

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

*September 1, 2016*



Dear CCMTAC Members,

Hopefully, you are all ready to get back into the swing of things after a restful summer! We are starting out the year with a new and exciting online system for Certificate of Merit, making our first membership meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> a mandatory event this year for those planning to participate in CM. We will learn how the new system works and be able to ask questions so please mark your calendars! All members are welcome to attend even if you do not have students in CM this year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best Regards,  
Jeanette Dreifuerst, President

## *COMING UP THIS FALL...*

- September 1: CCMTAC Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Lafayette Library, Redwood Room
- September 8: Sonata Contest Registration Opens
- September 22: Membership Meeting, **9:00 a.m.** Round Hill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Road, Alamo, *mandatory for those participating in Certificate of Merit*
- October 13: Teacher Performance Workshop, 9:30 a.m., home of Barbara Anderson
- October 15: Database closes for Sonata Contest, 11:59 p.m.
- October 16: Student Recital, 2:00 p.m., Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda
- October 20: Sue Hammond will present 10:00 a.m. Steinway Gallery, 1605 Bonanza St., Walnut Creek
- November 19: Sonata Contest, Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda

## *NEW MEMBERS*

We would like to welcome the following new members to our branch: I-tsen Chen, Nataliya Chul, Michael Short, William Hobbs, Hyun Seoung Kim and Kanoko Nishi-Smith.

## *PROGRAMS*

Our first program of the season will be on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the Steinway Store, 1605 Bonanza St., Walnut Creek. Sue Hammond will demonstrate using Wolfie by Tonara, an ipad app that supports piano teachers with a digital tool-kit that makes students practice better, more often and longer by making score-reading more natural and intuitive. This workshop will include demonstrations and discussions.

Program Chair, Sue Farmer

### *SONATA CONTEST*

The Sonata Contest will be held this year on Saturday, November 19th at the Orinda Community Church. Registration will open the week of September 8<sup>th</sup> and close on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please read the general information sheet on our website under “Branch Events” then “Sonata Contest”. 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 16<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 is open 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 13th 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 2017 will be March 4, 5, 11, and 12 for all instruments. There will be a **mandatory** membership meeting for all teachers participating in Certificate of Merit on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. The location will be at the Roundhill Country Club at 3169 Roundill Road, Alamo. Teachers who have participated in CM before, please remember to follow the emailed instructions sent by Judy Morrison on August 28<sup>th</sup> for migrating your **current** students to the new system.  
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

*For me, music is not a mere career aspiration – it is a life aspiration. It is the way I celebrate the beauty of the world.*

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