

Music Teacher's Association of California
San Mateo County Branch
Newsletter
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President's Pen

Pat McNutt

Three officers are leaving our Board and being replaced by new members. Please continue reading this newsletter to see the complete list of your new Board of Directors. Laurie Johnson, Deanna Du Bois and Janice Sheng are carrying out their terms on the Board. A huge thank you goes to these three members for their service. When you see them, say thank you! They have helped to create a cohesive, cooperative group of leaders for our Branch – it has been a pleasure working with them.

If you are going to attend the MTAC Convention (Los Angeles) in July, please consider being a delegate to represent our Branch. So far, the delegates are Emi Yun and myself. We can have up to five delegates. As a delegate, you would attend two business meetings. Our Branch will pay your convention registration fee, which up until June 15, will be \$185.00. Please contact me if you are interested.

Also, if you have never attended a convention, the State will pay your first-time attendee registration. We have until June 15 to take this offer, so please let me know.

MTAC State requests that we send them branch recital programs, as well as individual teacher student recital programs. They send them on to ASCAP, so that appropriate royalties can be paid. It's easy! Just send them to me, or give them to a Board member and we will send them. It is an important issue, as you know, for composers and publishers.

Our final Board meeting of the year, June 2, will combine old and new officers. Thank you to Brian Landes, Vija Norkvesta and Vera Shamis, for stepping up and joining the Board.

June 13 marks the last program of the year, with a sharing of music among teachers in our Branch. Come listen, enjoy and share in the time of celebrating friendships and music.

Programs

Janice Sheng

Annual Luncheon – May 21, 2010

Forty San Mateo Branch members and guests attended our annual luncheon at The Van's Restaurant in Belmont on Friday, May 21st.

The event was filled with camaraderie, laughter, good food and company. We welcomed new members and we recognized the service and contribution from various individuals.

The Annual Luncheon was a great reminder to celebrate our relationships and our organization.

Teachers' Concert: "Celebrating Music and Friendships"

Please join us in the final branch program of the year - "Celebrating Music and Friendships"

- Sunday, June 13th, 7:00pm Foster City Community Center (1000 East Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City, CA)
- Performers: Irina Behrendt, Cynthia Brown, Daniel Glover, Thomas Hansen, Libby Kardontchik, Brian Landes, Marjorie Lin, Sara Lomax, Tatiana Loskutova, Pat McNutt, Vija Norkvesta and Janice Sheng
- Program includes solo and chamber music by: Brahms, Chabrier, Debussy, Enesco, Khachaturian, MacDermid, Mozart and Stravinsky

- **Free admission**
- **Post-concert reception**

Be sure read the attached promotional flyer about this concert.

Recital Hall

Yvonne Ho

Fall reservations for the Wind Room in Foster City will not be available until mid July. We are in the process of renewing the contract so dates will be available in the summer.

Please note that there were damages to the wheel of the piano dolly and the hardwood floor in the Wind Room the weekend of May 15. The wheel is being replaced and the floor is under reparation. Please handle the instruments and the Foster City facility with care.

Also, please do not use tape on the walls of the facility. Only blue/painter's tape is allowed for hanging decorations as this will not damage the paint on the walls, doors and ceilings.

If you notice any damages to the instruments or the facility in the future, please notify me immediately.

Certificate of Merit

Marcela Toma

The dates for the CM Evaluations 2011 – piano, are confirmed: March 12-13, 2011. Please mark your calendar.

Best wishes and a grand summer to all of you!

Additional News Items

Board of Officers 2010-2011:

President - Pat McNutt

Vice President - Vija Norkvesta

Treasurer - Renee Chevalie

Membership Secretary - Vera Shamis

Recording Secretary - Barbara Barclay

Corresponding Secretary - Brian Landes

CM Director - Marcela Toma

Branch Recitals Director - Denise Chevalier

Recital Hall Director - Yvonne Ho

Concert at Crestmont Conservatory

San Mateo branch member, Tom Hansen and his duo-piano partner, Daniel Glover, will give a recital Saturday, June 26, 8pm at the Crestmont Conservatory, 2575 Flores St., San Mateo. It is a “centennial” program featuring a Sonata by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach (born in 1710), the Canonic Etudes of Schumann (born in 1810) and the Souvenirs of Samuel Barber (born in 1910). The program also includes “En blanc et noir” by Debussy and Saint-Saens arrangement of his Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso.

A “gourmet” reception follows the recital. Donation: \$15 general, \$10 students (16 & under) and seniors. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis, only. For more information, please call (650) 574-4633 or visit www.crestmontmusic.org. You can also visit Tom’s website, www.thomashansenpiano.com.

Do you have a change of address, phone or email? Please send any changes to Laurie Johnson: laurlyn@comcast.net or 650-593-4559.