

MTAC Orange Coast Cities



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Calendar

9/15 — CM Web registration opens: www.mtac.org

9/15 — Theme Festival registration opens: www.mtacocc.org

9/17— **CM Information Meeting, 9:00 am** MVCC,

Deadline: 9/15 Contact: **Judy Jenkins:** jenkinsmusic@cox.net

(CM Packet/Branch Yearbook pick-up available)

9/22 -- **Branch Meeting, 9:00 am** LHCC, Hoang Nguyen, Pianist

(CM Packet/Branch Yearbook pick-up available)

10/10—**Adult Student Workshop**, MVCC, **Deadline: 9/29**

Contact: **Chris Jones:** pianousa@yahoo.com

10/10 -- **Deadline for** Theme Festival Online registration

10/13 -- **Branch Meeting**, LHCC

10/15 -- **Deadline for** Theme Festival Mailing fees/student list

10/17 -- **Showcase Recital**, MVCC **Deadline: 10/14**

Online registration at www.mtacocc.org

11/06-- **Theme Festival**, Saddleback College, Online registration at

www.mtacocc.org **Deadline: 10/10** Contact: **Keiko Ikeda:**
toneofbell@yahoo.com

***Note:** Details of **Community Service Recitals** for this coming season will be announced in the near future as discussions with the venues are still going on.

Maps/directions to branch venues—Click :

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

President's Message: *Welcome back, everyone!*

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

We won MTAC's Best Newsletter award!

MTAC Convention and its 100th anniversary:

Thank you very much to our branch delegates who attend those meetings: **Katy Doherty, Judy Jenkins, Angela Leu, Anne Prestridge, Nilou Sarraf, and Pam Worcester**. I saw many branch members assisting their students' performances, and presiding there. Congratulations to you and your students!



One of our members, **Robert Estrin** (piano) was one of the presenters, and kindly sent us a note for our newsletter. You will also see some old photos MTAC presented from its historical archive in the newsletter.

Talking about the branch newsletter our branch was awarded by the state for two categories:

Branch Newsletter, and **Branch Event Flyer**. Thank you, **Nilou**, for its artistic layout. Please send any interesting articles you want to share with members to make our newsletter more attractive.

Orange Coast Cities branch this year is starting with 170 members, and more members are coming.

We have so many students who are studying music with those 170 members and will be participating in our MTAC/OCC Branch events. I really appreciate all the members who volunteer to make those events possible with their hard work, and request that all the participating teachers follow the guidelines to help in our event preparation.

September is the month to organize and plan for the upcoming academic year for teachers and students. CM starts its registration, too. Our branch will have two big meetings this month for you to get updated and more importantly get motivated! You will receive CM Packet & Yearbook at those meetings.

- **September 17th (Friday) 9AM at Mission Viejo Civic Center: CM Information Meeting with our CM Chair Judy Jenkins.**
- **September 22th (Wednesday) 9AM at Laguna Hills Community Center: September Branch Meeting**

At the branch meeting, we would like to welcome new branch members, inform you about upcoming branch events, and to share the information we got from the convention meetings. There is lots of great information that won't fit in the newsletters—both great tips and vital information we need to pay attention to.

Finally, please read about our guest performer, **Hoang Nguyen**, in the next page who will perform the *Chopin Piano Concerto* and other Chopin pieces at the meeting. What a wonderful way to start Chopin/Schumann's 200th anniversary year! See you all at those meetings! We will have "Branch Event At a Glance" sheet unfolded for those meetings too.

