

# MTAC San Mateo Newsletter

## April 2014

### **Annual Luncheon & Business Meeting.**

#### **Pat McNutt**

I always enjoy our relaxed lunch together at the end of each year. It is a time to visit, celebrate the events of our year, and enjoy good food together. This year we will again meet at Van's in Belmont, with a slight variation. We will eat in the downstairs **Tea Room**, a choice we have made in order to provide complete accessibility to every member. Cost to each member is only \$20. Branch funds cover part of the lunch cost. To insure a spot at the table, send your reservation and check now. We can seat 42 members. If we find there are unused reservations, you may invite guests at a later time – stay tuned.

**Date:** Friday, May 16, 2014.

**Time:** 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Van's Restaurant on the Hill - 815 Belmont Ave. Belmont, CA 94402

**Cost:** \$20 per attendee. This cost includes entrée, dessert, and coffee/tea.

**RSVP by:** Friday, May 9. Payment is due at the time of reservation.

**Payment:** Check made out to MTAC San Mateo (\$20 per attendee)

**Send to:** Pat McNutt- P.O. Box 898, Moss Beach, CA,  
94038

## **Chamber Music Festival**

**Sujeeva Hapugalle & Janice Sheng**

*Please join us to celebrate our MTAC San Mateo's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday with chamber music presented by our students and teachers; enjoy delectable treats, and possibly win some exciting door prizes!*

**Sunday, May 18, 2014**

**2:30-3:30 Students' Performance**

**3:30-4:00 Refreshments**

**4:00-5:00 Teachers' Performance**

**Foster City Community Center – Wind Room**

**We are reaching maximum performance capacity. Please apply soon!**

The application forms will be emailed as a separate document. They can also be downloaded from our branch website: [www.mtacsanmateo.org/festivals](http://www.mtacsanmateo.org/festivals)

## **Certificate of Merit Program**

**Marcela Toma – CM Program Chair**

Dear CM Teachers:

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge your valuable contribution to the CM program! It was indeed a pleasure seeing so many of you on the evaluation week-end.

We should all give a note of thanks to the CM team:

**Tom Hansen**, the mind behind the students schedule and so much more, for your dedication and patience.

**Janet Williams**, we couldn't do it without you!

**Pat McNutt** for your time and effort in organizing the teachers' work schedule and hospitality.

**Gina Vandellos** Voice chair for adding students from other branches to your already big job.

**Cynthia Brown, Li-Ying Wu and Vera Shamis** for inviting us into your private studios with large rooms and tuned pianos.

A special thanks to **Kathleen Johnson**, Branch Honors Recital chair for an exiting and rewarding event. To quote Kathleen: "It's a delight to hear all that great music in one afternoon. Everyone did well... 86 performers, 9 strings and 77 pianist.

Strings Chair **Marjorie Lin**, THANK YOU Marjorie for

decades of dedication the CM program!

And last but not least, I would like to mention all the site monitors for your punctuality and positive attitude; the wonderful and hard working accompanists for strings and voice students and all CM teachers for your extra time and effort which were certainly worthwhile.

The Evaluators were delighted with the venues, pianos, hospitality and such wonderfully prepared students.

We had one of the most successful CM evaluations! 572 Participating students, including 2 MUP, 2 RAL and 11 no-shows; NO ICs this year. Congratulations everyone!

Please prepare for a mandatory fall CM meeting, the last Sunday in September or the first Sunday in October. Date and location TBA. All the CM teachers **MUST attend**.

It is a joy for me and I am proud to work with such dedicated and talented group of teachers. Wishing you all a restful and fun summer!

## **2014 Nominating Committee**

**Laurie Johnson**

First off, I would like to thank the other members of the nominating committee for their excellent help in locating

leadership talent and making contact with potential candidates for the many open positions on the MTAC Board of Directors for the next term (2014- 2016): **Emi Sunahara, Kathleen Johnson, Vera Shamis, and Vija Norkvesta** were wonderful, positive contributors to this sometimes frustrating process. I also want to thank all of the members who were patient and kind when we called on them, who seriously considered serving for the next term, or who made thoughtful recommendations to us. I think we have found a talented and capable group of members to sit on our Board for the next term. The slate includes some carry over from the current board, some former board members with experience, and some new faces.

