



MTAC San Mateo County Branch
Newsletter
February 2012

President's Pen

This coming summer, my second term as your president will be at an end. Several other board members will also be retiring their current board positions.

Know what that means?

It means you may get a request to serve on the board! Our Branch is able to exist because we have a vital Board of Directors. If we don't have a Board, we don't have a Branch. Board terms are for two years. It is a pleasure to meet monthly with like-minded folks who are all involved in this great business of music teaching. And it is a privilege to volunteer time and creativity to serve our members and their students.

Please consider carefully if you are asked to serve.

I encourage you to go to MTAC State website, MTAC.org, and read the MTAC Newsletter. It is impractical to share all that information in this Branch newsletter. There are many rich resources and programs available to us - it would be wonderful if we were more connected to them!

Patricia McNutt

Joy Han Wins Composition Award!

Our own Joy Han, member of MTAC San Mateo Branch, was recently announced as the winner of the International Music Prize for Excellence in Composition 2011. Her piano composition, Baroque Dance in B Minor, was one of several winning compositions chosen from over 200 entries from around the world.

Joy's winning piece is included in her new early intermediate level piano book, Piano Album No. 1. The book is available in both PDF format and hard copy. The sheet music and accompanying CD are published by Alberti Publishing and are available by phone order or from the Alberti web site at albertipublishing.com.

Congratulations, Joy!!

Next Branch Recital – March 4, 2012

Deadline for applications for the next recital is February 18. Applications are on the website, mtacsanmateo.org. Thanks to Sumi Nagasawa for putting together wonderful recitals with varied instruments, and all levels of students. Thank you to teachers who are giving their students this opportunity.

Member Programs

Look for announcement of a lecture/performance program by Dan Glover in the near future. We will announce the date as soon as we can. Our last program with Diane Hidy was a big hit.

Our annual luncheon/business meeting date has been confirmed. Put this date on your calendar to meet together again at Van's in Belmont: Friday, May 18.

Convention News

Plan to attend the MTAC Convention June 29 – July 3 at the beautiful Town and Country Hotel in San Diego. You will be emailed an invitation through CVENT in late February/early March. If you prefer to register by mail or fax, you can also find the registration form on page 31 in the Winter 2012 California Music Teacher magazine. Early-bird registration savings will be available through May 15. We have been able to negotiate a lower room rate for our convention attendees. The Garden Bungalow rooms will be \$119 and the tower rooms will be \$129. The parking fee for hotel guests will also be lowered to \$7 a day.

Free convention Registration

We can choose one Branch member who has never attended a convention before to receive a free convention registration. Please let President Pat McNutt know if you qualify and would like to take advantage of this opportunity!

New Member Discount

If you are a new member of our branch, and were approved after August 1, 2011, you will receive \$40 off of the full convention registration rate. This is a great opportunity for new members to meet and network with members throughout the state. You must register on or before June 15, 2012.

Convention Attendance Policy

Every teacher needs to register for the convention if he/she attends any part of the convention, for example: Teacher's Performance, CM student recital, evaluator training, or Branch treasurer/membership meeting, etc.

If a teacher attends any part of the convention without registering for convention, his/her students will be ineligible to participate in convention for the following two years.

Celebrating San Diego MTAC's 100th Birthday Composition Contest

Who: Open to young composers 21 years old and under, including Young Composers Guild. (Must be students of a current MTAC member) Compositions must be original unpublished works.

What: Compositions "Celebrating San Diego MTAC's 100th", which could include Spanish flavor, pictorial elements of ocean, surf, and all things San Diegan. Instrumentation: Solo instrument or voice to a small chamber or choral ensemble

Awards: the 1st (\$1,000) and 2nd prize (\$500) winners. Winners will be required to perform at the 2012 MTAC Convention in San Diego

When: Deadline for composition submission-March 30th 2012 Length of Composition: 5-7 mins.

Contest Information forms will be available on the MTAC State Website

Where to submit compositions- San Diego MTAC Composer's Today Branch Chairperson Kathy Shoemaker 407 Pebblestone Place Santee CA 92071 (619) 562-8867 promusikat@yahoo.com

Help us Celebrate 100 years of musical excellence in San Diego with new music!

MTAC San Mateo County branch Board Elections

The nine members of the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Branch of MTAC are elected to serve two-year terms. They may serve more than one two-year term. Every even-numbered year the Board appoints a Nominating Committee of at least three Active Members of the Branch who are not serving on the Board. This committee selects candidates for the positions that need to be filled. Members of the 2012 Nominating Committee are Irina Carrenca, Kathleen Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Lora Konnaya, and Janice Sheng.

In April, the slate of candidates for the Board positions will be published in the Newsletter and ballots sent to all Branch members. Voting for the slate of candidates will be ratified at the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon in May.

Welcome new members of San Mateo County branch!

Jean Hsia is a returning member. She teaches piano and resides in Foster City.

Miriam Ilana Miller teaches composition and resides in San Francisco.

Welcome to our branch!

Vera Shamis

Robert Schwartz, pianist - Master Class 2/12

Robert Schwartz is giving a master class on Sunday, February 12, 5:00-7:30pm at Sherman Clay Pianos, 647 Mission Street, SF 94105 (around the corner from MOMA). Many of you have heard me perform; here is an opportunity to see me in action as a teacher. I'll be working with five advanced piano students from the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC).

Admission is \$15 for the general public, \$5 for students and seniors. Admission is free for

members of MTAC. All proceeds benefit the San Francisco Branch of MTAC which offers educational and performing opportunities to young music students.

CM Evaluations dates 2012:

Voice - February 25 (Allegro Music School)

Strings - March 10-11 (Allegro Music)

Piano - March 17-18 (Allegro, Foster City Library, and teachers studios)

The website for entering the repertoire opens **January 2nd, 2012**. The **Deadline is Sunday, February 26, 2012 at Midnight**.

March 9th (3/9) is the Deadline for Changes to Path B or Dropping from CM Evaluation.

No additional changes can be made to the schedule after Friday, March 9th.

Please let Marcela know as soon as you made a decision in this regard!!

E-mail: Tom Hansen: hansenpiano@gmail.com or me at: singers38@yahoo.com

The Piano Evaluations will NOT be held at Notre Dame University this year!

For over 20 years, our Branch, MTAC San Mateo County, has been able to use the Music Department at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont. Their music buildings will be vacated soon for earthquake retrofitting. Because this facility is unavailable to us this year, we are looking for additional sites at which to hold our evaluations. We will use most of the rooms at Allegro Music School, Foster City Library and other sites TBA. (Pianos will be tuned prior to the CM).

Fortunately, we may be able to use Notre Dame University, Cuvilly building, for our CM students' theory testing.

Many thanks and please watch for further informational emails.

Marcela Toma

Do you have a change of address, phone or email? Please edit the changes in your teacher information at MTAC.org, and send them also to Vera Shamis, Branch Membership Secretary: verashamis@hotmail.com, 650 578-9040.