



## ORANGE COAST CITIES NEWSLETTER MAY 2007

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### CALENDAR

May 4	DEADLINE for Senior Recital Application
May 6	Sunday Saddleback College Contemporary Music Festival
May 9	Wednesday 10:00 AM Laguna Hills Community Center Branch Meeting
May 12	Saturday 1:30 PM Mission Viejo Civic Center Composers Today Branch Composition Recital
May 18	Friday 7:00 PM Laguna Hills Community Center Senior Recital
June 15	DEADLINE for Membership Renewal Form Send to Angela Leu, 27 Coca, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610
June 29-July 3	STATE CONVENTION IN SANTA CLARA

## APRIL PROGRAM

Nancy Pirozzi  
"Yoga for Musicians"

Nancy will discuss special challenges that musicians face: physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual, and how Yoga can help. Then she will lead a short Gentle Yoga class for those who wish to participate. Her style is "slow flow" with emphasis on coordination of breath and movement, mindfulness and relaxation to achieve inner peace and harmony. Her teaching is tailored to the group or individual student, just as in piano lessons. In this case she will ask members to share their own aches, pains and worries, and will conduct the class accordingly. \*Bring a large towel or mat and dress comfortably if you wish release, relax and rejuvenate!

Nancy Pirozzi has been practicing Yoga since 1975 and became a certified instructor from the Pacific West Institute of Yoga and Tai Chi under Vince McCollough in 1995. She teaches group and private classes and Yoga/performance workshops for her piano students.

While attending SBCC, Nancy studied piano with Nakyong Chai, who encouraged her to become a serious pianist and teacher. In 1985 she joined MTAC OCC branch as a student member and established her private piano studio in Mission Viejo. After she received her BM from UCI, under Nina Scolnik in 1992, she became an active member and served on the MTAC board from 1993-2003.

Nancy believes that Yoga, Tai Chi and the Arts, specifically music, contribute to individual health and well being, and is proud to be helping people heal themselves and others. For her, Yoga and music is a perfect union.



After we've joined Nancy in an active morning I know we will have worked up an appetite.

**Please remember to bring your favorite dish from home.**

Hopefully, it's something Mom taught you to make.

I want to encourage you to make this an International Cuisine Event. It would be wonderful to have the recipes printed out and set next to your dishes, so we can all share these with our friends and families.

Suggested food assignments by last names:

A through M please bring Salads/Veggies/ Pickles/ Olives etc. of all kinds.

N through P please bring Breads/ Chips/ Spinach dip in Sourdough etc.

Q through Z please bring the all important DESSERTS!!!

Be Original! Have Fun!!

Hospitality please bring plates, utensils, paper goods etc. Also, we can dispense with the pre-meeting refreshments, so save the drinks etc for after the meeting.

## NILOU'S NOTES:

### **President's Message:**

I want to thank Judy Jenkins for conducting the April meeting in my absence. I hear that it was a very good meeting and Robert Watson did a wonderful job talking about contemporary music with the new CM requirements.

May 9<sup>th</sup> is our last meeting of 2006-2007 and one of the very busy months for the teachers and their students. What a great time to do some Yoga with Nancy Pirozzi and to learn to relax and de-stress ourselves. We are once again very lucky to have a member of our branch, Ms. Pirozzi, present a program at our meeting.

**Please send your membership registration form (see last page of newsletter) to Angela Leu** and don't forget to register early for the Convention which is at Hyatt & Convention Center in Santa Clara. We will have our installation of new board members also at this meeting, so please try to attend.

Hope to see you,  
Nilou

## CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

**DATE: SUNDAY, May 6, 2007 at Saddleback College**

Chairperson: Eiki Worcester, (949) 859-4185

Co-chairs: Nilou Sarraf (949) 858-4275, Lillian Cunningham, and Winnie Olson

Voice Chair: Susan Wong, (949) 643-1168

Students will receive awards of medals, ribbons, and certificates based entirely on adjudicators' decisions. Students are separated into the following age categories: ages 11 and under, ages 12-14, ages 15-19, and adult. The top 25% of students in each age category receive 1<sup>st</sup> Place Medals, the next 25% of students in each category receive 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Blue Ribbons, the next 25% of students receive Honorable Mention Red Ribbons, and the next 25% receive a Yellow Participation Ribbon.

Grounds for festival disqualification include failure to bring music for the judges, bringing photocopied music, performance of a piece other than the piece entered, and incomplete or inaccurate entry applications.

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Teachers are expected to work at the festivals in which they have entered students; failure to do so may result in a monetary fine or other penalties.

On the Festival day, make sure that each student knows the rules for recital etiquette, dresses appropriately, and brings a copy of the music (NO PHOTOCOPIES) for the adjudicators. Following each festival, certificates and evaluation sheets will be mailed to the teachers. Medals and ribbons may be picked up at the branch general meeting or from the chairperson or may be mailed if sufficient postage is included.