**The slate for 2014 - 2016 term:**

- President ----- Janice Sheng**
- Vice President ----- Irina Behrendt**
- Treasurer ----- Li-Ying Wu**
- Membership ----- Gina Vandellos**
- Recording Secretary ----- Kathleen**

**Johnson**

- Corresponding Secretary ----- Deanna DuBois**
- Director of Recital Hall ----- Kayoko**

**Kuchishi**

- Director of Student Recitals ----- Irina Carrenca**
- Director of CM\* ----- Laurie**

**Johnson**

*\*Note: Marcela Toma’s title has been changed to CM Program Chair. The newly-elected CM Director will act as*

*a liaison between the CM Program Chair and the Board, as well as taking on the responsibilities of a board member.*

Please consider your response to these nominated candidates and send your completed ballots to Pat McNutt via email ([\\_patm@coastside.net](mailto:_patm@coastside.net)) by May 9th. The Election Ballot will be emailed to members as a separate document. Please download the Ballot, mark your votes, and email them to Pat McNutt by the specified deadline. There will also be ballots at the Annual Luncheon on May 16th. The 2014 Election will be finalized at the Luncheon.

## **2014 MTAC Convention**

June 27 – July 1. Hilton Los Angeles Airport.  
Registration is now open

MTAC hosts the annual State Convention where world-renowned artists and teachers give recitals, lectures, presentations, and master classes. More than 2,000 members, guests, student performers and their families attend this culminating event of the year.

## **MTAC San Mateo Scholarship Program**

**Janice Sheng & Jean Hsia**

We are thrilled to continue into the second year of the

## MTAC San Mateo County Branch's Scholarship Program!

The goals of our Scholarship Program include:

Assisting students with musical studies outside of their private lessons

Promoting the students' involvement in community outreach & community service

The 2014 MTAC San Mateo Scholarships are:

Up to FIVE \$400 Scholarships

Applicants will be asked to:

- Be a student of a current MTAC San Mateo member in good standing
- List/describe how they have been involved with community service in the past 6 -12 months.
- List the music program(s) that they wish to apply for outside of their private lessons.
- Provide two reference letters: one of the references will be their private music teacher.
- Provide a video recording of their performance, presenting two contrasting pieces.

- Video recordings can be submitted electronically to:

**[mtacsm.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:mtacsm.scholarships@gmail.com)**

- Post mail submission (DVD format): **1748 Pierce St. San Mateo, CA 94403**

**Accompaniment is not mandatory.**

Community service can be non-music related, or music-related.

There are numerous sources of community service that are not necessarily related to music. The students can

incorporate *any* of their community service experience as part of the application to our Scholarship Program. Some examples of music-related community service include participating in the MTAC San Mateo Community Outreach Program, or helping out at our branch events.

The application form is sent electronically to our branch members, and it is posted on our Website ([www.mtacsanmateo.org/scholarship-program](http://www.mtacsanmateo.org/scholarship-program)). There is no application fee. Please help us spread the word about this wonderful program. We hope many of our students will benefit from the MTAC San Mateo Scholarships!

Contact info: [mtacsm.scholarships@gmail.com](mailto:mtacsm.scholarships@gmail.com)

Names of the Judges: to be announced

Scholarship Winners' Concert: to be announced

**Submit applications by: May 1st, 2014**

The premiere announcement of this year's scholarship recipients will take place at our branch's Annual Luncheon on Friday, May 16th, 2014.

## **Membership Renewal**

- Due on/before July 31, in order to qualify for 2015 CM eligibility, listing in the State Directory, and to avoid a \$40 reinstatement fee. Membership renewal can be done online\* or by post mail.
- Renewal can be done online through your Teacher Home Page. You can also send a check (or provide



your credit card info) on the Renewal Invoice that was sent to us in April.

\*How to renewal MTAC membership online:

- 1 [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org)
- 2 LOGIN with your teacher User Name & Password
- 3 After you login, you'll be directed to **TEACHER HOME PAGE**
- 4 On the left, point mouse/keypad cursor on **SHOPPING** – a text box will pop up on the right
- 5 Select: **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Pay with a credit card or PayPal – Voila! Your membership can be renewed in a few minutes.