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**Music Teacher's Association of California
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President's Pen
Kevin Imbimbo

Dear Teachers:

It seems like the end of the year and the holiday music making is happening all too fast. While you are preparing for your church services and music performances, I urge you to take some time for yourself. Make time for family and friends, go to concerts and get the rest you need. There are so many wonderful concerts this time of year, and we should treat ourselves to them. I hope that you can have some time to recharge and get ready for CM and our other programs coming in the spring.

I also want to thank those who have reached out with donations for our fellow MTAC members affected by the wildfires in the North Bay. We have Janice Sheng, one of our members and a State Board Director, to thank for spearheading this effort. If you want more information, please contact Janice at jsheng@mtac.org.

As we go into a new year, I hope you will continue to take advantage of the many concerts and programs that our branch offers. Make sure to visit our website on a regular basis. The Events page, Newsletter and Calendar are always a source of information, and will keep you up on what's happening in our branch.

My hope for you is a happy, healthy and rich music making season!

Happy Holidays to all.

Branch Programs

Irina Behrendt, Vice President

Dear Teachers,

I'd like to thank Simone Bley for once again providing a wonderful opportunity for our teachers for learning and growing! Doug Goodkin's workshop was a big success. We are looking forward to future collaborative programs - Stay tuned for announcements from Myriad School!

Attention, piano teachers: our very own Sujeeva Hapugalle has agreed to hold a Master class after the holidays. We don't have a date yet, but please let me know if you are interested to enroll your students by emailing to me directly at ibehrendt09@gmail.com. Once I have an idea of the amount of interest, we will make a plan.

Happy Holidays to all,
Irina

Certificate of Merit

Benny Yu, CM Chair

Dear CM teachers,

Happy holidays to everyone. We have a total of 514 students registered for CM 2018. Thank you so much for supporting this program and keeping it strong.

Looking forward, the next deadline will be on January 15th. Between now and then, you will have to finalize repertoire for your students. Please always double check with the updated syllabus for level appropriate pieces. Do not forget to apply for convention programs before the deadline.

I hope everyone will have a great holiday season. Take your time to enter the information but remember not to wait until the last minute.

Remember you can always reach out to me and Tom if you have any questions regarding the process. Thank you.

Regards,
Benny

Branch Recitals

Jennifer Ho

Our first Branch Recital, on Saturday December 2nd, was very successful. Nine teachers participated and 19 students performed on that day. It was a diverse and well balanced

program including piano, voice, cello and violin pieces. It was wonderful to see many young talented and well prepared musicians performing for our community. There will be two more recitals in the new year.

Would your adult students be interested in participating in an all-adult recital? If there is enough interest, we could organize an adult students concert. Please let me know (teacher@artismymusic.com).

Happy Holidays!
Jennifer