



MTAC Orange Coast Cities Branch

Newsletter **June 2009**



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Next Branch Meeting
September 16 (Wed) 9:30 am (Starts early)
 Laguna Hills Community Center

Calendar – June, July & August 2009

- ❖ **June 14 : 1pm, Mission Viejo Civic Center: Adult Student Workshop**
 Contact: Chris Jones 859-7463
- ❖ **June 15 Deadline: Branch Member Renewal Form - to Keiko Ikeda**
- ❖ **June 3- July 7 2009 MTAC Annual Convention (at Santa Clara Marriott)**
- ❖ **August 1 Deadline: MTAC State Member Renewal**
- ❖ **September 16 ♠ Branch Meeting 9:30AM (Laguna Hills Community Center)**
 (No Branch Meeting in June, July, and August)



July 3-7, 2009

MTAC Convention
Santa Clara
Marriott Hotel

See the detail at page 10.

Remember the States Office New Policy?
 (Announced last year)

Renew your state membership on time by August 1,
 or
No CM, No MTAC programs for your students!

Read more on page 3.

Angela's Aria – Presidents' Message

We had a wonderful 35th anniversary celebration meeting and luncheon in May.

The presence of our state president and almost all of the past branch presidents made this end of year meeting very special. Afterwards, I received many letters, emails, and cards from our members that are filled with kind words and best wishes. Thank you, MTAC-Orange Coast Cities.

It is hard to believe this is my last letter to you as the branch president. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve you. And there are just not enough words to express my gratitude to our enthusiastic and dedicated members who have contributed to the success of our branch. Thank you to our tireless board members:

Bobbette Cameron (VP Program) – for arranging two years full of educational, inspirational and entertaining meeting programs.

Esther Park and **Marina Sakach** (VP Membership) – for managing the growth and quality of our memberships.

Anne Prestridge (Treasurer) – for keeping our books in balance and in good financial condition.

Yelena Koffman (Recording Secretary) – for her diligence in writing down meeting minutes that are part of our branch history.

Keiko Ikeda (Corresponding Secretary) – for her award-winning branch Newsletter.

Maxine Casper (Website Coordinator) – for her and Robert Casper's dedication to continuously enhancing our website.

Nilou Sarraf (Past President) – for her wisdom, advice, and support.

Judy Jenkins (Certificate of Merit) – for her incredible energy, dedication, organizational and communicational skills to our fabulous CM program.

Pam Worcester (Festival Administrator) – for her instrumental efforts in securing Saddleback College facilities, and her vast knowledge on keeping our branch activities on track.

Itoe Akimoto, Valerie Radlick, and Susan Wong (Directors at Large) – for their loyal support in every aspect of meetings, festivals, and etc.

My sincere appreciations go to the following chairs:

Lillian Cunningham – Branch Meeting Hospitality

Katherine Buck and **Jennifer King** – Community Service Recitals

Itoe Akimoto – Bach Festival

Susan Wong and **Ana de Vries** – Baroque Festival

Bobbette Cameron – Contemporary Festival

Su-Shing Chiu – Composers Today

Angela Leu



Left: MTAC President **Lee Galloway**
Right: **Angela Leu**



MTAC STATE OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Greetings from Your State President

Convention

I've said it before, but will again. I really hope to see you at Convention. Besides MTAC all time favorites, **Jon Nakamatsu** and **Hans Boepple**, we have **Melody Bober**, **Helen Marlais**, **Scott McBride Smith** and other favorites. I've noticed that members favor Master Classes. I think we have an all time record number of Master Classes at this Convention (one or two every day!) so come, enjoy, learn, share and say, "Hi!" Notice, for your convenience, that we will have a quick lunch set-up in the Exhibit Hall, as well as a Photographer there for professional photographs of you or your students.

Announcement

It is my duty to notify you that **Jocelyn Jotie** is no longer in our employ. If you come to convention, say hi to **Rhonda Williams**, **Roland Jotie**, and our newest additions to the staff, **Emily Dengler** and **Casey Botkin**.

