinda Community Church
- May 7th: Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Lafayette Library, Redwood Room
- May 14th: Teacher Performance Workshop at Barbara Anderson's
- May 15th: Payment for the luncheon on May 21st is due today to Barbara Becker, 622 Terra California Dr, #3, W. C. 94595
- May 17th: Honor Our Seniors Recital Program, 7:30 p.m., Lafayette Library
- May 21st: General Meeting, Highlights of Sonata Contest and Luncheon, 10:00 a.m., Sue Farmer's Residence, 679 Tahos Road, Orinda
- May 31st: VOCE Recital, 5 p.m., Orinda Community Church

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS...

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECITAL

The recital for graduating seniors will be on May 17th at 7:30 p.m., Lafayette Library, 3491 Mount Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. If you would like to make a tax- deductible donation toward the student monetary awards, please send a check made out to "Awards for Excellence" to Julie Rieth, 120 Fulham Ct., San Ramon 94583.

Ruth Ann Schwan, Chairperson

SONATA CONTEST

Highlights of next Fall's Sonata Contest will be presented after the next general meeting on May 21st, at 10:00 am, Sue Farmer's residence, 679 Tahos Road, Orinda.

Kirsten West, Sonata Contest Chair and Hyunji Park, Incoming Sonata Contest Chair

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

The VOCE recital is scheduled for May 31st, 2015 at 5 pm at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Anyone with questions about VOCE should contact James Greening-Valenzuela by email at jamesgreening36@gmail.com.

James Greening-Valenzuela, Chair

PROGRAMS

Many people enjoyed the Masterclass with Gwendoly Mok on April 26th. She gave the students many wonderful ideas for using storylines to aid in their expression of the music. Thank you Sue and Lynda for planning the event!

Sue Farmer and Lynda McManus, Chairs

STUDENT RECITALS

The next monthly recital is May 3rd beginning at 2:00 pm. This is for students and adults. 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.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

The next meeting is Thursday, May 14th at the home of Barbara Anderson. RSVP to BAndersonPiano@aol.com or tel. (925) 254-5049

Barbara Anderson, Chair

MSSL

The next performance is scheduled for June 13th at the Diablo Lodge in Danville from 3-4 p.m. Please visit our website for information at <http://msslmusic.org>.

Jenny Wong, Chair

*An Invitation from Joel Tepper, VP Alameda
Branch...*

Shirley Kirsten will give a lecture/demonstration on “Teaching Piano by Skype: Braving a High-Tech Universe.” The meeting will take place Monday, May 11 from 10:00-12:00 at Holy Names University (3500 Mountain Blvd, Oakland 94619) at the Studio Theatre of the Valley Center for the Performing Arts. The VCPA is the first building one faces after passing through the guard station.

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 or 951-505-3864.

Patricia Thompson Brunotts is looking for more piano and violin students. If you know of anyone looking for a teacher, she would appreciate it if you could pass on her information to them. Her contact information is: (925) 932-2866, itsPTB 2@yahoo.com

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