



Contra Costa Music Teacher's Association of California

May 1, 2018

Dear CCMTAC Members,

108th MTAC convention Peace Through Musical Harmony is ready for your registration. Early bird registration for the convention ends May 15th. The price for the full convention will go up from \$260 to \$310 after that date. And Orange County Hyatt Regency Hotel doesn't have an unlimited supply rooms with convention rates. For registration and hotel discount information, visit <http://www.mtac.org/events-information/convention>.

The window for MTAC membership renewal is May 1st – July 31st. You must renew your membership by July 31st to be eligible for participation in Certificate of Merit.

Tanya Heeb,
Contra Costa Branch President

COMING EVENTS

May 3: Board Meeting 10:30 a.m. at Steinway Gallery in Walnut Creek

May 6: "Honoring Our High School Seniors Recital" 6:30 at Lafayette Library

May 10: Teacher Performance Workshop at 9:30 home of Greg Taboloff

May 17: General Membership Meeting and luncheon, 10:00 a.m. at Ginny Bigelow's place

May 20: Student Recitals 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. school age and adult students at Orinda Community Church

May 20: VOCE recital, 7:15 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. Thank you for your support for this amazing recital each year! The date for the recital is May 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lafayette Library. A drawing will be held for a gift card for Amazon.com this year. Seventeen high school seniors are participating in this year's recital with many beautiful pieces of music in the program. Recital is open to all.

Ruth Ann Schwan, Kirsten West, Program Chairs

General meeting

May 17 is the day for this meeting. It will take place at 10:00 a.m. at Mercer Apartments, 1655 North California Blvd, Walnut Creek. Parking at Dean Leshner Center garage or St. Paul's parking lot. At the meeting we will hear reports from our committee chairs and Hyunji Park will be giving an overview on Sonata Contest repertoire for 2018 contest, followed by a luncheon. Please send your \$14 check made to CCMTAC to Ginny Bigelow before May 10. She found a nice place for our meeting and took care of the books for sale and the food. Please remember to have cash or checks for the books. Thank you, Ginny for all your efforts, including postponing knee surgery in order to organize this event!

STUDENT RECITALS

The next Student Monthly Recital is scheduled for Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 pm and 3:30 p.m., Orinda Community Church. This recital is for school age and adult students. Registration is now open.

Barbara Anderson, Lorraine Phillips, Chairs

TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

Music Teachers' Performance Workshop this month has changed locations. It will be hosted by Greg Taboloff at 9:30 a.m., 919 Santa Cruz Dr., Pleasant Hill. Take 680 North from Walnut Creek and exit at Willow Pass/Sun Valley Blvd. Exit in the far left lane. Make a left turn onto Santa Monica at the Mancini Sleepwork. Turn left onto Santa Cruz Dr. Light blue house on the right is Greg's studio. Please RSVP at gregorytaboloff@aol.com. 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.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

Our branch VOCE recital will be on May 20, 2018, 7:15 p.m., at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Please note unusual time. It is 7:15! Anyone with questions about VOCE should contact James Greening-Valenzuela by email at jamesgreening36@gmail.com.

James Greening-Valenzuela Chair

Composers Today

Congratulations to Dwight Stone for winning 3rd place in the State Composers competition!

Keep up the good work, Dwight!

Peggy O'Dell, Chair

MSSL

On April 28, 2018, MSSL collaborated with Macy's to host our first ever fashion show to support the Katie Nues Foundation! The Katie Nues Foundation helps those affected by Rett Syndrome, a rare genetic mutation. The fashion show included a raffle with three lucky winners, gift bags for all attendees, and a continental breakfast, all provided by Macy's. The main event was a runway show

with volunteer models. We had about one hundred and fifty people RSVP for the event, and even more showed up! Thanks to everyone's support and effort, Macy's increased their donation to the Katie Nues Foundation from \$5,000 to **\$7,000!**



Serena Wang
President and Co-Founder of MSSL

Special Events and Information

Taboloff's "**Mystic**" piano concerto will be performed by his student Daniel De Leon with the Sonoma High School Symphony on May 30 at 7:00 p.m. at 1300 Valley House Rd., Rohnert Park. One of Greg Taboloff's CD recordings will be featured in an independent Hollywood film next year called "Call me Brother."

Congratulations, Greg!

Jenny Larsen is a gold prize winner of the 18th AADGT International Young Musicians Festival and will be performing at Carnegie Hall on May 13. The AADGT organization promotes young instrumentalists, vocalists and chamber ensembles by creating performance opportunities for classical musicians.

Good luck and best wishes to Jenny!



St. Paul's Concert Series

Richard Cionco

Classical Pianist

Saturday, May 26 7pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek



Richard Cionco has been performing as a soloist in performances since age 9, and has been featured in numerous prestigious events around the globe, such as the Seijo Symphony of Tokyo Concert in Washington, D.C., a concert that commemorated Japan's admission to the United Nations. Reviews from the *Washington Post* say, "I have rarely heard as fine a piano recital as the one Richard Cionco gave. Cionco's virtuosity was impressive and he drew beautifully varied tone

colors from the instrument." and "Richard Cionco is not just a terrific pianist. He is that rarest of artists: a champion of twentieth century music." A graduate of The Juilliard School and the University of Maryland, Richard Cionco was a Teaching Fellow for David Dubal at The Juilliard School for four years, and is presently Professor of Piano at California State University, Sacramento.

At St. Paul's, Richard will perform his **Denmark** piano solo program, including Beethoven's *Six Bagatelles*, Lecuona's *Andalucia – Suite Espagnole*, Janáček's *Sonata in E-flat minor*, Chopin's *My Joys* and Liszt's *Waltz from the Opera "Faust"*.

Donations accepted at the door (average \$20, Students \$10), ALL are welcome! Free parking across the street on Trinity Avenue. Located 3 blocks from Walnut Creek BART.

St. Paul's Concert Series • 1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek 94596 • 925-934-2324

Do Not Miss this performance!

From Alameda Branch member Nancie Kesler:

"California Collage," an MTAC award-winning composition for chorus, piano duo and percussion will be performed June 2nd at California State University, East Bay, under the direction of Dr. Buddy James. Alameda Branch member, Nancie Kester, wrote this piece to highlight significant eras of California's history, featuring traditional songs as thematic material. A slide show of authentic photographs may accompany the performance. You can learn more about this work on Nancie's website: nankester.com

Here are the details:

Date: June 2, 2018 at 7:30

Location: California State University East Bay, Music Dept. Rm. 1055
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd. Hayward, CA 94542

Price of Admission: Free, but use the following link to reserve seats:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/made-in-hayward-a-choral-celebration-tickets-45135063189>

From PAS Students Chapter to our students:

Do you need volunteer services hours?

Consider volunteering with CCPAS Student Chapter at the Lafayette Library.

We are going to host an activity outreach table there.

Hours are flexible.

If you are interested, contact us at ccpas.students@gmail.com

ComicFest

May 12 (Saturday) between 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

ComicFest Volunteering

and/or

Family SummerFest (former MakerFest)

June 23 (Saturday) between 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

Family SummerFest Volunteering

We had lots of fun in the 2017 Lafayette MakerFest.



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.