Bylaws

By now you should have received the announcement of the **State Bylaws revision** with your dues notice. The good news is that there are no dramatic changes; they are mostly "house cleaning" type changes, many of which are recommended by our Parliamentarian, **Nancy Elsner**. (The bad news is that there are a lot of them!). Many of the changes involve removing detailed "procedures" from the Bylaws, where they really don't belong, and moving them to a "Procedures Manual". Please come to the **Delegates meeting at Convention on Saturday, July 4, 8:00 a.m.**, in the **California Ballroom, Salon 5** for more on this—branches should send their delegates—and do feel free to email me at any time, if you have any questions about the Bylaws that need answering.

At your Service, **Lee Galloway, MTAC State President**

RERMINDER: Have you updated your membership information?

New membership applications and reinstatement requests must be accurately completed and submitted to the State Office, postmarked on or before August 1st to be eligible for Certificate of Merit participation and other State Programs.

What this change means to current members:

- 1) If a membership dues payment is not postmarked by August 1, MTAC membership is forfeited. (See Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3.)**
- 2) When membership is forfeited, a member needs to reinstate to have membership restored.**
- 3) If a member reinstates after August 1, they will not be allowed to participate in Certificate of Merit or any other State Program for that academic year.**

James Ramos
State Membership Secretary
State Board of Directors
Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC)



May Branch Meeting Report

Past presidents & CM chairs were there and honored!

Please enjoy some photos from May 13 (Wed)

OCC Branch 35th Anniversary ANNUAL POTLUCKLUNCHEON

At Laguna Hills Community Center, Heritage Room C.



MTAC President, **Mr. Lee Galloway** & OCC Branch Founder (Year 1974) President, **Dr. M'lou Dietzer**, & **Bobbette Cameron**, our Branch Meeting Coordinator, in the back.



Thank you! Nilou Sarraf for great photos.

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENT

ORANGE COAST CITIES BRANCH OFFICERS (2009-2010)

President..... **Keiko Ikeda**
First Vice President (Programs)..... **Susan Wong**
Second Vice President (Membership)..... **Esther Park**
Treasurer..... **Anne Prestridge**
Recording Secretary..... **Bobbette Cameron**
Corresponding Secretary..... **Nilou Sarraf** (Newsletter Editor)
Web Site Coordinator..... **Maxine Casper**

Directors

Past President..... **Angela Leu**
Certificate of Merit..... **Judy Jenkins**
Festival Administrator..... **Pamela Worcester**
Director, CM Strings..... **Gloria Liu Traullé**
Director, CM Voice..... **Kathleen Martin**
Director..... **Valerie Radlick**
Director..... **Itoe Akimoto**



Open Positions

The branch is looking for **new advertisement chair** for branch yearbook, etc and chairs for **hospitality, Greeter (Teacher references)** and any help you can offer for branch events.

Please e-mail **Keiko Ikeda**, toneofbell@yahoo.com with your kind offers!

A Little Note on Branch Meeting Programs

It has been a pleasure to serve as **Program Chair** for the past several years. I thought it would be so hard to dig up programs for the meetings. Between suggestions from many members and listening to members' interests and concerns, it was a problem of choosing which programs to use. Give **Susan Wong** your ideas and I know she will keep us all on the edge of our seats in anticipation of the next program.

Bobbette Cameron



PLEASE SEND - Branch Membership Registration Form

Deadline is on June 15.

The official number & names of the branch members, based on your registration to the State Office, will be informed to OCC branch in August; **however the branch needs to know it way in advance** for measuring the size of events, improving website functions/instructions, budgeting, filling open positions and volunteers, **and most importantly, for printing & delivering Branch Membership Yearbook (2009-2010) and updating members' directory of branch website.**

Please find the form & envelope in May Newsletter, **by clicking here:**
http://www.mtacocc.org/Newsletter/May_2009_Branch_Newsletter_Final.pdf

Theme Festival 2009

The theme has been decided!

