

# MTAC San Mateo County Branch Newsletter

November – December 2010

## PRESIDENT'S PEN

I hope your teaching year is going well, and giving you some rewards. We were rewarded at the October General Meeting with great information and demonstration by Dr. Wellborn – thanks to Vija Norkvesta for putting together a great program. We had a large turnout of members, enjoying food and fellowship as well as new teaching ideas.

Our next event will be a Branch Student Recital on Saturday, December 4. See the article below. We already have several applications for voice, string and piano students for that day!

I regret to tell you that we have had two resignations on our Board of Directors. We are grateful to Renee Chevalier, who has served more than two years as Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Thank you, Renee! Our Branch Recital Director, Denise Chevalier, has brought us exciting recital events for two years, and has also resigned. Our heartfelt thanks for all your work.

We welcome **Sumi Nagasawa** as Branch Recital Chair. Sumi has three recitals planned for this year. We also welcome **Cynthia Brown** to the Board as Corresponding Secretary. Cynthia will be sending email notices to you about important events and opportunities. She will create and mail our Newsletter also. Thank you to both Sumi and Cynthia for stepping up and saying “YES”!

*Pat McNutt, President*

## BRANCH STUDENT RECITAL

Saturday, December 4, 2:00 p.m., marks the date of our first Branch Student Recital of the year. It will be held at the Redwood Shores Library, 399 Marine Pkwy., Redwood City. Whether you have students playing or not, you are welcome to attend the recital to hear students play, and to hear the new Yamaha G5 piano in the hall at the library. If you have applied for students to play, remember to mail your \$12 fee/student to Sumi Nagasawa.

The next recital date is Sunday, February 27 – mark your calendars, and plan ahead!

## RECITAL HALL NEWS

The following dates are still **available** for December recitals at the Wind Room in Foster City:

December 4<sup>th</sup>: 12-3 pm  
December 5<sup>th</sup>: 7-9 pm  
December 11<sup>th</sup>: 6-9 pm

Please reserve your time slot with me by **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may visit our website for the most current times: <http://www.mtacsanmateo.org/recital-hall/recital-hall-reservation-calendar.html>.

Recital hall reservation and calendar for **January – June 2011** will be available on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

For Active Members: Reservations open Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

For Contributory Members: Reservations open Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### **SURVEY COMING – IMPORTANT**

For many years, MTAC San Mateo has offered its members the use of a wonderful recital hall in Foster City with two Yamaha pianos. This year Foster City increased the cost of the hall substantially. In response to this situation, a newly-formed Recital Hall Committee is trying to figure out how to proceed. The Committee members are Li-Ying Wu, Gina Vandellos, Mary Decker, Cynthia Brown, and Yvonne Ho. In order to help guide their discussion and planning, a questionnaire will be emailed or mailed to all of our members this week. We kindly request that MTAC San Mateo members look out for the questionnaire and take some time to complete the questionnaire. Your response is greatly valued and will guide the committee on how to proceed. **Deadline to submit your questionnaire: NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>!** Thank you for your attention!

### **CM NEWS**

It's hard to believe that we have less than two weeks left to register students for CM. Please remember that there are no late registrations accepted.

**November 15**      11:59 p.m. Database closed for Registration for all Branches. No late registration, as the database closes.

**November 16**      Fees, one teacher/one check and Work Contract signed, must Be sent to the Branch CM Director no later than November 16:

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**January 2**      Database open for entering evaluation information and Repertoire online.

### **Missed the Wellborn lecture/Demonstration? – DVD's available**

Contact Kevin Imbimbo, Website Administrator, if you wish to have a DVD of the lecture by Dr. Wellborn, that took place on October 15. Kevin will send it to you. [kji@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:kji@sanbrunocable.com).

### **Almalin Trio Performance December 4, 2010**

Members Marjorie Lin, violin, Kathleen Johnson, cello, and Renee Chevalier, piano, make up the Almalin Trio, and they will be performing Saturday, December 4, 2010, 6:30 p.m. in the

Wind Room, Foster City Community Center. Brahms and Schubert will be presented. If you missed their last concert, you do not want to miss this one!

### **Teachers Brainstorming Session**

In January we will again hold a meeting to discuss problems and challenges in teaching music in an independent studio. Last year this program was well attended and enjoyed. The date is **Friday, January 28, 2011, 10:00 a.m.** Mark your calendar and begin jotting down questions and problems to bring up.

### **Convention 2011 News**

Plan now for the MTAC 2011 Convention “**The Magic of Music**”, at the Oakland Marriott and City Center, July 1 – 5, 2011. Convention planners are looking for teachers in our area to participate in the Teacher Coaching Session at convention. Scott McBride Smith and one of his colleagues will be gently coaching a teacher on stage in the teaching of his or her student. They are looking for “everyday” teachers – one of us – teaching at any level. If you would consider this, contact Lee Galloway, Convention Program Chair, by email at [Lee@LeeGalloway.com](mailto:Lee@LeeGalloway.com).

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