

San Mateo County Branch

Newsletter September 2012

Something new, someone new! My name is Florida (Florie) Ventura, welcoming everyone to another pleasant journey, as fellow Music Educators and Music lovers. I am honored to serve as your corresponding secretary for the new school year 2012-2013. One of the functions of my job is to keep you abreast of important news which may affect the branch membership as a whole. So that you don't miss any of them, please make sure your contact information is updated on our website. I will electronically distribute our Branch Newsletter during the months of September, November, January, March, and May. I also encourage everyone to regularly visit our website at www.mtacsanmateo.org, in addition to visiting our state website. Stay tuned, and have a great year! Thank You.

Florida (Florie) Ventura - Corresponding Secretary

President's Pen

I'd like to thank past and present leadership members who invest their time, energy, and talent in maintaining our branch, and shaping our branch into a supportive, and purposeful community. I feel very honored to take on a leadership position at the MTAC San Mateo County Branch.

Our new team of leadership members has already started working assiduously to implement some exciting new ideas and programs.

- Pat McNutt (Vice President) is planning programs for branch members. Our first program is on September 28th. We hope to see you there!
- Kevin Imbimbo (Web Administrator) has been making great improvements on our website. Please visit www.mtacsanmateo.org regularly.
- Brian Landes (Treasurer) and Kevin Imbimbo (Web Admin) have been working together to add PayPal Service on our branch website.
- Yvonne Ho-Massey (Halloween Festival Chair) is planning an exciting branch festival for us.

- Chen Chen Hsu (Branch Recital Director) has some new ideas for branch recitals, including increasing the number of students each teacher can register at these recitals.

We are planning to start a **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** and an **OUTREACH PROGRAM**. We will also have two **BRANCH FESTIVALS** per academic year during the next two years: (2013) The Halloween Festival, Festival of Spanish and Latin American Music; (2014) Festival of Contemporary Music and Festival of Ensemble Music.

I wish to thank Marcela Toma (CM Director) for her continued service at our branch. Our leadership members that are critical to the success of our CM program include: Pat McNutt, Tom Hansen, Marjorie Lin (CM Strings Chair), Kathleen Johnson, and Gina Vandellos (CM Voice Chair).

Lastly, I want to thank Florie Ventura (Corresponding Secretary) for administering our Branch Newsletters. If you'd like to share information about upcoming concerts, competitions, pedagogic workshops, teaching opportunities, etc., please send your materials to the Corresponding Secretary at mtacsmcorrespondence@gmail.com

Please take note that three of our Board members now use MTAC business emails:

- Corresponding Secretary: mtacsmcorrespondence@gmail.com
- Membership Secretary: mtacsmmembership@gmail.com
- Branch Recital Director: mtacsmbranchrecital@gmail.com

Please take a moment and save these email addresses into your Contact list, and periodically check your junk mail folder to see if any messages have been redirected as spam. On most email programs, you can select the messages and redirect them to your Inbox. If you need further assistance with this item, please feel free to contact me at jsheng.piano@gmail.com or Kevin at kji@sanbrunocable.com

Janice Sheng, President

Branch Program "COME TOGETHER, TEACHERS!!"

On Friday, September 28, MTAC San Mateo County members will meet to greet, discuss, listen, support, and learn!

- ***Date: September 28, 2012***
- ***Time: 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.***
- ***Place: San Mateo Main Library - Oak Room 55 W. Third Ave. San Mateo, CA.***

This will be our annual Roundtable Discussion, updated!!

Please consider before the meeting what some of your teaching issues/problems/concerns are. What would you like some fresh ideas about?

In September, I started teaching after a summer break, and at the end of some days, I came up with some problems that I would like new solutions for. It was easier to do after the break because I didn't feel that tired, burdened feeling that comes as the year progresses.

Please think now about concrete issues you would like to discuss. Wait!! Don't let them go, jot them down, and send them to me, NOW! This way, we can organize your submissions before the meeting and make our discussions more efficient, and longer.

