



SAN MATEO  
COUNTY BRANCH

## December 2019 Newsletter

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Dear Teachers,

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a joyful time with family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you at the many branch events coming up in 2020.

Warm wishes,

Elisabeth Fourtanier  
Recording Secretary

### Branch Programs - Millie Lee Siu

Dear Teachers,

Please mark your calendars for the exciting events coming up in the New Year!

#### **1. January 10 from 10:00-12:00PM: Teacher Discussion** at Lessons on B

We had a lovely meeting in September and there are still some additional topics on the discussion list. Therefore, we will pick up where we left off on Friday, January 10, 2020. As the state program Certificate of Merit will be coming up in March, we could discuss CM topics and how to prepare students for success.

9:45-10:00 - coffee

10-11:30 - meeting

11:30-12:00 - Show your artistic talents by playing a new composition, showing an art drawing, reciting a poem, or displaying your photographs

Please use this link to sign up <http://teachersdiscussion.rsvpify.com/>

**2. February 8 at 7:00 PM: YAG Concert featuring pianist Leslie Jin from our very own San Mateo Branch!** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 149 Manzanita Ave San Carlos

Program:

Bach Prelude and Fugue

Beethoven Sonata No. 23 in F minor. Op. 57 Appassionata

Chopin Ballade No. 1 in G minor

Prokofiev Sonata No. 3 in A minor

**3. April 5 from 3:00-5:00 PM: Violin Masterclass with Lisa Lee** at Lessons on B  
Masterclass for intermediate-advanced students (signup information to follow at a later date)

[Lisa Lee](#) is an alumna of San Francisco Conservatory of Music Pre-College Division and maintains an international career as a performer and educator. She has been awarded top prizes in the Tadeusz Wronski International Solo Violin, Irving M. Klein International String, and the G. Zinetti Chamber Music International competitions, as well as first prizes from the International Sheffield Violin, Seventeen Magazine/General Motors National Concerto, and San Francisco Symphony Concerto competitions.

**4. April 26 from 3:00-4:30: Lecture with jazz pianist Yuko Maruyama** at Lessons on B

Lecture presentation: Learn to Play from Chord Charts

Learn jazz harmony on piano using chord charts to arrange, compose and improvise. Topics include chord voicing, analysis and various jazz improvisation exercises. This is a great lecture for teachers interested in learning about reading chord charts and teaching jazz improv to students. Read more about Yuko Maruyama here: <https://yukomaruyama.com/about/>

## Recital Hall - Sandra Gu

Great news! We have found a new home for our two branch pianos at Lessons on B, thanks to Cynthia Brown who offered us the space at her school. The pianos will be moved to their new location in early January, and teachers will be able to host student recitals at Lessons on B in the future. Stay tuned for more information on hourly rates and available dates in our January newsletter!

Sandra

## Branch Recitals - Angeline Branson

Hello colleagues,

I just want to give you an advanced notice so you can mark your calendars and plan ahead. Our next set of Branch Recitals will be **Sunday, February 9, 2020**, from 2:30-4:00, and 4:00-5:30 at Lessons on B. I will let you know when the sign-up form is open--usually a month prior to the event. Looking forward to another set of great recitals with all your dedicated students! Have a wonderful holiday season!

Angeline

## Community Outreach Recital - Olga Moudry

Dear teachers,

Please mark your calendars for our next community outreach recital on **Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 1:30PM** at the San Carlos Elms. Students of all ages and levels (and instruments) are welcome to participate. More information and a sign up sheet will be provided later.

Olga

## Announcements - Elisabeth Fourtanier, Recording Secretary

We welcome announcements useful to membership such as pedagogical events, competitions, master-classes and concerts of our teachers, and posts on personal instruments for sale. We cannot advertise for businesses or studios. Please keep your posts brief, with no photos. Announcements will go out monthly. Send your posts to [mtacsmcorrespondence@gmail.com](mailto:mtacsmcorrespondence@gmail.com) which may be reviewed by the board before including them in the newsletter.

**Concert for kids on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM** at 777 Miramontes St., Half Moon Bay - Musical Odyssey concert series for children and families featuring the [Friction Quartet](#), whose performances modernize the chamber music experience and expand the string quartet repertoire.

The program, “The Flow of Music”, will take the students on a journey through the water cycle using the music of Haydn, Debussy, Prokofiev, Britten, Max Stoffregen and Piers Hellawell. The music will demonstrate the different ways that water behaves as it transforms from clouds, to rain, to lakes, to rivers, to waterfalls, and eventually the ocean. The presentation will teach the children about the instruments in a string quartet, the bow, tempo, dynamics, texture, and hocket. Admission is free and donations are gladly accepted. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Pianos for Sale

Three pianos for sale. Best offer. All with benches.

Baldwin M, serial 89655, brown - at Lessons on B

Kimball fancy antique case, brown - at Lessons on B

Sherman Clay 6311, black, 5' 6" great condition - in private home in Hillsborough

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