Songs and Dances

from

Classical and Romantic Periods.

We encourage all the instrumentalists and voice students to participate this festival.



*So many possible repertoires are available.
Details to be announced in the near future.*



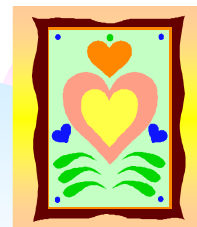
PROGRAM



Contemporary Festival Thank yous & Results

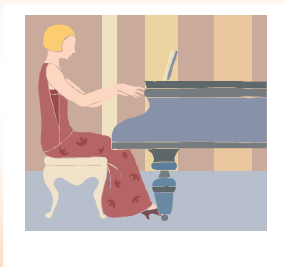
Many, many thanks to the teachers that helped make the **Contemporary Festival** run smoothly. **Lillian Cunningham** stayed with me all day filling every need that popped up. **Susan Wong** did a great job assigning teacher jobs and set a good example by announcing the first program. **Aimee Peii Huang** did the running around to get all of the programs printed and separated into groups for each recital. **Anne Prestridge** magnanimously volunteered to do the hospitality and kept our adjudicators wanting for nothing. **Beatrice Palicka** saw Lil and I working with the results and volunteered to stay to the bitter end putting awards in the BBEs. Each teacher filled her assigned job like a pro. **Thank you to all of you wonderful ladies.**

The studios with winners in Medals, Blue Ribbons, and Honorable Mention: **Allen, Anshutz, Burger, Chai, Chang, Chiu, Clark, Denton, Dougherty, Fennessy, Foster, French, Griffin, Grose, Haig, Ikeda, Jankowski, Jenkins, Klein, Koffman, Kotova, Leu, Li, Liu, Meinhold, Nagorsky, Palicka, Prestridge, Radlick, Rubinchik, Sakach, Sears, Wong, Worcester.**



Adult Student Workshop

June 14, Wednesday, 1pm
Laguna Hills Community Center



Deadline: Monday, June 8

Contact: Chris Jones 859-7463 for details

SENIOR RECITAL

Congratulations, Senior Recital Performers
and their proud teachers!

(Teachers' names on the right)

Jessica Eng - Barbara Anderson
Paul Kim - Barbara Anderson
Joshua Chang - Nakyong Chai
Christine Tran - Nakyong Chai
Anna Flores - Nuhad Eid
Holly French - Pennie Foster
Jonas Kwok - Pennie Foster
Erin Penrod - Judy Jenkins
Sarah Watson - Christine Jones
Natalie Chieng - Betty Liu
Dianne Lee - Laurie Meinhold
Laureen Luo - Laurie Meinhold
Chun Yen Wu - Laurie Meinhold
Sandy Kuo - Beatrice Palicka
Jennifer Park - Minh-Ngoc Tran
Teresa Tran - Minh-Ngoc Tran
Alexander Wang - Gloria Liu Traulle
Darrja Sarraf - Pamela Worcester
Anna Lee - Cathy Tibbits
Rembrandt Vandruff - Gerard Hagen



Senior Recital Chair: **Gail Clark**

Congratulations!

The following students are the 2009 recipients
of the **High School Scholarship**:



Music Major

Darrja Sarraf
Joshua Chang
Evan Roth

Music Minor

Jonas Kwok
Christine Tran
Holly French



Certificate of Merit

The following is a significant Question and Answer from the state CM Newsletter, and it bears repeating here. I think there will be more clarification of this very new policy **at Convention** this year, but if you have a student who did not pass any aspect (including theory) this year's CM, **do not automatically send that student to the next level!** More news later when we receive it!

Question:

If a student is taking **Path B**, say **Level 6**, this year, does this mean that he cannot take **Level 7 Path A** next year? This is something that will affect one of my students who had a broken arm and can't prepare for **Path A** this year. Alas--if he can't take it next year, his senior year, there goes his senior medallion.

