

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

*November 1, 2016*



Dear CCMTAC Members,

Hopefully, you have had a chance to read the MTAC news which you should have received per email on October 14<sup>th</sup> containing information about the summer convention. MTAC is also working on a new piano ensemble

program which will give students a performance opportunity at the convention. The MTAC website is a valuable source of information such as the New Grove Dictionary of Music, 2000 edition, which is available on the [mtac.org](http://mtac.org) website or go to [new.mtac.org](http://new.mtac.org) to find a valuable list of Certificate of Merit teacher information under the “Resources” tab then “Teacher Resources”.

Best Regards,

Jeanette Dreifuerst, President

## *COMING UP THIS SEASON...*

November 3: CCMTAC Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Lafayette Library, Oak Room

November 13: Student Recital, 2:00 at Orinda Community Church

November 19: Sonata Contest, Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda

December 10: Holiday Party, 7 p.m. at Sue Farmer's residence

December 20: Deadline to apply for Baroque Contest

## *PROGRAMS*

Our Christmas party is on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Sue Farmer's residence. The address is 679 Tahos Road, Orinda. Come enjoy the excellent food and maybe even some caroling!

Program Chair, Sue Farmer

## *SONATA CONTEST*

The Sonata Contest is coming up on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Orinda Community Church. Recitals will be held in the afternoon. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Hyunji Park at [hyunjipark@hotmail.com](mailto:hyunjipark@hotmail.com).

Hyunji Park, Chair

### *STUDENT RECITALS*

The next student recital will be Sunday, November 13th at 2:00 pm. All student recitals are held at Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Please register your students online at [ccmtac.org](http://ccmtac.org). The database is open to register your students and closes several days before the recital. The procedures are the same as last year, and may be found in our directory.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

### *TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS*

The next meeting is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Tanya Heeb's residence. Please rsvp by e-mail to [heebstan@aol.com](mailto:heebstan@aol.com) or phone 988-8041. These meetings can be a rehearsal for an upcoming performance, a sharing of teaching pieces, or sharing studio problems. For new members, this is a great way to get to know other members in a smaller setting.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

Anyone with questions about VOCE should contact James Greening-Valenzuela by email at [jgrv@juno.com](mailto:jgrv@juno.com).

James Greening-Valenzuela Chair

### *CERTIFICATE OF MERIT*

The dates for Certificate of Merit evaluations for 2017 will be March 4, 5, 11, and 12 for all instruments. October 1-January 15 are the dates for entering repertoire online. November 1- 10 parents pay CM fees online. Please keep a close watch for emails from Judy with instructions.

Judy Morrison, Chair

### *MSSL*

If you have students interested in the outreach program, please have them contact Jenny Wong [jennywong337@yahoo.com](mailto:jennywong337@yahoo.com) for more information or visit the website at <http://msslmusic.org>.

Jenny Wong, Chairperson

## *Special Events and Information*

### *Barbara Becker Christmas Music*

1st Scenes from Christmas (beginner duet)

2nd Scenes from Christmas

Scenes from Christmas

More Scenes from Christmas



Now available at: <https://pianopronto.com/composers-community/barbara-becker/>

Little by little all of my books will be on this website and can be purchased digitally or from me hard bound. Most of the carols have been recorded. Other books are up there as well.

Please visit the website! And you can hear the recordings, too! - Barbara Becker

# *PAS Piano Competition*

Students and Teachers:

Some years ago, two women gave a large amount of money to the Contra Costa Performing Arts Society to establish a competition for young pianists. Over the years, the competition has gone through various changes. At present it provides for 1st, 2nd and 3rd monetary prizes for middle school pianists and also 1st, 2nd and 3rd for high school age pianists.

Each applicant prepares two contrasting pieces. There is no application fee for teachers or students who belong to PAS. The competition is open to students who live in Contra Costa County.

Competition date is Sunday, January 22. Application deadline is January 10.

The performers who are ranked highest by the judges in the afternoon audition (at Grace Presbyterian Church) have the honor of performing for an audience in the evening at Grace Church, where the winners will receive their awards.

Contact Virginia Bigelow at [925-465-5432](tel:925-465-5432) for more information and to receive an application form.

“Music is something that everyone can love and understand. It inspires us and draws us together and creates lasting bonds.”



Quote from high school senior student essay for Honoring Our High School Seniors Recital application