



Music Teacher's Association of California

San Mateo County Branch

Newsletter

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President's Pen - Natalie Griffin, President

Dear Teachers,

I hope that your holiday season is off to a great start! There's a lot to look forward to in 2019 so please take a moment to read this brief newsletter.

I'd also like to welcome a new board member: Sandra Gu will be taking over the Recital Hall Director position. We look forward to her help in the coming year. Please welcome her and thank her for her volunteer spirit!

Finally, it has been a wonderful 6 months working with our current Board of Directors and I am grateful for their time, dedication, kindness, and sense of humor. It is only because of these teachers that we have so many wonderful programs. I look forward to seeing you all in January for our next teacher workshop!

Happy Holidays,

Natalie Griffin

Branch Programs - Millie Lee Siu, Vice President

Dear Teachers,

Please join us on Friday, January 25th, 2019, 10:00-12:00 at Lessons on B, 1527 South B Street, San Mateo, CA

Marilyn Lowe will present her new non-traditional piano method, Music Moves for Piano-An Audiation Based Approach to Piano Instruction, based on the music theory of Edwin E. Gordon. It is a sequential learning process that guides students to hear and perform music with understanding. The music learning process, similar to the language learning model is: 1) listen - 2) speak; perform; acquire a rhythm and tonal music vocabulary by singing, chanting, and moving – 3) think, improvise, audiate – 4) read- 5) write.

The morning will begin with coffee and snacks and a chance to visit.

Branch Recitals - Angeline Branson

Dear fellow teachers,

Our first Branch Recital of the year on November 4th was most definitely a hit, and I'd like to extend a warm thank you to all our dedicated and excellent teachers, and of course, to their students who shared their wonderful talents. This was a delightful and inspiring afternoon!

As to allow more performers to participate and yet keep recitals to an enjoyable length, I have decided to keep the formula of two back-to-back recitals.

Our next set will take place on Sunday, February 24th, 2:30-3:30 & 3:30-4:30 pm. So, mark your calendars! Registration will open one month prior to the event.

Looking forward to hearing your students again!

Angeline

Community Outreach Program – Olga Moudry

Dear Teachers,

We just had a fantastic concert at the San Carlos Elms. Thirteen students from eight studios participated. The program was diverse with singers, violinists and pianists. The residents and staff at the Elms are a wonderful and supportive audience and very much enjoyed our young performers.

Thank you for preparing your students. We look forward to more concerts at the Elms in the new year!

Membership - Irina Behrendt, Membership Secretary

Dear Teachers,

Hello and Happy Holiday Season to all! I am enjoying my quiet position as a Membership Secretary and am very impressed with everything Millie is doing as our new VP! Brava! I'd like to welcome two new members to our

branch: Mark Fish, violin, viola, composition, and Inhhwa Song, piano. Also, please read the note from Kevin below - remember to keep your information current!

Facebook:

One more reminder - our branch has a Facebook page where we occasionally share some photos, announce events and we welcome any interactions! Just search for facebook.com/mtacsanmateo/. Please visit and say hello, share your students' achievements, tell us about your upcoming concerts or whatever you may find relevant, and "like" the page!

Regards,
Irina Behrendt

Website – Kevin Imbimbo

Dear Teachers,

Do you have a change of address, phone or email? Please edit the changes in your teacher information at MTAC.org, and send them to Irina Behrendt, our Branch Membership Secretary at: mtacsmmembership@gmail.com and to Kevin Imbimbo, our Web Administrator at: kji@sanbrunocable.com so that we can keep our records and your teacher profile on our website up to date.

Announcements - Elisabeth Fourtanier, Recording Secretary

Dear Teachers,

We welcome announcements useful to membership such as pedagogical events, competitions, master-classes and concerts of our teachers. We will also take posts on personal instruments for sale. We cannot advertise for businesses or studios. Please keep your posts brief, with no photos.

Send your posts to mtacsmcorrespondence@gmail.com which may be reviewed by the board before including them in the newsletter.

Instruments for Sale

Piano for Sale: Yamaha U1 professional upright model. Original owner. 10 years old, excellent condition, regularly tuned. Black polish high gloss. Price: \$ 4,500
Contact: suepeng2000@yahoo.com or weiqun2@yahoo.com

Local Concerts

On **Friday and Saturday December 14th and 15th**, 8:00 pm, San Mateo Branch harpsichordist JungHae Kim will perform with the SF Symphony in Handel's Messiah. For tickets please see <https://www.sfsymphony.org/Buy-Tickets/2018-19/Handel-Messiah.aspx>

On **Sunday December 16th**, 4:00 pm (pre-concert lecture 3:30), 225 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo. Viva la Musica Choir & Orchestra conducted by Shulamit Hoffmann will perform CPE Bach's Magnificat. Tickets: \$30/20/10 (Adults/students/children). For more information visit <https://www.vivalamusica.org>.