Keiko Ikeda

Branch Newsletter:

Editor: Nilou Sarraf

Deadline for October issue—September 20th

Send your articles to nilousarraf@cox.net, or postal mail to 28402 Quiet Hill, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679

MTAC OCC Branch Meeting:

Wednesday September 22, 2010 9:00am

Laguna Hills Community Center Heritage Room

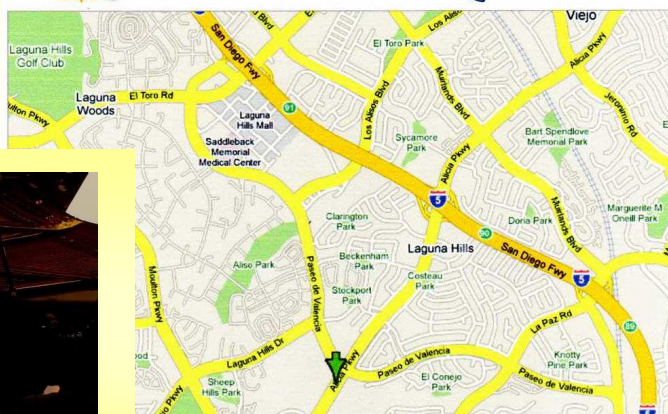
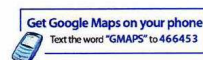
25555 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills, CA 92653 (949) 707-2680

The **Branch Yearbook** will be there for you to pick up. Also, "**2010-11 Branch Events At A Glance** - a sheet of schedule listed by categories - color print" will be there unfolded.

(It will be folded in 1/4 size when we mail it with a yearbook.)



Address **25555 Alicia Pkwy
Laguna Hills, CA 92653**



Guest Pianist *Hoang Nguyen*

All Chopin Program:

Barcarolle, Op. 60

Nocturne, Op. 62 No.2.

Polonaise-Fantaisie, Op. 61

Concerto in F minor, Op 21

No.2

Maestoso

Larghetto

Allegro Vivace

Beata Kardewicz, Violin I

Taka Koite, Violin II

Miguel Cunanan, Viola

Hanna Ling, Cello



Hoang Nguyen enjoys a musical career as a performing artist and university teacher in Orange County, California. Born in Vietnam, he began to learn music with his mother at the age of 7 then at the **National Conservatory of Hanoi**. He made his orchestral debut at the age of 13 with the **Vietnam National Symphony Orchestra**. At the age of 15, Hoang went to France to pursue his musical studies at the **National Conservatory of Versailles** with professor **Desire N'kaoua**. At the age of 18, he entered the **National Conservatory of Paris** in the class of professor **Olivier Gardon** and graduated with a first prize. Receiving the Elsie Sweeny music scholarship, Hoang traveled to the United States to study with professor **Evelyne Brancart** at the **Indiana University, Jacobs School of Music**. Later, as an Alicia de Larrocha scholarship recipient, he went to California to study with professor Eduardo Delgado for his Master Degree at the California State University, Fullerton. He also studied privately in Montreal, Canada and Aix en Provence, France with pianist **Dang Thai Son**. He played in the Master Class of **Menahem Pressler** and **Gary Graffman**.

Hoang was the grand prize winner of the Concerto Competition performing Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand with the University Symphony Orchestra in Fullerton, and a finalist at the 2006 Los Angeles Liszt International Piano Competition. His other orchestral performance included Concertos with Fullerton College Orchestra, Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra in California and I Solisti de Perugia in Italy. Hoang has played recitals in France, Italy, Vietnam and USA at music festivals of Nice, Flaine, Guerande, Normandie, Perugia, Bowdoin as well as concert halls of Saint-Germain des Pres and Cite des Arts in Paris. He has appeared on Vietnamese national and local televisions of VTV1, Saigon TV, SBTN, and Van TV.

Hoang Nguyen taught piano at Fountain Valley Yamaha School since 2005 and a member of the Music Teacher Association of California. He currently serves as teaching assistant of professor **Eduardo Delgado** at **California State University, Fullerton** since Fall 2010.



2010 Branch Theme Festival

Happy 200th Anniversary



to

Frederic Chopin, Robert Schumann and their Friends:

**Franz Liszt, Felix Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann, Niccolò Paganini, Hector Berlioz,
Johannes Brahms and Gioachino Rossini**



Saturday, November 6, 2010

Saddleback College

OCC WEBSITE REGISTRATION at www.mtacocc.org

Registration opening - Sep. 15, 2010 Deadline - Oct. 10, 2010

Festival Co-Chairs

Registration: Keiko Ikeda (949) 633-7164 (toneofbell@yahoo.com),

On Site: Angela Leu (leulu88@yahoo.com), Esther Park (eparkiano@yahoo.com)

Strings Chair: Gloria Liu Traulle (gloroaltx@yahoo.com)

Voice Chair: Susan Wong (frauwong@hotmail.com)

Festival Administrator: Pam Worcester (pocky@cox.net)



For the rules and more detail on the festival, please read a separate PDF document,
[2010 Branch Theme Festival Rules and Procedures](#), which you have received with this newsletter.