Answer:

If a student is taking **Level 6 Path B** this year, he can take **Level 7 Path A** next year (2010). If this student fails **Level 7 Path A** in 2010, he must retake **Level 7 Path A** in 2011.

Students will still be allowed to skip levels if they pass the previous year's **Path A** evaluation. If a student passes **Level 7 Path A** in 2010, he may skip to Level 9 for 2011.

Judy Jenkins, CM Chair

Congratulations!

MTAC Anniversary Scholarship **For Saddleback College Music Students**



\$500 Prize went to a double **bass player** named
Torey Strifolino

One Honorable Mention Prize (\$100) was awarded to **pianist**,
Melissa Murphy

Announcements

♣ *Van Cliburn International Competition*

You can enjoy live broadcasting/preliminary, semi-finals archives online for free.
<http://www.cliburn.tv/>

The six finalists are (in alphabetical order):

Mr. Evgeni Bozhanov, 25 (Bulgaria)
Ms. Yeol Eum Son, 23 (South Korea)
Mr. Nobuyuki Tsujii, 20 (Japan)
Ms. Mariangela Vacatello, 27 (Italy)
Ms. Di Wu, 24 (China)
Mr. Haochen Zhang, 19 (China)

Competition live webcast continues with orchestra rehearsals on June 1 at www.cliburn.tv

Each pianist will perform two concerti of his/her choice with the acclaimed **Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra** under the direction of renowned American conductor **James Conlon**. Each finalist will also perform a fifty-minute solo recital of works not performed in previous rounds.

The Final Round will be held **Wednesday, June 3 through Sunday, June 7**, and every concert will feature three artists. There will be one concert on June 3, 4, and 5 beginning at 7:30 p.m., and two concerts on June 6, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. On June 7, the final day of the competition, the concert will begin at 1:30 p.m. The Awards Ceremony will follow at 5:00 p.m. (in US, Central Time.)



♣ **Pacific Symphony**
<http://www.pacificsymphony.org/>

♣ **Philharmonic Society**
<http://www.philharmonicociety.org/>

♣ **Saddleback College**
<http://www.saddleback.edu/arts/>

♣ **Irvine Valley College**
<http://www.ivic.edu/arts/pages/default.aspx>

♣ **UC Irvine**
<http://music.arts.uci.edu/incconcert.php>

♣ **CSU Fullerton**
<http://www.fullerton.edu/arts/events/>

♣ **Fullerton College**
<http://fcfinearts.fullcoll.edu/division/events.asp>

♣ **Concordia University**
<http://www.cui.edu/aboutcui/community/thearts/index.aspx?id=116>

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Sue Denton



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A Special Message from a Member

CALIFORNIA CUTBACKS What you & your students can do.....

The State of California has cut all funding for music and exercise programs for residents of nursing homes. This leaves already ill and lonely people sitting in their wheelchairs staring at the walls all day without activities to look forward to.

I would encourage you and your students to seek out local nursing homes (and I'm not talking about the beautiful high end expensive places with nice pianos), talk to the activities director and find out how you can help, whether by playing for them, leading sing along, whatever talent you have. The elderly are our precious heritage, and we will all be old someday!

Laurie Meinhold

OCC Member Performances - Leonid Levitsky (piano) & Victoria Rubinchik (piano)

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Victoria Rubinchik, piano
Limor Toren, violin
Grigory Voronel, baritone
Michael Voronel, violin

Music by

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S. Rachmaninov
R. Shchedrin
A. Stryabin
A. Shnitke
D. Shostakovich
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PACIFIC REGENT

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Friday, June 5th, 2009 at 4:00pm

ALTO POLIS TRIO

Limor Toren, violin
Ruslan Biryukov, cello
Leonid Levitsky, piano

Program

Felix MENDELSSOHN - Piano Trio No.1 in D minor, Op.49
Dmitry SHOSTAKOVICH - Piano Trio No.2 in E Minor, Op.67



LIMOR TOREN,
a winner of numerous regional and national competitions, has appeared as a soloist with orchestras in Russia, Israel, and United States. She holds leading positions in the New West Symphony, Riverside Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra of South Bay, and Mozart Classical Orchestra. Dr. Toren is on the faculty of the California State University in Fresno, and Shepherds University School of Music in Los Angeles. She also makes frequent appearances in chamber music recitals with several groups around the country.



