



## September 1, 2015

Dear CCMTAC Members,

Hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer and are ready to get back into the swing of things!

The board has decided that it is not necessary to have the customary general meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> this year. That meeting, traditionally for Certificate of Merit information, will be deferred because the CM registration process from last year has not changed. You will be receiving notification of registration information from your CM chair, Judy Morrison, if you need assistance. In 2017 we will definitely schedule a general meeting on the third Thursday of September, because major changes will occur in the registration system, and we will no doubt have a power point presentation from a member of the State Council to help us learn the new system. In lieu of the general membership meeting, an informal meeting for new members will be held at 525 San Jose Place, San Ramon on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. for the purpose of discussing our branch programs and to answer questions about Certificate of Merit registration. We will be introducing the board along with a brief overview of our activities this year before the Sandra Soderlund presentation on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Steinway Gallery in W.C.

Best Regards,  
Jeanette Dreifuerst, President

### COMING UP THIS FALL...

September 3: **CCMTAC Board Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Lafayette Library, Redwood Room

September 17: **New Member Informational Meeting and Coffee**, 10:00 a.m., home of Jeanette Dreifuerst

October 1-31: **Certificate of Merit Database** open for registration.

October 8: General Meeting -Introduction of Board Members and Overview of Branch Activities followed by "**Confidence with Ornamentation**", presented by Sandra Soderlund, 10:00 a.m. Steinway Gallery, 1605 Bonanza St., Walnut Creek

October 15: **Teacher Performance Workshop**, 9:30 a.m., home of Barbara Anderson

October 15: **Database closes for Sonata Contest**, 11:59 p.m.

October 18: **Student Recital**, 2:00 p.m., Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda

November 21: **Sonata Contest**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS...

### NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members to our branch: Sonia Gill (flute), Brett Carson (piano), Lamae Loo (piano), Elaine Lee (piano), Clara Co (piano), Mary Jo Hotten (piano), Elizabeth Hunter Ashley (voice), Pawel Roman Walerowski (cello) and Shannon Hoffman (piano, voice) and Jenny Larsen (piano).

***New Members:*** The coffee and informational meeting for new members will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. in the home of Jeanette Dreifuerst, 525 San Jose Place, San Ramon. RSVP to [Jeanette@opendomain.com](mailto:Jeanette@opendomain.com) or t (925) 829-8827. Current members needing additional help with Certificate of Merit are also welcome.

### PROGRAMS

Program Chairs Sue Farmer and Dwight Stone have arranged our first program of the season for October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 10:00 a.m., Steinway Store-1605 Bonanza St., Walnut Creek. Sandra Soderlund will give a presentation "Confidence with Ornamentation". Sandra is an organist and harpsichordist. She is professor at Mills College in Oakland and is the author of several books including "How Did They Play? How Did They Teach? A History of Keyboard Technique."

Sue Farmer and Dwight Stone, Chair

### SONATA CONTEST

The Sonata Contest will be held this year on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Orinda Community Church, with preliminaries held that morning in Orinda area homes and studios. Registration will open the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> and close on October 15<sup>th</sup>. You may register students through our branch website at [www.ccmtac.org](http://www.ccmtac.org), under "Programs", then "Sonata Contest". The repertoire list is available on the website. If you have any further questions, please contact Hyunji Park at [hyunjipark@hotmail.com](mailto:hyunjipark@hotmail.com).

Hyunji Park, Chair

### STUDENT RECITALS

Our first monthly student recital will be Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 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 will open on September 15<sup>th</sup> to register your students. The procedures are the same as last year, and may be found in our directory.

Barbara Anderson, Chair

### TEACHER'S PERFORMANCE WORKSHOPS

The first meeting is Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Barbara Anderson's. Please rsvp by e-mail to [bandersonpiano@aol.com](mailto: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.

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 2016 will be March 5, 6, 19 and 20 for all instruments. The registration for CM will begin on October 1 and close on October 31. Additional information will be forthcoming as we get closer to October. Meanwhile, visit our State website at [MTAC.ORG](http://MTAC.ORG) and log in with your username and password. On the left hand menu, is a long list of information for you to peruse. "CM Students" is where you will go to register your students. It is not open for activity yet. Click on CM Resources - then Documents - LOTS of information. And, of course, more is coming.

Please contact Judy Morrison at [jmspraktis@astound.net](mailto:jmspraktis@astound.net).

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

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST...

“Composer Barbara Becker will be showcasing her latest books, plus 4 Christmas books, and books listed in the CM syllabus and others at the:

STEINWAY PIANO GALLERY  
1605 Bonanza St., Walnut Creek  
Thurs. - Sept. 10, 2015,  
10:00 A. M.

Refreshments will be served and Barbara with the help of colleagues will perform selected pieces from many of her books that can be purchased at that time.

Do come, bring your friends and enjoy a morning of interesting and fun music for students of all ages. “

"Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul" -Plato

Pianist/composer Kathleen Ryan Clute, former president of CCMTAC now residing in New Mexico, announces the release of two books of music suitable for intermediate to late intermediate piano students.

**Outlooks** is a sonatina for piano four-hands, with three movements: *Sunny*, *Cloudy*, and *Breezy*. **Outlooks**, inspired by a suggestion from Marcia Berryman, won the 2003 MTAC Composers Today competition (teaching piece division). The movements are intermediate and late intermediate (levels 6 through 8) in difficulty. Primo and Secondo parts are balanced in difficulty and take turns carrying the melody.

**Five Easy Pieces** contains four of the easiest pieces from Kathleen's solo CDs, plus one piece specifically composed for the collection. They are intermediate (levels 5 through 7) in difficulty.

More info re

Outlooks: <http://kathleenryan.com/store/productdetail.php?name=Outlooks>

More info re Five Easy

Pieces: [http://kathleenryan.com/store/productdetail.php?name=Five\\_Easy\\_Pieces](http://kathleenryan.com/store/productdetail.php?name=Five_Easy_Pieces)

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