SEPTEMBER : The month of REGISTRATION!

Here's the list of websites **YOU have to visit and register.**

Add new students and update with changes.



1. MTAC State Website www.mtac.org

- How to log in: Use your username & password
- If you are new to this, your username & password will be informed by Branch CM Chair, Judy Jenkins
- Read more about CM registration, please read Judy's message on the following page.

2. OCC Branch Website www.mtacocc.org

All the branch students **Festivals, Showcase Recitals, Community Service Recitals** will be through this website registration.

- How to log in: Use your username & password
- If you are new to this, your username & password will be informed by OCC branch

On this website, you can input all of your student's names, date of birth, CM level, —if the student is not participating in the CM, please assess the student's appropriate level. This can serve as your studio's student database as well by keeping all your students information in one place protected by your password.

When you want to register your students for branch events, you can just click on the student, then type in repertoire information and AM/PM request. after mailing fees and sheet printed from there to the chairperson, you are done! Only you and chair of the event will see those participating students' information.

3. Southern California Junior Bach Festival Website www.scjbf.org

Bach Festival is run by SCJBF, and you have to register yourself and your students there, even for its Branch Evaluation. Read more about Bach Festival and registration on www.scjbf.orgregistration.htm

What you will need on those pages:

Students' name, instrument, date of birth, school grade, CM level, address, e-mail, phone number, and date they started lesson with you

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Judy Jenkins, CM Chair Jenkinsmusic@cox.net

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT REGISTRATION TIME IS ALMOST HERE.....

SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- ♪Registration packets are available at the September & October meetings, or at the Information Meeting.
- ♪There will be an **Information Meeting on Sept. 17 at the Mission Viejo City Hall**. All teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend. See below.
- ♪On-line Registration opens Sept. 15 and will close at 11:59 pm on Nov. 15. This is the State cutoff date and absolutely no late registrations will be accepted.
- ♪Evaluation Forms can be entered on line between Jan. 1 and Jan. 29 and cannot be accepted after that date. NO exceptions. (This is where you'll enter the students' repertoire.)
- ♪If you did not pay your MTAC State and Branch dues by July 31, you cannot enter students in CM this year. I'm sorry—there's nothing we can do about that! Please don't ask! L

Branch Evaluation Date

- PANEL REGIONALS TBA;
- STRINGS **Sunday, March 6** at Saddleback College;
- THEORY **Saturday and Sunday March 5-6** at the Mission Viejo Civic Center;
- VOICE **Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13** at Saddleback College & Faith Episcopal Church;
- KEYBOARD **Saturday/Sunday March 19/20 and Saturday March 26**.

- The Convention Recital theme for 2010-11 will be "Russian Composers".

A Training Session for teachers, especially those new to CM (any instrument) will be held at the **Saddleback Room, Mission Viejo Civic Center, with Judy on Friday, September 17 at 9 am**. The Civic Center is across the parking lot from the Mission Viejo Library at the corner of La Paz and Marguerite. Please order the keyboard syllabus from the State Office before this meeting, and voice and strings teachers should also order a syllabus. Bring your syllabus to the meeting. **Note that this meeting is BEFORE the Branch Meeting.**

ALL TEACHERS, CM OR NOT, SHOULD UPDATE THEIR ONLINE TEACHER INFORMATION PAGE, ESPECIALLY THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS. This is for the State website (MTAC.org), not the Branch website. (Good idea to update that too, of course.) Most info is going to be sent by email this year, so if you do not have email, please designate someone to receive this information for you.