Heralded as a charismatic performer, MPEC artist Ruslan Biryukov (Руслан Бирюков) represents a new generation of creative professional musicians whose artistic level is recognized not only by awards, but also by a worldwide audience. Known for his "superb artistry, passion and individuality," he collaborated with Midori, Mstislav Rostropovich and Seiji Ozawa in venues such as the Los Angeles Disney Hall, the Renes and Henry Segerstrom Hall and the Big Hall of Moscow Conservatory in over twenty countries in the former USSR, Europe and the United States. A master teacher extraordinaire, Mr. Biryukov has taught at Ippolitov-Ivanov State Institute of Music, Music Academy in Croatia, Aljo Peltis Academy and music festivals in Europe, Russia and the United States.

Winner of the 17th MPE International Competition, Ruslan Biryukov is a graduate of Baku Music Academy, Tchaikovsky Moscow Conservatory, and USC Thornton School of Music.



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LEONID LEVITSKY,
a student of the greatest Russian pianists of 20th century Lev Naumov, Boris Shatskes and Lya Mogilevsky, is known for the tremendous beauty and astonishing appearance of style in his sound. Musician highly respected worldwide for his dedication to the uncompromising stylistic honesty of the music interpretation, his expertise was welcomed at the Gnessin Special Music School in Moscow, the University in Southern California in Los Angeles, the University of California, Irvine and California State University, Long Beach. Mr. Levitsky is the founding artistic director of the Pacific Virtuosi Concert Series. His collaborative achievements include honors as official pianist for "Pablo Casals" and famous "Tchaikovsky" International Competitions.

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www.mtacocc.org

Newsletter
Editor:
Keiko Ikeda

Deadline for August
Issue: July 20

Please e-mail
information to
NEW EDITOR
Nilou Sarraf
nilousarraf@cox.net

**THANK YOU VERY
MUCH FOR YOUR
SUPPORT for
NEWSLETTER for
past two years.**

**Now Nilou takes
over this role!**

**I enjoyed editing a
lot! THANK YOU,
AGAIN!**

Keiko Ikeda

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July 3 to July 7, 2009

2009 MTAC Annual Convention in Santa Clara

The theme for **Convention 2009** is "**Got Rhythm?**" and will be held from **July 3 – 7, 2009** at the **Santa Clara Marriott Hotel**.

❖ **Registration has started for the 2009 Convention:**
“Got Rhythm?”

You will find a registration form in the current issue of the California Music Teacher and members will be receiving an online invitation the first part of February. Registration is quick and easy online or through the mail.

❖ **This year there are two early bird deadlines.**

If you register **between May 15 and June 15**, the rate is \$185.00. **After June 15**, registrants must pay the full, on-site convention rate. It really does pay to register early.

This year's convention is going to be very exciting. We are honored to have **Jon Nakamatsu** as our **Monday Night Concert** guest artist. We will have many other exciting artists including **Melody Bober, Helen Marlais, Hans Boepple, Vivian Guzman, Arthur Campbell, Christopher Norton**, and many others.

The Santa Clara Marriott is a beautiful facility and it is nearby so many great family destinations. The hotel is next door to **the amusement park, Great America**. It is also very close to **The Triton Museum of Art, The Children's Discovery Museum**, and **Raging Waters Water Park** in San Jose.

Click this link for schedule and online-registration:
<http://www.mtac.org/convention/index.shtml>

See you at the Convention!