



October 1, 2014

Dear CCMTAC Members,

Amy Martin, MTAC State President, has a wonderful quote about the effects of music education which appears in the current state newsletter which I enjoyed reading. "We are so fortunate to be in the profession of music education. As music teachers, we teach more than music, for we facilitate students' learning of other subjects and enhance their skills visually and verbally, and in spatial-temporal ways. Based on the research cited in Brown's article, the study of music can increase our IQ and test scores, boost immune systems, reduce pain, keep aging brains healthy, and reduce depression and anxiety. Most importantly, music makes us happier." This information is based on the article "The Benefits of Music Education" by Laura Lewis Brown.

Best Regards,
Jeanette Dreifuert, President

COMING UP THIS FALL...

October 2: **CCMTAC Board Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Lafayette Library, Redwood Room
October 1-31: **Certificate of Merit Database** open for registration.
October 5: **Student Recital**, 2:00 pm. Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.
October 8: **Teacher's Performance Workshop**, 9:30 am. Home of Barbara Anderson
October 15: **Registration for Sonata Contest closes**
October 16: **New Member Coffee**, 9:00 a.m. Steinway and Sons, W.C.
October 16: **Program with Richard Cionco**, 10:00 a.m. Steinway and Sons, Walnut Creek
November 16: **Sonata Contest**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS...

PROGRAMS

Program Chairs Lynda McManus and Sue Farmer have arranged our first program of the season for October 16th, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Steinway Store, 1605 Bonanza St., Walnut Creek
Richard Cionco, Professor of Piano, Cal State University, Sacramento

TOPIC: "Steps to Learning" An organizational approach to helping your student learn difficult music.

Sue Farmer and Lynda McManus, Chairs

NEW MEMBER COFFEE

There will be a new member coffee at 9:00 a.m. on October 16th at the Steinway Store prior to the Richard Cionco presentation. Please feel free to stop by to welcome our new members.

Lorraine Phillips, Membership Chair

SONATA CONTEST

The Sonata Contest will be held this year on Sunday, November 16th at the Orinda Community Church, with preliminaries held that morning in Orinda area homes and studios. Registration will open the week of September 8th and close on October 15th. You may register students through our branch website at www.ccmtac.org, under "Programs", then "Sonata Contest". The repertoire list has been posted on the website as a pdf which can be downloaded. If you have any further questions, please contact Kirsten West at 88keywest@gmail.com.

Kirsten West, Chair

STUDENT RECITALS

Our first monthly student recital will be Sunday, October 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 procedures are the same as last year, and may be found in our directory. The second recital will be November 2nd.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

BAROQUE FESTIVAL

Now is the time to help your students choose Baroque repertoire to share at Contra Costa's annual Baroque Festival. We especially appreciate hearing selections by the lesser known composers of that era. The festival will take place at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. Dates are Friday, February 6th and Saturday, February 7th, 2015. The information flyer is now available on the website under "Programs" then "Baroque Festival".

Carlene Reeves, Chair

TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

The first meeting is Thursday, October 8th at Barbara Anderson's. Please rsvp by e-mail to bandersonpiano@aol.com, or phone 925-254-5049. 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. The second meeting will be held in the home of Jeanette Dreifuerst on November 13th.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

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

The VOCE recital is tentatively scheduled for May 31st, 2015. Anyone with questions about VOCE should contact James Greening-Valenzuela by email at jgrv@juno.com.

James Greening-Valenzuela Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The dates for Certificate of Merit 2015 are March 7, 8, 14 and 15. Registration is October 1st – 31st. Please read the new updates to the CM Syllabi that are available on the state website after logging in. Select “CM Resources” on the left side, then “Documents”.

Judy Morrison, Chair

MSSL

The first outreach program for the year will be at the Reutlinger community in Danville at 1:30 pm on November 11th. More information is available at <http://msslmusic.org>.

Jenny Wong

Honoring our High School Seniors

Videos from last May's Honoring Our High School Seniors Recital are now posted on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/HonoringOurHSSeniors/videos>. Check out the fine performances by our local students.

Other Items of Interest...

RECITAL: Saturday, October 18th

Virginia Bigelow, Anne Russell and Martin Morley will be presenting a recital; Celebrating Mozart: A Genius for the Ages, on Saturday, October 18th at 6 p.m. The recital will take place at the Steinway Piano Gallery, 1605 Bonanza St. Walnut Creek 94596, 925-932-0100. The repertoire includes the Sonata in F major, K. 332, Sonata in Bb major, K. 333 and the Concerto No. 20 in D Minor, K.466 with Martin Morley on the second piano.

CHROMATICA RECITALS: October 18th, 19th, 25th

A Message from Julie Rieth:

Dear Colleagues, please join me at a Fall Concert by Chromatica--the chorale which I accompany.

Chromatica, the San Ramon Valley based classical and contemporary music chorus, will perform four concerts in October: a concert reserved for Rossmoor residents (October 24th), and public concerts in Orinda (October 18th, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church), Danville (October 19th, Peace Lutheran Church) and Clayton Valley (October 25th, Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church). Location details and how to purchase tickets are on the attached flyer.