

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 teaching semester is off to a great start! Each new season brings an opportunity to reflect on our common purpose and vision. As stated on our website we dedicate ourselves to:

- Promoting the development of musical potential and ability in our students
- Maintaining high professional standards of our members
- Maintaining exacting qualifications for membership in the organization
- Promoting the stability of the music teaching profession

Whether you are new to teaching or one of our veteran members I encourage you to reflect on your vital role in the musical community and how much your work contributes to the lives of others. Equally importantly, I encourage you to consider self-care and what you need in order to sustain this wonderful life-long profession. Afterall, only the first bullet point is about our students. The other three are designed to help you, the teacher, maintain excellence!

With that in mind I look forward to seeing you at our first event on September 14th. Please feel free to reach out if you have ideas about how we can, as a branch, move forward and reach our shared vision.

Sincerely,
Natalie Griffin
MTAC San Mateo Branch President

Branch Programs - Millie Lee Siu, Vice President

Our first event of the year will take place on Friday September 14th, 2018, 10:00-12:30 at Lessons on B, 1527 South B Street, San Mateo, CA 94402

The morning will begin with coffee and snacks and a chance to get to know one another. Then the renowned teacher, performer, clinician and lecturer, Dr. William Wellborn will give us a lecture - "Exploring the Lives and Music of Schubert and Brahms" . Dr. Wellborn will also play a couple of Schubert Impromptus, and will include some helpful teaching.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible at: <https://mtac.app.rsvpify.com/>
For biographical information on Dr. Wellborn, please visit his website: [William Wellborn](#)

Certificate of Merit - Benny Yu, CM Chair

Dear Teachers,

I hope you had a great summer. Here are the important dates for CM 2018-2019

CM Teacher Info Meeting

When: Sunday, September 9th from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Where: Oak Room, San Mateo Public Library, 55 West 3rd Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94402

Please also note that all teachers are blocked from online CM registration at the teacher's portal until they attend the Teacher Info Meeting.

CM Evaluation Dates and Honors Concerts

March 9th, for Violin, Viola, Cello

March 10th, for Violin, Viola, Voice

March 16th and 17th for Piano

March 31st, Honors Concerts

Our beloved Strings Coordinator, Marjorie Lin, active member since 1974, will be passing her baton to Eva, Yun-Chi, Cheng, active member since 2014. Please thank Marjorie for her dedication and hard work for the past 30+ years of services. We could not possibly have such a strong strings family without her commitment to our team. At the same time, we are thrilled to have Eva joining our team. Both Marjorie and Eva will be at the Teacher's meeting. Please help me thank Marjorie and welcome Eva in person!

All other positions will remain the same for CM 2018-2019. You can look for our contacts at your online teacher's portal, under the Resources tab. Our team will continue to serve all our fellow teachers. I hope it will be another great and enjoyable CM year ahead for everyone.

Thank you again for your support and participation at this great event year after year. All your support is greatly appreciated!

Branch Recitals - Angeline Branson, Branch Recital Chair

Our next Branch Recitals will be held on Sunday, November 4th at 4:45pm-5:30pm and 5:45pm-6:30pm, in the Wind Room of the Foster City Community Center. We encourage students of all instruments, levels, and ages to participate. You will find the Rules of Participation on our website at [Branch Recitals](#). I will send a reminder when the Application Form becomes active.

Looking forward to hearing your students.

Website - Kevin Imbimbo

Dear Teachers,

I hope you had a restful summer and are ready for the coming year. For those who are new members, I am the website administrator for our branch website and I want to make sure that you are taking advantage of this powerful tool.

Just a reminder: there is a state website www.mtac.org and our branch website www.mtacsanmateo.org. The state site is where you will register for CM and most of the interaction you will have for CM is through the state site.

I urge you to bookmark our branch site and go there on a regular basis. Some of the most important sections include the Events page, our current and previous Newsletters, the Branch Recital page, and the Recital Hall Rental page where you can review procedures for reserving your recital hall times at the Foster City Wind Room.

Our branch website also has a profile for each of our teachers under “Find a Teacher”. Besides being a directory of our members, it also serves as a means for potential students to find you. There is a search feature on your profile including: your name and contact information, what instruments you teach, your studio location, student ages you teach, if you travel to student homes, and if so, your travel range. To find your profile, visit the “About Us” tab at the top menu bar, click on [Member and Business Directory](#). Then, click on your name, and this will send you to your full profile. Please check your profile and let me know of any corrections or changes. If you have updates to your profile, or any questions for me, please email me at kji@sanbrunocable.com

Announcements - Elisabeth Fourtanier, Recording Secretary

Dear Teachers,

This year instead of posting announcements as they come, we will compile and send them in a monthly newsletter. As always, we welcome announcements useful to the membership such as competitions, local concerts, and job openings. We will also take posts on personal instruments for sale. Please keep your posts brief, with no photos. We cannot advertise for businesses or studios. You may send me your posts at mtacsmcorrespondence@gmail.com which may be reviewed by the board before including them in the newsletter.

You will still continue to receive individual emails regarding CM, branch events, recital hall reservation notices, and branch recitals. But, in order to save your inbox from multiple emails, all other announcements will arrive in a monthly newsletter format.

Local Job Openings

- Community United Methodist Church in Half Moon Bay is seeking a choir director/director of music ministries. For details check out the church website:
- <http://cumc-hmb.org/cumcWeb/employment-opportunities/>

Local Concerts

- On Sunday, September 16th at 1:30pm, 777 Miramontes St., Half Moon Bay, Musical Odyssey will present [Viviana Guzman](#): Flutes of the World. This is part of an interactive concert series for kids and families. Admission is free, suggested donation: \$20. For more details visit our Facebook page [@MusicalOdysseyCoastside](#) or contact Irina Behrendt at Odyssey.hmb@gmail.com
- On September 22nd, 8:00pm at Canada College, Redwood Symphony will perform Bates, Britten and Brahms. For more information visit [Redwood Symphony](#). Tickets \$35/30 (adults). Discounts for students and seniors. Kids under 18 are free with a ticketed senior or adult
- On Sunday, October 14th at 7:00pm the Alexander String Quartet will perform at Music at Kohl Mansion, 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, CA. There will be a free masterclass at 5:00pm and a free pre-concert lecture at 6:00pm before the performance. Tickets for the actual performance are \$20/\$47/\$50 for GenX/Senior/Adults. For more information visit [Music at Kohl Mansion](#)
- On Sunday, October 21st at 2:00pm, at 777 Miramontes St., Half Moon Bay, Musical Odyssey will present their Halloween Concert with performers Emanuela Nikiforova, violin, Elaine Kreston, cello, and Irina Behrendt, piano. Admission is free, suggested donation: \$20. For more details visit our Facebook page [@MusicalOdysseyCoastside](#) or contact Irina Behrendt at Odyssey.hmb@gmail.com
- On Sunday October 28th, 3:00pm at Canada College: Redwood Symphony Family Halloween Concert. The concert lasts about two hours: one hour for the Tour of the Orchestra, and one for the concert. Children will meet the musicians, learn about the instruments, and can enter a raffle to conduct the orchestra! Visit [Redwood Symphony Halloween](#) for more details. Tickets: \$35/30 (adults, senior, student), \$15 (children)

