

# MTAC ORANGE COAST

## CITIES



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## Calendar

- 5/8 Sunday, 3:00 p.m, **Composers Today Composition Recital**, LHCC
- 5/12 Wed. 9:30; **Branch meeting & Potluck Luncheon**, LHCC
- 5/20 Friday, 7.00 pm **Branch Senior Recital**, LHCC
- 5/22 Sunday, **Bach Regional Festival**, Saddleback College
- 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

**Maps/directions to branch venues—Click :**

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

**No Newsletters In June, July and August.**

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



## President's Message:

We are pretty close to end the business year, and I want to thank all the members who have worked for past months for our branch. As you will see in the following pages, we will have a branch meeting on **Wednesday, May 11. 9:30AM**

This meeting starts 30 minutes earlier and the potluck luncheon will follow. I would like to request all the board members, directors, chairs, volunteers, everyone to be there possibly, then, we can celebrate all together for the hard work through the year. We have members who have worked at the State level events, too-Conventions, Symposiums, VOCE, Composers Today, etc. Those members are not very visible to us, but their responsibilities are enormous. I hope those members can be there, too.

Also, we have quite a few members who performed or did a presentation for our branch meetings. Thank you! Please be recognized by being at this meeting.

The next board members and directors will be introduced to you at the meeting. Please give your great support to them. The next president, **Esther Park** and I met when we both worked for CM some years ago. Since then she always pitched-in when I needed a help. I am very happy that she is going to be the next president. I will appreciate if all of you could give her a big support this coming two years. She will do a wonderful job!

**Judy Jenkins** has been an amazing **CM chair** for many years. We have over 1.000 students participating this mega event. **Anne Prestridge** will be taking this big job, right after having been a busy treasurer. And the next treasurer will be **Angela Leu**, who has a lot of knowledge in accounting. This newsletter editing will be handed from **Nilou Sarraff** to **Katrina Querriera**. THANK YOU, ladies. Those are pretty big jobs.

I hope many members can come to this meeting, and give your personal THANKS & GOOD LUCK to them. I am typing right after our Contemporary Festival. It is so amazing how well our branch students play at festivals, and this reflects the high quality of teaching at each member's studio. Congratulations! To the winners' teachers.

I believe that each studio is preparing for recitals to conclude your season. All the best to you and your students. We still have **Composers Today Recital (May 8th, 3PM)** and **Senior Recital (May 20, 7PM)** both at **Laguna Hills Community Cener**, too. I feel that those two recitals are by the students who worked extra hard because composing requires generating ideas, typing up the piece and performing well, and Senior Recital participants are the ones who kept piano lessons all through the busy school years, and achieved such a high level of musicianship. Thank you, for chairs of those events, and I highly recommend members to join to listen to those students if you can. It will be inspiring for all of us.

Finally, **THANK YOU SO MUCH for EVERYONE** for a great support to me and OCC Branch for past two years. Without such warm members' help, nothing could have been done!

**See you at the next meeting!**

**Have a great summer!**

**Keiko Katie Ikeda**

**Branch Newsletter:**

**Editor: Nilou Sarraf**

**Deadline for Sept. issue—August 20th**

Send your articles to **Katrina Querriera**.

## MTAC OCC Branch Meeting:

**Wednesday, May 12, 2011 9:30am**

**Laguna Hills Community Center Heritage Room**

### Nancy Lau

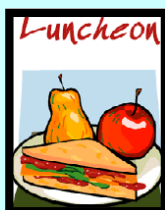
#### *Using piano narrative suites to invigorate your recitals*



Nancy Lau is an active member of our Orange Coast Cities branch. She maintains a busy studio where she teaches piano and composition. The primary focus in her studio is in keeping students interested and excited, and she strives to keep her students' lessons as joyful as possible.

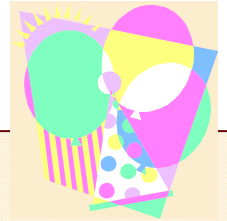
Nancy specializes in encouraging students to be creative in the popular music they study and perform by helping them edit arrangements to create one-of-a-kind versions especially suited for them. She also regularly assists students in assembling popular music (or movie themes, Broadway hits, etc.) into piano medleys to perform at recitals. And much to the delight of her students, she occasionally transcribes unpublished or special requested music especially for them.

Nancy is a composer/arranger on staff with FJH Music Company, where she receives regular assignments throughout the year. Most of her original piano music has had the privilege of being chosen by the National Federation of Music Clubs, and some of her publications have received glowing reviews in MTNA's *American Teacher* magazine.



