

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

Kevin Imbimbo

Dear Members,

As slow as it seemed to arrive, that's how fast the summer has flown by. I had a great time at our annual convention, and although the concerts, lectures and seminars were all wonderful, it was some of the social time with fellow delegates, branch board members and even the state board members that I found informative and inspirational.

I met with the president of the San Francisco Branch, and we found that we have many of the same concerns and goals. We need you to participate more as members and to be active in the concerts and programs that we offer. We are planning to collaborate with the San Francisco Branch on a program, concert or master class some time this coming year. We hope that this collaboration will spark more participation.

As far as the student performances, they continue to improve year after year. The solo and concerto competitions must have been hard to adjudicate – all performed like first place winners. The YAG recital also has given us a new group of up and coming performers. Our branch is planning to sponsor a YAG performer in a recital some time this year.

There are also new online procedures for CM registration. Marcela has sent us a email with information, and there will be an information meeting on Sunday September 25th to go over these new procedures.

Last of all, I would like to invite you to our first event of the year – a meeting with our new board and a presentation by one of our members – Simone Bley. I hope that we have many of you join us, especially the new members. This is a great way to kick off the new year and get a chance to ask questions of your board directly. The meeting will be Friday, September 2nd at 10:00 am.

Well, here we go! Another great year of programs and concerts is about to start. Please take advantage of all that our branch has to offer. Check our website on a regular basis for information – mtacsanmateo.org and check your email and Facebook for more information, as well as the newsletters.

Welcome back and here's to a great year of teaching, inspiring our students and having fun making music!

Branch Programs

Irina Behrendt - Vice President

Dear Teachers

I am excited to welcome you to another year with our branch!

Our annual general branch meeting is taking place on September 2nd, 10am-12pm at the Oak room of the San Mateo Main Library (55 West 3rd Avenue, San Mateo).

Just think: a fun branch meeting followed by a long weekend - what could be a better way to start our teaching year?

Please, RSVP by clicking on the link and filling the form at your earliest convenience!
<https://goo.gl/forms/FjmjHvuIOYqmDrKD2>

This year's September meeting is going to have a guest speaker, our own Simone Bley, founder and director of the Myriad Music School. Her presentation is titled "How You Can Create Your Ideal Music Families". I find Simone very inspiring and highly recommend that you come and hear her ideas!

Just to give you a heads up, Chamber Music Master Class with Victoria Ehrlich is planned for Sunday, November 13th, so you may start thinking of putting groups together. I hope to see some familiar faces, but also some new ones! Duets with piano are welcome to apply (just not the piano duets).

I would also like to share that this year marks a new and exciting collaboration of MTAC San Mateo with the Foster City Library and Foster City Parks and Recreation Department. These two organizations have agreed to co-sponsor our Concerts for Children and YAG recitals, as they recognize the need for our effort to bring more music into the community. Stay tuned for future announcements.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on September 2nd!

Irina Behrendt, Vice President.

Certificate of Merit

Marcella Toma

Dear CM Teachers:

I hope your summer was restful and fun, and you are ready for a new year of Certificate of Merit!

Quick Update:

1. You have received an email from the MTAC State Office announcing the online system being open on Monday, August 22 for teachers to start "migration" of their students. Please watch for this message, read and follow the instructions. You will be prompted to change your password. Make sure you save and keep this password for future use.
2. The accompanist fee will be raised to \$25.00 per student.

CM 2017, Evaluation Dates:

PIANO - March 18 - 19

STRINGS - March 25 - 26

VOICE - March 26

WINDS - TBA

BRANCH HONORS RECITAL (BHR) - April 2

Make sure your students and their families are aware that they need to reserve the entire weekend for their CM evaluation. The teachers will need to do the same. The branch does not accept any special requests for any reason.

Mandatory CM Training Session Sunday, September 25th, 2 P.M. at Allegro Music School.

Please bring your LAP-TOP at this meeting. If you absolutely cannot make it to the meeting, please contact a teacher friend, who may be able to pass on their notes and help you with the instructions for the NEW Registration system.

From the MTAC State Office: CM Policy/Procedure Changes and New Dates:

1. There is a new universal deadline of January 15 to enter repertoire, schedule requests, Convention and Branch Honors. Please read the "August 2016 CM Newsletter" for details.
2. CM Applications and initial enrollment (previously called Registration) are accepted from October 1 - October 31. Level, grade, instrument, Sr. Award, Panel, YAG must be entered by Oct. 31.
3. Parent payments must be made from November 1 - 10
No application changes can be made after payment is processed.
4. Send a copy of your Student list and Teacher work agreement to your Branch Chair postmarked by November 12.

5. Repertoire, Convention and Branch Honors applications may be entered starting October 1 until January 15. These are the final steps to complete Enrollment.

6. Student Schedule requests (Day 1,2 and A.M/P.M.,checking carpool for siblings and ensemble) must be entered from January 2 until the Deadline of January 15.

Please print out and keep records of important information from Branch and State Newsletters and ALL CM information. Create files and folders for future reference. Before asking a question, please refer to the Policies & Procedures on your Teacher's Page when you log-in at new.mtac.org Have a successful and fulfilling CM year and thank you for supporting this wonderful program!

Marcela

Branch Recitals

Jennifer Ho

Our next and first Branch Recital of this academic year will be held Sunday November 6th, 1:00-3:00pm in the Wind Room at the Foster City Community Center. There will be two more branch recitals in the spring. More information will follow.

Recital Hall Director

Natalie Griffin

Hour Long Time Slots Now Available for the Wind Room

Dear Teachers,

Now that the priority booking period has ended for Fall 2016 you may sign up for hour-long slots, or longer, in the Wind Room. That's right, you can sign up for a single hour in the Wind Room! The only stipulation is that you must sign up next to the existing teachers in order to make a consecutive booking. You'll also need to send in the contract and payment to the Recital Hall Director. Please visit our website under Recital Hall Rental and click on the SignUp link to begin your booking.

New Board Members

A warm welcome to the six new board members.

Joyce Morse, Recording Secretary

Here it is round three! This is the third time of recording minutes for our MT board. I have also served as president. You have probably guessed that I have been teaching and accompanying for several years! I love hearing six to eighty-two year old students make musical progress and grow in their confidence. Gardening, hiking and visiting four children and four grandchildren are also a priority for my husband and me. This board is vibrant and working hard for you. It is a privilege to serve with them!

Don Harper, Membership Secretary

"I joined MTAC in 2004 and have served on the board previously as treasurer. I teach piano in the San Mateo, Foster City, Burlingame and Hillsborough communities."

JungHae Kim, Treasurer

"I am a baroque music specialist who loves downhill skiing, eating sushi and playing with my dog. I have been privileged to teach through this chapter for many years and this is the first time I have served on the board. I am excited to work for you this coming year! www.junghaekim.com."

Jennifer Ho, Branch Recital Director

Jennifer teaches violin in Belmont and looks forward to organizing our branch recitals.

Elisabeth Fourtanier, Corresponding Secretary

“I teach piano in Redwood City and neighboring communities and it has been a privilege to be part of this wonderful branch since 2010. This is my first time on the board and I look forward to working for you.”

Olga Moudry, Community Outreach Program

“I teach voice in San Mateo and neighboring communities. I sometimes perform with local opera companies (I cut down my travel after my second daughter was born). I wanted to be in charge of the Community Outreach Program because I believe young performers learn something new and grow as musicians with every performance they do. I am really excited to bring them and the audience together.”