## SENIOR RECITAL

Dear members,

I haven't heard from many of you with the bios on your senior students. We want to have a lovely printed program for them. This is an important day for all of them. The deadline for this info is not listed in your year book, but was in the last newsletter.

**That deadline is May 4.**

I would like to have as many bios as possible SOONER rather than LATER. Please send them by email only to: [nzbmom@ca.rr.com](mailto:nzbmom@ca.rr.com).

The Senior Recital will be held on Friday, May 18, at 7:00 PM at the Laguna Hills Community Center. All high school seniors are invited to perform. The student does not have to have participated in CM to qualify. Each student may play one composition or two short ones; time limit is five minutes. Parents and friends are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Appropriate dress is recital attire. Awards being presented at the Senior Recital will include Senior Medals, Scholarship(s) for seniors planning to major in music in college (contact Penny Foster), \$50.00 Branch Senior Scholarships and certificates of participation.

Thanks,  
Your co-chair - Sue Denton

## BRANCH SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

The application for our Branch Senior Scholarship of \$50.00 is available on our website at <http://www.mtacocc.org>. Seniors who earn the CM Senior Medal, receive a 5 or 5+ rating for Branch Honors, and perform in either the Branch Honors Recital OR the Senior Recital are eligible. Send completed form to Nancy Pirozzi at [NPpiano@yahoo.com](mailto:NPpiano@yahoo.com) or 26535 La Quilla Lane, Mission Viejo, CA 92692. Be sure to send this application in advance if you know your student will be performing at the Senior Recital in order to have the award presented that evening.

## COMPOSERS TODAY

Branch Composition Recital is May 12th, at 1:30 pm.  
The recital is open to everyone.

## TEACHERS WITH OPENINGS IN THEIR STUDIOS

As one of the referral people for our branch, I receive calls and e-mails with requests for teacher's names. I often provide them with the names of teachers that have signed the "Teachers with Openings" list at our meetings. If you would like more students and haven't yet signed that list, please call or e-mail me and I will add your name. There are often requests for teachers that are willing to go to students' homes to teach also. You can let me know if you are willing to travel to teach.

Thank you, Nancy Lau  
E-mail: [NLau718@aol.com](mailto:NLau718@aol.com) Telephone: (949) 858-5306

## CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Only 2 music books were left at Saddleback. Call Valerie to pick them up.

Celebration Series – Repertoire – Level 9  
Chopin – First Book for Pianists – ed. Palmer

We had a handful of remarkable 100& theory test scores:

Katrina Azzouni	Daniel Mosallaei
Tiffany Bache	Clara Nguyen
Caroline Barron	Clarice Nguyen
Megan Brown	Margot Revet
James Coker	Stephanie Son
Gabriella Espinoza	Aaron Sy
Anne Mariea Kibbe	Johathan Unno
Alexis Kim	Adam Wong
Genevieve Lai	Cozette Zaehlsdorff
Jeremy Lin	Lacey Zaehlsdorff
Adam Madsen	

My apologies if anyone has been left off the list.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WANTED! PICTURES AND PROGRAMS FOR BRANCH SCRAPBOOK**

If you have any pictures or programs from any of our branch events (Festivals, CM, meetings, branch recitals, etc.), please mail them (or e-mail if you have pictures) to me as soon as possible.

Carol Sporleder  
23961 Swallowtail Dr.  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677  
cjspor@aol.com

### **MERLE VALDEZ PIANO STUDIO RECITAL**

Merle Valdez and Dr. Roger Hickman will present a concert featuring students performing on eight Grand Pianos, accompanied by the Four Seasons String Orchestra and the Four Seasons Youth Symphony.

Saturday, May 19, 2007, 7:00 PM in the Amphitheater at the residence of Merle Valdez.  
2384 Redlands Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Admission:

\$20.00 Adults  
\$10.00 Children 12 and under

Proceeds will be presented to the Four Seasons Symphony, Educate to Graduate and Special Camp for Special Kids.

## **NEW RELEASES FROM COMPOSER NANCY LAU**

Many of our branch members have frequently asked me when new music of mine will be available. I have two new releases right now so I wanted to let interested teachers know. I will be bringing some of the books to share at the May branch meeting.

Thank you for your support! Nancy



### **World at Your Fingertips**, Vol. 1 and 2 Published by Alfred Publishing

These books are collections of western and non-western traditional melodies that have been compiled and arranged into piano pieces for intermediate level students. They are representative of countries not often regarded in piano teaching, such as Iran, Puerto Rico and Thailand.

What makes these books unique is that each piano piece is preceded by a chapter that explains the country and its musical traditions. World at Your Fingertips is intended for use in private and group lessons as well as in the general classroom.

Deborah Brener is the author of the text as well as the compiler of the original folk melodies (Deborah is a member of our sister branch, OCC North). Nancy Lau arranged all the melodies in Book 1. Tom Gerou did the arrangements for Book 2.