*Potluck Luncheon to follow the  
Branch Meeting!*





# Orange Coast Cities Branch Annual Potluck Luncheon

May 11(WED) right after the branch meeting

Dear OCC Members,

(RSVP -please. I hope that every member has received the e-mail invitation from me already. If not, possibly your e-mail address on our branch website is wrong. **If so, simply RSVP via e-mail Keiko , [toneofbell@yahoo.com](mailto:toneofbell@yahoo.com). We need the number of attendees to set round tables and chairs in advance.**)

This is the last meeting of this academic year. We all worked very hard for our students and branch events. **Let's celebrate!** First, we will have a bit of branch announcements and our member Nancy Lau's always great presentation: this time on a new style of students recital. (Read more about it in May newsletter.) and... **PARTY TIME!**

Let's give special applause to some retiring hardworking officers, directors, all the chair persons and volunteers of all the events. One of them is **Judy Jenkins**. She will be handing her CM Chair baton to **Anne Prestridge** - Oh, we all thank Judy for her AMAZING job to make our Certificate of Merit, don't we? Let's give lots of encouragements to the newly appointed directors and officers for coming years.

Most importantly, let's celebrate our daily hard work for your students by sharing your experiences with fellow branch members - who else will know better how it is like? Never been to OCC Branch meetings? This is a great chance to come and enjoy!

If you are coming with your significant others or close friends to share the occasion, please include the number in the RSVP.

## POTLUCK INSTRUCTION

Please bring **your favorite dishes** from home. This will again be an **International Cuisine Event**. I recall the delicious food and wonderful time we have had last year, let us do it again. It would also be greatly appreciated if you will share your recipes by placing it in front of your dishes

**Too busy to cook? No worries!**  
YOU CAN JOIN TO  
**the neighborhood restaurant take out (\$7).**

Please contact Keiko Ikeda [toneofbell@yahoo.com](mailto:toneofbell@yahoo.com)

## SUGGESTED FOOD ASSIGNMENTby last names:

**A through C** please bring SALADS.

**D through H** please bring FRUIT or VEGETABLE PLATES, CHIPS, DIPS, CHEESE, CRACKERS, SUSHI, COLD PASTA, and etc.

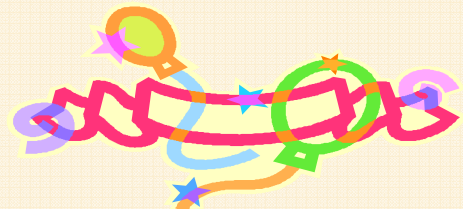
**I through Z** please bring DESSERTS.

**Hospitality** please bring plates, utensils, paper goods, and drinks.

Please feel free to be original if you like to share something different from the above listed items.



**Keiko Katie Ikeda**



## SENIOR RECITAL---MAY 20, 7:00 LHCC



### Reception Following

**ALL SENIORS** are invited to play.

Pieces should be memorized if possible.

Program will be arranged according to level of difficulty.

Seniors who have done CM for the 3 years of high school, including their senior year and attained at least level 7 , will be awarded their CM Certificate and Medal at this time.

Other seniors will receive a certificate of participation.

**Teachers will be invited to join their students on stage during the awards ceremony.**

There will be time for photo ops .

**Young Ladies, please dress appropriately! Remember you will be on stage and short straight skirts get shorter when you are seated at the piano!**

**It is never very attractive to see where your blouse SHOULD be tucked in ,but didn't quite make it.**

**If you have your prom dress, this is a nice time to wear it again.**

**Gentlemen, Dress shirts and ties or dressy turtlenecks with dress pants and NO athletic shoes. Of course, suits are ok.**

**Remember kids, this is a CELEBRATION of many years of work. Give it respect and joy.**

**The program will include a short bio of each performer.**

**Please include the names of your teachers if you wish.**

**Will you major or minor in music while in college?**

**What college do you wish to attend?**

**What music performances have you done?**

**Interests other than music?**

**Scholastic accomplishments?**

**Students and or teachers please send the bio and names of pieces and composers to Sue Denton [nzbmom@ca.rr.com](mailto:nzbmom@ca.rr.com).**

**This should be the best event of the year and we will have a real CELEBRATION!!**

**Invite Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, aunts, uncle, best friends**



**MTACOCC — New Officers and Directors**

These are the new officers and directors that have been nominated and elected to begin serving in the summer of 2011. Some officers will only serve one year so that we are in sync with the new branch bylaws. They will all be installed at the May meeting.

**MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
ORANGE COAST CITIES BRANCH**

**Branch Board for 2011-12**

**Officers**

- President ..... Esther Park
- First Vice President (Programs) ..... Valerie Radlick
- Second Vice President (Membership) ..... Maxine Casper
- Treasurer ..... Angela Leu
- Recording Secretary ..... Ann Bales
- Corresponding Secretary (newsletter) ..... Katrina Querriera

**Directors**

- Past President ..... Keiko Akeda
- Web Site Coordinator ..... Teresa Escobar
- Festival Administrator ..... Pamela Worcester
- Certificate of Merit ..... Anne Prestridge
- Director, CM Strings ..... Gloria Traullé
- Director, CM Voice ..... Kathleen Martin
- Director ..... Itoe Akimoto
- Director ..... JoEllen Vandruff
- Director ..... Bobbette Cameron
- Director ..... Judy Jenkins



## Umi Garrett, pianist

[www.umipiano.com](http://www.umipiano.com)

I hope you remember ten year old Umi Garrett's wonderful performance at our October 2010 Branch Meeting. Maybe you also saw her in May 2009 when she wowed the world on NBC's "The Ellen DeGeneres Show"? Umi performed on the national radio show, "From the Top", in April 2010 and was re-engaged by the show to perform with the Boston Pops on June 2010. At that time, she received a prestigious Jack Kent Cook Scholarship Award.



Considering how expensive it is to have a concert career (including paying for management), the MTAC OCC Board has decided to sponsor Umi Garrett by giving her \$200 for the next three months. During the summer months, the new MTAC OCC Board will consider how to sponsor her in the future. We hope our branch members might want to sponsor such an amazing young talent too. Umi has won First prizes at the Chopin International Competition (2011), Liszt Competition (2011), Bach Complete Works Audition (2009), Saddleback College Concerto Competition (2009), and SYMF (2008). She grew up in Aliso Viejo. She and her mom now live in Connecticut, so Umi can be near her teacher, Yoshie Akimoto. Her father still resides in Aliso Viejo and works very hard to support his family and Umi's concert career. If you are interested in sponsoring Umi, please contact Pam Worcester at 949-581-1467 or [pocky@cox.net](mailto:pocky@cox.net). For more information, please check-out her website. You can purchase her CD too!

Here's a few of her most recent concert engagements:

**September 2010**      **Umi's China Debut, Wuhan Philharmonic Orchestra, Wuhan, China**  
*Mozart: Piano Concerto No.23*

**October 2010**      **Solo recital, Music Teachers' Association of California, Orange Coast Cities**  
*Laguna Hills Community Center*

**March 2011**      **International Chopin Competition Hartford, Connecticut**  
Grand Prix (Highest award) as a youngest competitor

**Charlotte Symphony, Florida**  
Mozart: Piano Concerto No.23

**April 2011**      **Thayer Symphony, Massachusetts**  
*Mozart: Piano Concerto No.23*

**Kyoto Symposium, San Diego, California**  
Guest Artist

**Carnegie Hall Debut, Weill Recital Hall, New York**  
*IBLA Foundation Winners*



# ANNOUNCEMENT



## 2011 Contemporary Festival

### Congratulations! Teachers of 1st & 2nd winners!

Margery Burger, Nakyong Chai, Su-Shing Chiu, Jin Cho, Linda Eldridge,

Pennie Foster, Deborah Glass, Cecilia M. Grose, Mari Haig,

Keiko Katie Ikeda, Judy Jenkins, Christine Jones, Katheryn Klein,

Yelena Koffman, Irene S. Lee, Robert Levesque, Leonid Levitsky,

Ping Li, Laurie Meinhold, Beatrice Palicka, Esther Park, Nancy Pirozzi,

Victoria Rubinchik, Diane Sears, Pamela Worcester, Liezl Vitug Yumena

Dear Family and Friends:

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE** on your calendar for an upcoming concert at "Laguna Playhouse" that I am performing in!

This will be a highlight of the year and a concert not to miss!

Bobbette Cameron

## Saddleback College

### 2011 MTAC Anniversary Scholarship Winners

#### Congratulations to these students!

- 1st Place: Tyler McGeough, trombone (\$350)
- 2nd Place: Gillian Watson, voice (\$200)
- 3rd Place: Hsuan-Hui Huang, piano (\$100)

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## Faces of Latin America and Spain

### Project Peace

The launching of a visionary plan entitled “Project Peace” begins Saturday, May 14, at the Norman P. Murray Center in Mission Viejo with the multimedia production, “Faces of Latin America and Spain.” The evening event will feature a variety of music genres of Latin America and Spain—from classical to regional folk traditions and will also include dance presentations. A photographic essay capturing the rich diversity of the people of Latin America and Spain will accompany some of the musical performances.

