



**APRIL 1, 2013**

Dear Colleagues,

Well, we did it once again! Certificate of Merit 2013 is behind us! Many thanks to our Branch Chair, Judy Morrison, for all her planning and hard work on all four days of the exams. Also, a big thank you to teachers who offered their home studios for the evaluations, and to everyone who helped make sure the whole evaluation process ran smoothly. Now we are looking forward to the Branch Honors Recitals on April 13. Our Branch Honors Chair, Georgia Couch, will be contacting teachers very soon.

Cordially,

Marcia Berryman

## **DATES AND DEADLINES**

April 4: **CCMTAC Board Meeting**, 10:00 am, Lafayette Library (Redwood Room)

April 8: **Certificate of Merit Evaluation Packets** can be picked up at Campana Music, Lafayette (after 10:00 am)

April 11: **Teachers' Performance Workshop**, 9:30 am, home of Barbara Anderson, 6 Van Tassel Lane, Orinda 94583. Rsvp: bandersonpiano@aol.com

April 13: **Honors Recitals**, Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 399 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

April 15: **Deadline to apply for make-up evaluation** (high school students only). Application form is online.

April 15: **Deadline for Convention applications**, and \$20 Convention application fee per student.

April 21: **Student Recital**, 2:00 pm, Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda.

May 16: **May Business Meeting, Program and Luncheon**, 9:30 am. Home of Sue Farmer, 679 Tahos Road, Orinda 94563

May 19: **Honor Our Seniors Recital**, 7:30 pm. Lafayette Library

## **MAY LUNCHEON, BUSINESS MEETING AND PROGRAM**

Please note that the date is Thursday, May 16 (the date listed in the Directory is incorrect). Join us at 9:30 am for coffee and social time. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00. We will begin with our annual business meeting, which will include a vote of the general membership for the 2013-2015 slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee. Our program will feature pianist and speaker, **Susan Hammond**. Susan is well known for her Classical Kids CD's and videos, such as *Beethoven Lives Upstairs*. Susan will present a workshop on Vladimir Horowitz and the Russian music he brought to fame and prominence in North America. Included will be fascinating video clips and anecdotes, as well as short pieces by Medtner, Scriabin, Rachmaninoff, Kabalevsky, and Ludinov. Sue's innovative programming and easy communicating about music have made her an "in-demand" performer and teacher. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear and explore the life of Horowitz and the music he performed.

Lynda McManus, Program Co-Chair

## **HONOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS PROGRAM**

The "Honor Our High School Seniors " Recital will take place on Sunday, May 19, 7:30 pm at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, Lafayette. Please encourage your students to attend and enjoy the program presented by these dedicated students. Refreshments will be served after the program. In about two weeks, teachers who have entered performers will be receiving a letter explaining the details of the recital.

Ruth Ann Schwan and Kirsten West

## **GREGORY TABOLOFF - LECTURE/RECITAL, APRIL 8**

Pianist Gregory Taboloff will be performing a lecture/recital for the MTAC Alameda Branch Meeting on Monday, April 8 from 10:00 - 12:00 at the Crowden Music Center, 1475 Rose Street, Berkeley 94702. Titled "Virtuoso Works by Debussy, Chopin and Rachmaninoff" the program will include: Beethoven's Tempest Sonata in d minor, Debussy's Estampes, Selected Rachmaninoff Preludes, Opus 32, Selected Rachmaninoff Etudes Tableaux, Opus 33, and Selected Chopin Ballades. All CCMTAC members are invited to attend.

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

If you know anyone who you feel would be a good addition to our organization, this is a wonderful time for this person to apply. Keep in mind that July 31 is the deadline for CM eligibility, and to be listed in the MTAC Directory for new and reinstating members. If you need assistance please, contact Melanie Doyle our Members Service Associate: [melanied@mtac.org](mailto:melanied@mtac.org).

## **2013 CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

The MTAC State Convention dates are June 28 through July 2. This year the convention will be held at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Santa Clara.

Early-bird convention registration is available to members until May 15 at \$180. After that date pre-registration registration is available until June 15 at \$220. After June 15 the full convention is \$260. MTAC offers reduce prices for spouses, relatives or college students. Single day registrations are available on site for \$130.

All teachers attending the convention for any reason are required to register and will be mailed a registration invoice if they do attend or fail to register.

To reserve a room at the Santa Clara Hyatt-Regency, go to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/MTAC13>, or call 408-200-1234, or 800-233-1234. MTAC has negotiated a favorable room rate of \$99.

Our branch may offer free registration for one member who has never attended convention before. If you would be eligible for the free registration, or if you know someone who would be eligible, please contact Marcia Berryman: [berrymanm@hotmail.com](mailto:berrymanm@hotmail.com).

## **CONVENTION PAGES NEEDED**

The convention needs 200 responsible high school students to serve as pages. Each page may serve at least one 4-hour shift, and may bring a friend (not necessarily a music student) to page with them. Students can receive community service credit for paging. If you are interested in getting more information about paging, go to [mtac.org](http://mtac.org), scroll down the left hand side until you see MTAC. Hover on MTAC and click on *MTAC News*. Information, including the application form, is in the March issue.

Beginning in May all members will begin receiving *MTAC News* by e-mail. In the past it has only been available at [mtac.org](http://mtac.org), and sent by e-mail to branch presidents.

## **FREDERIC CHIU WORKSHOP**

Many of you had the opportunity to hear world-renowned pianist Frederic Chiu perform and conduct his workshops last year at the MTAC Convention in San Diego. He is coming to northern California (Lodi area) to offer one of his Deeper Performance Studies workshops on May 24 – 26, 2013. The workshop will be a small group setting with 5-7 participants. DPS is an essential supplement to traditional training, providing innovative solutions to playing and performance. Visit his website to read more about this exciting program:  
[www.FredericChiu.com/dps](http://www.FredericChiu.com/dps).