

Contra Costa Music Teacher's
Association of California

September 1, 2017



It's hard to believe but it's that time of the year again – the beginning of a new school year. I hope that everyone has spent a summer of relaxation and renewal.

So many of you attended this year's convention and came back with a lot of fresh ideas. We all look forward to another successful school year at our branch.

Our first membership meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church – 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek. It is a mandatory event for those who participate in CM. Our new Directory will be available there.

Visit our Branch website to find information about all events for the upcoming year.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Sept.19th meeting.

Tanya Heeb, President

What is coming this fall...

- Sept. 7 - Board meeting, 10:30-12:00 at Steinway Gallery in Walnut Creek
- Sept. 5 - Sonata Contest registration opens
- Sept. 9 - MSSSL first performance, 2:00-3:00 at Aegis of Moraga Senior Living Home
- Sept. 19 - Membership Meeting, 9:30 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Walnut Creek
- Oct. 12 - Teacher's Performance Workshop, 9:30 at Barbara Anderson's home
- Oct. 15 - Database closed for Sonata Contest registration
- Oct. 15 - Student Recital, 2:00 pm at Orinda Community Church
- Nov. 2 - A History of Keyboard Sonata, presentation by Lino Rivera, 10:30 at Steinway Gallery, Walnut Creek
- Nov. 5 - Student Recital, 2:00 pm at Orinda Community Church
- Nov. 9 - Teacher's Performance Workshop at Jim Gardner's home.
- Nov. 18 - Sonata Contest at Orinda Community Church
- Dec. 1 - Database opens for Baroque registration
- Dec. 2 - Holiday Party at Sue Farmer's home
- Dec. 20 - Database closed for Baroque registration

New members

Welcome to our new members:

Douglas Christman, Satoko Fogarty, Joseph Irrera, Sharon Lee Kim, Julia Neyshloss, David Andai, Nicole Nutting. Ara Agas, Denise Holbrook.

Sonata Contest

Director – Hyunji Park.

Contest - November 18. Registration will be open Sept.5 and close Oct.15

Registration form at ccmtac.org

Certificate of Merit

Director – Judy Morrison.

This school year dates for CM are March 17, 18, 25, 31. Theory testing for ALL students – March 17 and 18. Our first membership meeting this year is all about CM. Our director Judy Morrison is expecting to see all teachers participating in CM to be there on Sept.19 for updates. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Teacher's Performance Workshop

Chair – Barbara Anderson

Workshops takes place on a second Thursday of the month, 9:30 – 11:00. Workshop provides an opportunity to try out music before an audience and to share some teaching pieces and teaching ideas. Everyone is welcome to play or just listen and discuss.

Student Recital

Directors – Barbara Anderson and Lorraine Phillips

Recitals open to our branch students on Sunday at Orinda Community Church at 2:00 p.m.

Apply 10 days prior to the date. This fall's dates – Oct. 15, Nov .5

Baroque Festival

Director – Carlene Reeves

Application deadline – Dec. 20. Festival dates – Feb.23-24

Programs

Director – Sue Farmer

Thank you, Sue for organizing the Keyboard Sonata presentation on Nov. 2 by Lino Rivera and for hosting our Holiday party on Dec. 2 at your beautiful house.

January 18 - video on "Technique through listening" at the home of Sue Cardwell

March 4 – master class with Lino Rivera at Steinway Gallery, Walnut Creek

Music Student's Service League (MSSL)

Chair – Jenny Wong;

Student President and co-founder – Serena Wang

MSSL is a student-run music group that performs around Bay Area for charity. Great volunteering opportunity for our students!

Currently MSSL is raising money to support [NorCal Strollathon](#) for youth diagnosed with Rett Syndrome. They are asking for your donations. Any amount will help. Please make a check to "[Rettsyndrome.org](#)" for NorCal Strollathon and mail it to the address: 506Tahos Rd., Orinda, CA before Sept.7

Strollathon will take place on Oct.14, 10:00 a.m. at Benicia Community Park

VOCE (Voice, Orchestral instruments, Chamber music, Ensembles)

Chair – James Greening

Contact Jim if you are interested in being a part of this group.

In conclusion

Summer of 2017 was not so pleasant for all of us. Anne Russell lost her husband, Greg, and Sue Farmer lost her son, Brent. Both tragic deaths were premature and unexpected. Our hearts and prayers go to Anne and Sue.

National disaster in Texas keeps us worrying about the people suffering there. We hope they'll get all the help they need.

