



Contra Costa Music Teacher's Association of California

November 1, 2017

Dear CCMTAC Members,

The news from MTAC Office is the theme for the Convention – Breaking the Barriers. Can we think about new and innovative ways about programming, teaching and performing; exploring new possibilities related to original compositions, improvisation, transcription, reimagining sound? Can we help students break barriers in order to achieve their fullest potential. Someone will share with us their ideas on the subject at the convention. We just can't miss it this year.

COMING UP THIS SEASON...

November 2: CCMTAC Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Steinway Gallery, Walnut Creek

November 5: Student Recital, 2:00 at Orinda Community Church

November 16: New Members Coffee at Peet's Coffee and Tea, 1343 Locust St. in Walnut Creek at 9:30 AM

November 16: general meeting at 10:30, Steinway Gallery in Walnut Creek. with Lino Rivera.

November 18: Sonata Contest, Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda

December 2: Holiday Party, 7 p.m. at Sue Farmer's residence.

December 20: Deadline to apply for Baroque Festival

PROGRAMS

A professor in the Music Department at Saint Mary's College, Lino Rivera, presenting A Brief History of the Keyboard Sonata on November 16th. He regularly serves as an adjudicator for our Sonata Contest and Baroque Festival. This presentation is open to all teachers working with Sonatas/Sonatinas.

Our Christmas party is on December 2nd, 7:00 p.m. at Sue Farmer's residence. The address is 679 Tahos Road, Orinda. Come enjoy the excellent food, your favorite drinks, music and more!

Program Chair, Sue Farmer



SONATA CONTEST

The Sonata Contest is coming up on Saturday, November 18th at the Orinda Community Church. Each contestant will be heard by two or three judges, depending on level (levels 1-3 by two judges, levels 4-10 by three judges). These evaluations are not open to the public. Each student will receive a written evaluation.

Sonata Contest Winners concerts are open to the public.

Levels 1-2 at 1:45 pm at Music Room

Levels 3-4 at 2:45 pm at Music Room

Levels 5a -10a at 5:00 pm at Sanctuary

Levels 5b -10b at 5:00 pm at Fellowship Hall

If you have any questions, please contact Hyunji Park at hyunjipark@hotmail.com.

Hyunji Park, Chair

BAROQUE FESTIVAL

Students of all instruments and levels are welcome to perform one piece from the Baroque period. Registration for Festival will be open December 1, closed December 20. \$40 fees must be paid before December 20. Later this month a detailed letter from the Baroque committee will be sent to all teachers.

Marcia Berryman, co-Chair

STUDENT RECITALS

The next student recital will be Sunday, November 5th 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. The database is open to register your students and closes several days before the recital.

Barbara Anderson and Lorraine Phillips, Chairs

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The dates for Certificate of Merit evaluations for 2018 will be March 17, 18, 25, and 31 for all instruments. Please be aware that this year the Theory Room will be open **ONLY** for two days for all levels and instruments -March 17 and 18. The room will be available 9:00AM -5:00PM. November 1- 10 parents pay CM fees online. It looks like we will have enough places to have evaluations for all levels, including preparatory.

Please keep a close watch for emails from Judy Morrison with further instructions.

Judy Morrison, Chair

TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

The next meeting is Thursday, November 9th at Jim Gardner's residence. Please rsvp by e-mail to maestrojim@astound.net or phone 943-5324. 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.

James Greening-Valenzuela Chair

MSSL -

Is a student-run music group that performs around Bay Area for charity. On November 10th they perform at Carlton Senior Living. If you have students interested in the outreach program, please have them contact Jenny Wong jennywong337@yahoo.com or Serena Wang serenawang@msslmusic.org. for more information or visit the website at <http://msslmusic.org>.

Jenny Wong, Chairperson



Happy Thanksgiving!