### **In Recital with Classical Themes**, Vol 1, Books 1-6 Published by FJH Music Co.

FJH's "In Recital" series has been a very popular one with teachers. There have been several different "In Recital" series, such as, In Recital with Christmas Favorites, In Recital Throughout the Year, and In Recital Duets.

In Recital with Classical Themes is FJH's newest release in this series and covers elementary through late intermediate levels. They feature both piano solos and duets, all using famous and lovely classical themes. All the books come with a CD recording of all the songs.

The books are edited and compiled by Helen Marlais and the arrangements are done by various FJH composers. Nancy Lau's arrangements can be found in Books 4-6.

## **WIN A BOX OF FINE CHOCOLATE!!!!**

**LAST CHANCE to win a box of fine chocolate!!!!**

**Teachers and all Recital/Festival Chairs:** Please bring (2) copies of your recital programs to the last branch meeting of the year, May 9<sup>th</sup>. One copy of the program will go to ASCAP and the other to Carol Sporleder to be put into the Branch Scrapbook For each program sent, your name will be entered into the drawing for a delicious box of fine chocolate made by Anne's piano student, Kim Maya, owner of Schmid's Fine Chocolate of San Clemente. The drawing will take place at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting!

If you can not attend the meeting, please send your programs to:

Anne Prestridge  
101 Avenida Santiago  
San Clemente, CA 92672

The reason why are you asked to do this: The State Board of MTAC has entered into a new ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, & Publishers) agreement. All

compositions performed in branch and individual MTAC teachers' studio recitals are now covered for copyright licensing. Programs will be sent to ASCAP. They will sort out works in Public Domain and extend royalty payments to all ASCAP composers and publishers whose works have been performed.

### STUDENT PERFORMANCES

Lawson Madlener, age 8, student of Mari Haig had an interview and played on KOCE, Monday, March 19 at 6:30pm and again Tuesday 8 am.

### ADVERTISEMENTS

#### RECITAL HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Need a location for your students' end-of-the-year recital or perhaps your own solo concert? The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Laguna Beach has a new facelift and a Steinway and will rent its Fellowship Hall to you for \$100 an hour or \$250 total for up to 4 hours. Seats 106. Kitchen facilities available. Located at 429 Cypress Drive within easy walking distance of downtown Laguna and the beach. For more information, contact Mary Heiney, Rental Coordinator, at 949-497-7302.

#### PIANOS FOR SALE

♪Yamaha U3  
♪Kawai Studio  
♪Kawai Grand 6'1"  
♪Steinway S  
♪Steinway 6'4"  
♪Steinway 6'1"

Accent Piano Service  
Larry Pisano RPT  
949-240-7568  
[www.accentpiano.com](http://www.accentpiano.com)

Price on most pianos includes tax, delivery, warranty and one free tuning.  
Piano Rentals are also available.

#### CASPER PIANO SERVICE

Make sure your piano is tuned up for those end-of-the-year recitals.  
Bob Casper (949) 448-0353 [bcasper@cox.net](mailto:bcasper@cox.net)

# Orange Coast Cities Membership Renewal Form Due By June 15, 2007

Please complete this form, fold and mail it to: Angela Leu, 27 Coca, Foothill Ranch, CA. 92610  
Please check here if your personal information has not changed since last year \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(active, provisional, student, business affiliate, contributory\*, absentee)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Contributory members only:** enclose a check for \$35.00 made out to MTAC Orange Coast Cities.  
**All other checks:** send directly to the state office.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to renew my membership in MTAC this year. Dues invoice will be sent from MTAC state office. Please list me in the Orange Coast Cities Directory as indicated above. (Please note: This is our only source of information for the branch directory)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to be listed as a Mentor teacher who would be willing to help explain our programs to new teachers?

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be listed on our Web Site?

**If so, your Name, phone number, city, instrument, and e-mail or website address will be listed.**

You may also include any special information or focus of your studio, as you indicate below.

Are you willing to travel to student's homes to teach? \_\_\_\_\_

List cities \_\_\_\_\_

Are you available to play for parties and weddings? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have openings for students? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to host Certificate of Merit auditions in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:** please check ONE or more activities you would be willing to help with.

Continue in my present position as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair or co-chair a festival or committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Festival "Trainee" (work with current chair and co-chair)

\_\_\_\_\_ Member of committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Computer-type/input data, provide programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Provide refreshments at meetings or festivals

\_\_\_\_\_ Help prepare mailings (staple, put stamps and labels on)

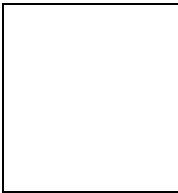
\_\_\_\_\_ Provide a program for our branch (specify topic below)

Please list suggestions for future topics or speakers for meetings:

Which programs did you especially enjoy this year?

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**Angela Leu**

**27 Coca**

**Foothill Ranch, CA. 92610**

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