Remember:

1. Teachers must not delete students that will not be reenrolled. Students that are reenrolled from last year or are newly enrolled will be registered for CM. If a student is reenrolled and then the decision is made to not participate in CM before 11/15, then the "reenrolled check box" on the registration page must be unchecked. **Teachers will be charged for all students whose reenrolled box is checked.**
2. Teachers should not delete high school students even if they are no longer their teacher. Teachers must inform the branch CM Chair about high school students that are changing teachers.
3. Prepare your students carefully. This is the year of the **New Policy**: If a student does not pass a Path A level (performance and/or theory) the student must repeat that level in Path A before proceeding to the next level.

I will be out of town from September 25 – October 9. Please save your problems or read your syllabus!

The CM fees for 2011 will be updated on the MTAC.org website by September 15. The database opens for registration on September 15 and closes November 15.

Thanks for all your good work for your students! Judy

NEWS

Community Service Recitals

We were able to add one more venue to this recital. **The Covington Assisted Living in Aliso Viejo**, and it will be for our February 2011 concert. Their stage and piano are gorgeous!

We are still in the process of discussion with **Freedom Village, The Wellington** for the available dates, so please be patient with details. The details will be announced as soon as the schedule is finalized. It will be online registration just like last year.



Teachers Pedagogy Workshop

—will be off this year

Margery Burger who has been organizing this productive branch event for many years informed us that this year due to the difficulty with scheduling and fewer number of participants, the Teachers Pedagogy Workshop will not be offered this year.

We really appreciate Margery for her great contribution towards this event, and hope this will come back to our branch schedule in the near future.

THANK YOU, Margery!

MTAC CONVENTIION VIDEO RECOEDINGS

Some recent convention's student performances
(**VOCE, YAG, YCG, Piano Concerto Competition, Solo Competition**)
are available to watch via MTAC website.

2010 recordings will be added in the near future.

Share those great performances with your students:

http://www.mtac.org/recordings/index.php?pageNum_rsRecordings=1

(MTAC website-Recordings from the side menu)

Congratulation, Robert Estrin for a wonderful Convention presentation!



Message to members from Robert Estrin

The **2010 MTAC convention** had amazing variety of musical performances and exhibits. It was a great pleasure bringing in part of my instrument collection and performing **Living Piano: Journey Through Time: Historic Concert Experience** which was very well received. My very first Living Piano performance was for the Orange Coast Branch several years ago. Since that time my keyboard collection has grown substantially. I currently have several American and European pianos for sale at Great Recession prices to music teachers! Special consideration is given for student referrals. Robert@LivingPiano.com 949-244-3729 www.LivingPiano.com

Robert Estrin

100th Convention at LAX Marriott



Some old convention photos presented at the convention from MTAC historic archives-



FUTURE CONVENTIONS

Schedule

Convention 2011

will be held from **July 1 – 5, 2011** at the Marriott Hotel at the **Oakland** City Center.

Convention 2012

will be held from **June 29 – July 3, 2012** at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in **San Diego, CA.**



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Announcement



Saddleback College Concerto Competition

Saturday, November 20, 2010

The application deadline is Friday, October 22, 2010.

For more information, contact **Pam Worcester**, Concerto Competition Chair

at

949-581-1467 or pocky@cox.net.

The Concerto Competition is sponsored by the Saddleback College Music Department in cooperation with the Fine Arts & Media Technology Division and the Saddleback College Orchestra Club. It is open to pianists, instrumentalists, and vocalists. The competition will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Saddleback College in FA 101 in the afternoon.

Pre-college students must enter the competition through an *MTAC, Orange Coast Cities Branch* teacher or *American String Teachers' Association* teacher (South Orange County area).

Complete details and application forms are available online at www.mtacocc.org

The South Coast Symphony

holds an

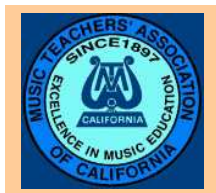
Annual Concerto Competition,

the Young STARS of the Future.

The information is on its website www.southcoastsymphony.org as well as a downloadable Application form.

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Bob Casper
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TO: Keiko Ikeda
85 Matisse Circle, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

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