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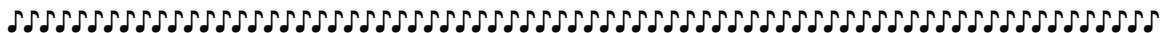
San Mateo County Branch

Newsletter

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President's Pen
Kevin Imbimbo

Dear Members,

Welcome back from the holidays! I hope you had a chance to enjoy some rest and are ready to jump back into your teaching schedules. Our branch has a full spring of events on tap.

We are hoping to present scholarships to several students and we are in need of someone to chair the committee. Students will submit a video of their performance and scholarships will be awarded based on those performances.

If you are interested in helping us organize this committee, please let me or our vice president, Irina Behrendt, know. We are also putting together a committee to nominate members for positions on the board. Several of our board members are finishing their terms and we will need to fill their positions. This is a great opportunity to have some direct input on programs and events that you would like to see supported by the branch. As the committee reaches out to you, please consider serving on the board. Remember - this is your organization, and it needs your help and support to keep it running.

Branch Programs

Irina Behrendt, VP

Dear All,

First, I would like to thank the practice-a-thon participants/contributors! Because of you, it became possible for us to host another Concert for Kids this year! Don't forget to mark your calendars: Concert for Kids program will be held April 17 at 5pm in the Wind Room. Our guest this year is Viviana Guzman, Flute Queen. Viviana is an international artist with a remarkable life story, who lives in Half Moon Bay. You can read her bio here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/478383409030970/> or check out her website: www.viviana.org

This is a free event, but donations are very much appreciated! Please, let your students know. Flyers are coming soon.

Also, since the Chamber Music master class in October, I've thought about how to introduce more students to ensemble playing. One of the ideas was to feature the existing groups at one of the upcoming branch recitals, April 23. If you are coaching an ensemble group, please contact me for further discussion (ibehrendt09@gmail.com)

Have a smooth and successful CM everyone!

Certificate of Merit

Marcela Toma

Dear CM Teachers,

With the CM evaluations around the corner, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge your valuable contribution to the CM program.

Please check for important Dates & Deadlines on our branch's website: [mtacsanmateo.org/Certificate of Merit](http://mtacsanmateo.org/Certificate%20of%20Merit).

Reminders:

- ~ NO Photocopies with the student - it will be an automatic RAL.
- ~ Student may choose to start with either Technique, Sight-Reading or Repertoire.
- ~ Students must perform the Repertoire listed on their Evaluation Report Form and may choose to play the pieces in any order.

- ~ Make sure that you have a secondary score for the evaluator, when the piece is not memorized.
- ~ The first measure of each staff must be numbered.
- ~ Teachers must provide an English translation for the Title and Composer of any piece brought to Evaluations that is published or printed in a foreign language so that the Evaluator can properly identify the piece. The English translation of the Title and Composer can be notated by the teacher on the score or attached on a separate sheet of paper to the score. Students will be ineligible for Branch Honors or Convention if a translation is not provided.

Please let me know if you may have any questions. For concerns regarding CM Strings or Voice, please contact the respective CM coordinators: Marjorie Lin and Gina Vandellos.

I am truly happy and proud to work with such a dedicated and talented group of teachers! Wishing you all a successful CM season!

Branch Recitals

Irina Carrenca

Our next Branch Recital is coming up Saturday, February 20th at 3:30pm at the Wind Room in the Foster City Community Center. Registration is now open. Please follow the guidelines and register ASAP.

Please note the Recital Fee increase to \$20 p/student.

Application Form: Complete the [Recital Application Form](#). Be sure you're as detailed as possible. Include the key and Op. #, if available. Please use the composer's full name. All entries will be printed exactly as submitted. At the end of the Recital Application Form, click on "continue" and the form will automatically be emailed to the recital chair and you will be sent to our PayPal account to finish the payment process. Before submitting the application, you must use the drop down menu to put in the number of students you have entered and the amount will be totaled automatically. Please specify which recital you are registering, in the "NOTES" box, since there are two recitals on the same day.

Number of students: Limited to a maximum of 4 students per teacher.

Performance time: The combined performance time for the registered students for each teacher is a total of 15 minutes or less. All pieces must be memorized.

Dress: Students should dress in **appropriate concert attire** for the performance. If you are not sure about what is appropriate, check with Irina Carrenca, the program chair.

Membership Secretary

Gina Vandellos

A nominating committee is currently being formed to find members to fill board positions for the next term.

If you would like to get involved please contact Gina Vandellos at mtacsmembership@gmail.com or call me at 650-868-3285. I would be very happy to answer any of your questions regarding this matter.

Recital Hall Director

Natalie Griffin

As we prepare for the spring recitals, I would like to remind all MTAC San Mateo branch members that they may not reserve the Wind Room for non-members. We are grateful to have a partnership with the Foster City Community Center that exclusively houses our pianos and gives us priority access to the room. Because our branch fees support the tuning, maintenance, repairs, replacement and insurance of the pianos we limit access to our branch members. It is a privilege to use these and they are not open to the general public. Therefore, you may not rent the hall on behalf of non-members under any circumstance. If a teacher violates this agreement the penalty, as stated in the contract, includes a fine and possible ban from using the Wind Room in the future.

I'm happy to continue to volunteer as the recital hall director and I hope that we all have a wonderful recital season. Please let me know if I may be of assistance to you regarding renting the Wind Room.

Community Outreach Program

Deanna Du Bois

The next community outreach recital is Saturday, February 20 at the San Carlos Elms Assisted Living, 3-4pm. Most of the program is full, however, there may be room for 1-2 more students. I look forward to hearing your pupils perform!

Corresponding Secretary

Deanna Du Bois

Other branch news:

"Music for the grownups"

Would you like to attend an informal music/social gathering for branch teachers? Whether you are working on a piece or excerpt, preparing for a performance, or would like to share a teaching piece, all instruments are welcome. If you just want to come and listen and socialize with other teachers you are also welcome to attend.

Please note this is for teachers only, not students. If you'd like to participate, contact Natalie Griffin, nfmgriffin@gmail.com. The next gathering will be Tuesday, March 15th at

10:30am in Burlingame. Space is limited to the first 10 responses. Thanks in advance for your participation!

From Natalie Griffin, Recital Hall Director