Project Peace is a multifaceted plan to cultivate a peaceful world by using music, visual art, dance, and film as means to promote understanding and unity among diverse groups. One very important concept that will weave its way into the productions, events, and activities of Project Peace is the idea of synthesis, i.e., the combining of multiple art forms to represent unity. Hence, cooperation and integration are structural components of Project Peace, which are likewise necessary for the development of peaceful and thriving communities. Finally, Project Peace is a way of thinking that requires its participants to reach beyond their accustomed levels of comfort by exploring and embracing the unfamiliar.

The music to be performed in “Faces of Latin America and Spain” will reflect the mixed Indo-Afro-European heritages of the Latin American people, with selections by classical composers such as Albeniz, Rodrigo, Lecuona, de Falla, Villalobos, Ginastera, Piazzolla, Lauro, and Moncayo, as well as an eclectic mix of regional folk music from various parts of Latin America. For producer Christine Jones, it is an exciting endeavor to work on a multimedia project with visual and performing artists from diverse creative backgrounds and to include different genres of music that are not ordinarily heard in one program. “Faces of Latin American and Spain” is also a wonderful journey of exploration into her half Latina heritage.



*Musical performances of Latin American and Spanish composers from the classical tradition: Villalobos, Albeniz, Rodrigo, Lauro, Lecuona, Moncayo, Ginastera, Piazzolla Latin American folk music performances: Music of the Andes, Mariachi, Brazilian Jazz, Jarocho (Veracruz)*

*Special photographic exhibit of Latin America and Spain By professor and photographer Carlos Ugalde*

**Saturday, May 14, 2011 @ 7 p.m. Norman P. Murray Center, 24932 Veterans Way**

**Mission Viejo, CA 92692, Suggested Donation: \$10**

**The evening will provide for a music scholarship**

***Everyone Welcome ~~~ Bienvenidos Todos***

**Mission Viejo Presents**

***Faces of Latin America and Spain***

***A Spring Gathering of Music ~ Dance ~ Photography***

**Project Peace Project Peace**



**Information: 949-285-0628** Tickets can be purchased by going to [econnect.cityofmissionviejo.org](http://econnect.cityofmissionviejo.org) and reference course # 2259 **Or purchase at the door**

## **2011 CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFORMATION,**

Convention Registrar, Amy Martin

### **Convention Registration**

Event was launched on March 1st. Email invitations were sent to all members. A member who goes to the convention just to listen to his/her student(s) perform at a convention recital, or just to preside at a student recital, or only attend an Evaluator Training or a Branch Treasurer/Membership Secretary meeting or Branch President's Breakfast must register for the convention for the day the student recital or meeting takes place.

Be sure to register on or before May 15 to get the special Early Bird rates. You may pre register until June 15. After June 15, the onsite full registration rates apply.

### **Hotel Reservation**

Go to [www.mtac.org/convention](http://www.mtac.org/convention) or call 1-800-991-7249 to the Oakland Marriott City Center to make your hotel reservation. Reserve on or before June 15, 2011 to receive the MTAC group rate of \$109 per night for single or double occupancy. \$129 for triple. \$139 for quadruple. You must identify yourself as members of the Music Teachers' Association of California 2011 Convention Group to receive the group rate.

### **Hotel Parking**

Self-parking at the connecting Oakland Convention Center garage is \$16 per day per car with no in-and-out privileges. Hotel Valet Parking 6-24 hours is \$28 plus 18.5% tax.

### **New Member Discount**

If you are a brand new member in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, you can receive a \$40 discount from your convention registration. Please note this new member discount applies to Early Bird and Pre registration only.

### **Free Convention Registration**

If you have never attended an MTAC State Convention and would like to this year, you may be chosen by your Branch to receive a free registration from the State. Branches may decide how this member will be chosen. The deadline to apply for this first time attendee free registration is June 15. Please take advantage of this great opportunity to attend the 2011 MTAC Convention in Oakland.

### **Convention Delegates**

Delegates to our Convention Delegates' Meeting and Annual Business Meeting are very important. They represent every member in your Branch. Many Branches give their delegates some kind of compensation for being a delegate. Some Branches give their delegates free convention registration. If this is the case in your Branch, your delegates still must register as regular members, and then get reimbursement from your Branch at a later date.

# Advertisements

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## Newsletter Advertisements Guidelines:

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/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.**

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