Come at 10:30 AM for food and fellowship. Greet old friends, and meet the new members of our branch.

Pat McNutt, Vice President

Membership "Welcome our new members!"

- Thomas Min Yee teaches Violin and Viola
- Sarah Matthews teaches Voice
- Angela Kraft Cross teaches Organ and Piano
- Hsueh-Ching (Mia) Chien teaches Piano, Voice, and also accompanies
- Matthew Fish teaches Guitar
- Benny Yu teaches Piano
- Stepan Rudenko teaches Piano

Gina Vandellos, Membership Secretary

Certificate of Merit "CM 2013 Registration Opens"

September 15th is upon us and the CM Registration is open. Please remember the deadline for registration is November 15th, 11:59 PM.

A great amount of time on the CM Councils and my part is spent creating informational messages and updates for a successful CM registration and evaluations of your students. Please print and save all the emails sent to you, create files as they contain the CM dates 2013 for the San Mateo branch, and other important dates and deadlines.

Please read the Syllabus for your instrument and everything emailed to you, including the "Tip of the Week" from CM Council.

Open/read the Teacher Educational Slide Show (Power Point) by logging-in at mtac.org --> Teacher Home Page --> CM resources --> Documents.

Thanks to the dedication of our Web Administrator Kevin Imbimbo, you will now find the current [CM Newsletter](#) from CM Council and the [CM Informational Letter](#) for our Branch. You will also find these links on the CM page of the website.

Please feel free to contact me. I will be more than happy to answer your questions to the best of my knowledge.

Best regards and stay in touch.

Marcela Toma, CM Director

Branch Recital "Updates for Branch Recitals"

My name is Chen Chen. I am the Branch Recital Director for the next two academic years. I hope everyone of you had a great summer. As most schools have already started, it is time to get ready for our exciting new academic year.

Here are the details for the Branch Recitals:

- The date and time of the first Branch Recital: **November 10th**, starting at **2:30 PM**
- Each teacher can enroll up to 4 students, and the total amount of time allotted per teacher is 15 minutes or less.
- The Branch Recital Fee: \$15.00 per student.

- The deadline of entry submission for the *November 10th* recital is *October 27th*. All entry submissions will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.
- Location: *Foster City Community Center (Wind Room), 1000 East Hillsdale Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404*
- How to pay and submit the application for the Branch Recital: Go to www.mtacsanmateo.org, select "Branch Recital". You will be able to submit your application form electronically via our branch website. Once the application is sent, you will automatically be sent to our PayPal account to finish the payment process.

Please feel free to contact me at mtacsbranchrecital@gmail.com for further inquiries. Thank You

Chen Chen Hsu, Branch Recital Director

Recital Hall "Recital Hall Reservations"

The rental hall is now accepting reservations for the months of February - June 2013. To reserve a time slot for your studio recital at the Wind Room, please visit the branch website for the latest available dates: <http://www.mtacsanmateo.org/recital-hall/recital-hall-reservation-calendar.html>

Deadline to reserve, cancel, or change your reservation is Saturday, September 29th. Peak Season bookings made before September 29th (May-June 2013) are limited to a maximum of 3 hours except for joint teacher recitals. After Oct 2nd, members may reserve additional hours for the months of May-June 2013.

If you have any questions, please email me at yhpiano@gmail.com or call me at 650 570-6951

Yvonne Ho Massey, Recital Hall Director

Halloween Festival (Please see Flyer emailed separately)

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and haunting music, followed by a costume contest on Sunday, October 21st, 2012, starting at 5:15PM. Event will be held at Foster City Community Center, 1000 E. Hillsdale Blvd., Foster City, CA 94044. Students and teachers are encouraged to perform.

Student Participation Fee: \$15.00

Application & Fee Submission: <http://www.mtacsanmateo.org/branch-festivals/festival-application.html>

Contact: Yvonne Ho-Massey, Festival Chair for more information.

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