

MTAC Orange Coast Cities



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6/13 **Deadline** for Adult Student Workshop, send fees to Chris Jones

6/20 Sunday, 1:00 pm, **Adult Student Workshop**, MVCC

7/1-5 MTAC **Convention**, Marriott Hotel — Oakland

7/31 **MTAC MEMBERSHIP FEE DUE**—If you pay late, NO CM for your students next year!

Maps/directions to branch venues—Click :

<http://www.mtacocc.org/maps.htm>

Convention 2011, July 1 - 5, Marriott
Hotel at the Oakland City Center

**No Newsletters In July and
August.**

**Enjoy the Convention and Have a
Great Summer!**

President's Message:



Dear OCC Branch members,

Thank you so much for the lovely potluck luncheon last month! I have to note that our own **Victoria Rubinchik** 's surprise performance of her own composition was such a delightful gift for all of us! THANK YOU, Victoria!

While listening to Victoria's gorgeous performance and witnessing how she presented her talent at the occasion, I was thinking that this is what I want to teach to my students. I hope our students can do the same thing in their life in the future : sharing music with many people in real life.

It has been such a pleasure for me to be able to serve as a president. There are so many members who have served taking make different responsibilities for all the branch events all through the year, and I really congratulate all of you for our being successful in each event.

All of our **board members and directors** are such hard working people, and their extra hours and thoughts to put to our branch activities are really appreciated, too. Needless to say, we have so many experienced member teachers in our branch! There are so many suggestions and advices I have received in many scenes. Thank you so much.

I also want to thank **Ping Li** who has been preparing branch meeting hospitality tables. Thank you, **Masako Griffin** and **Midori Iizuka Allen** who always helped her. Thank you so much ladies!

A BIG THANK YOU to **Sue Denton** and **Valerie Radlick** for chairing Senior Recital. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH for participating teachers** for helping out the hospitality tables, too. I had a student participated and my husband attended on behalf of me (I had another school recital I have to do MC.) They told me that it was such a happy and honored feeling everyone shared at the recital. Congratulations to those students, parents and teachers!

FINALLY -

PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYE ON STATE MEMBERSHIP DUE DEADLINE. If you miss **JULY 31 DEADLINE**, YOU CAN NOT SEND STUDENTS to the coming CM (CERTIFICATE OF MERIT).

Plus, your membership is canceled once, and you have to reinstate your membership again by submitting a form and additional late fee. Your name will not be on the MTAC membership directory, either. Not fun at all. So if you have not paid yet, please do it now. **How to pay online is shown on Page 3 of this newsletter.**

The next newsletter will be after the summer break, and THANK YOU **Nilou Sarraf** for editing this newsletter for past two years out of your busy schedule. Thank you, **Bob Casper**, for delivering so many messages to branch members via e-mail, too! **HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER, EVERYONE!**

Keiko Katie Ikeda

Branch Newsletter:

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Deadline for September issue is August 20th

Send your articles to Katrina Querriera



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- **REGISTRATION**

<https://www.cvent.com/events/mtac-2011-convention/registration-59eca4a7f36b43b185aea94f7232bad2.aspx>

- **Hotel Reservation:**

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/oakdt-oakland-marriott-city-center/?toDate=7/6/11&groupCode=tmtmta&fromDate=6/29/11&app=resvlink>

- **Convention Schedule as of 5/25**

<http://www.mtac.org/convention/Convention2011ScheduleProse.pdf>

- **33 Things to Do in Oakland while attending the Convention**

<http://www.mtac.org/convention/Convention2011%2033%20Things%20to%20Do%20in%20Oakland.pdf>



State Membership Reminder

July 31 Membership dues for CM participation

Have you pay member-
ship fee?

Do not miss this
7/31 deadline!

PLEASE PAY YOUR MTAC MEMBERSHIP DUE by July 31 to be eligible for CM participation.

To pay online NOW—Go to www.mtac.org , then TEACHER LOG IN—then SHOPPING—MEMBERSHIP

POLICY FOR BRANCH

TEACHER TRANSFER REQUESTS

THE OPEN DOOR PERIOD FOR ALL BRANCH TEACHER TRANSFER REQUESTS IS NOW APRIL 16th TO **AUGUST 31st**

To receive approval, all Branch transfers must now be requested between the period of 4/16 to 8/31. This allows our webmaster adequate time to move the CM students in the database to the new Branch of their teacher’s choice prior to the opening of CM registration. Any member wishing to make a Branch transfer request will be unable to do so between September 1st and April 15th because this is the active period for Certificate of Merit.

State Membership Secretary

Carol Oaks



Bach Region V Festival 2011 Orange Coast Cities Branch winners

Congratulations to the following students and teachers who had winners at the Bach Regional Festival at Saddleback College on Sunday, May 22, 2011:

Nichols Wolff, student of Itoe Akimoto
Jeffrey Lim, student of Victoria Rubinchik
Tiffany Lu and Elisa Yang, students of Pamela Worcester

BRANCH Theme Festival 2011

The theme will be "**Composers Born in Russia**" which matches the MTAC Convention Theme for this year. Date: TBA; usually late October or early November

There is a **five minute time limit** for all MTAC Orange Coast Cities Branch festivals.

Students who exceed the time limit will be stopped by the president. **This will not influence the judges' scores.**

Students are not allowed to enter two festivals with the same piece. This is the first time we are allowing contemporary pieces to be played in the Theme Festival.

Please do not re-enter students with the same repertoire in the Contemporary Festival (~May 2012).

Advertisements

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Call Your Piano "Mechanic"

Thanks to all of you that asked your students call me before purchasing a piano. I have been pleased to help many of them find pianos that I believe will perform well for years to come. More than half of the pianos I check out, I recommend not to purchase! My \$35 inspection fee has saved your students hundreds, not to mention the help I provide in doing the search.

Bob Casper
(949) 448-0353
bcasper@cox.net



Piano Seeks Music-loving Home

Yamaha Piano \$10,500 G-1, 5'2", walnut, perfect, like new condition, beautiful tone, beautiful piano. Greatly reduced for quick sale. Lovely padded bench included as well as one free tuning during the first year of ownership.

Linda Eldridge (949)637-9763 yourpianostudio@cox.net

FOR SALE:

Yamaha C-7 Grand Piano (black)

- Condition: Like New
- Purchased in March 2003 with a 10 year warranty
- Includes an adjustable artist bench
- Asking price: \$25,900.00 (Negotiable)

If interested, contact Dong Kim at dongkim63@gmail.com
or call [714-757-0009](tel:714-757-0009)

Piano needed at Mission Hospital

If anyone would like to donate a console or upright piano to Mission Hospital, it would be greatly appreciated. There are monthly student recitals held for the patients and families. The current piano is virtually unplayable. Please help the hospital continue this wonderful community service. If interested, please contact Ms. Conni VanBilliard, Recreation Therapist at Mission Hospital ARU. Her phone # is [949-365-2189](tel:949-365-2189), and her email is cvanbilliard@CHOC.org



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*Non-Commercial
/educational
events*

OCC Members:

Free with approval of the branch

Non-OCC Members:

Free with approval of the branch

Commercial, Buy & Sell, and Businesses

\$20.00/issue (9 issues/year) for a

partial space of the page, Larger ads will be charged more with the approval of the branch.

Only the advertisements which are beneficial for members' professional life will be published.