MTAC Orange Coast Cities

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10/10 -- Adult Student Workshop, 1:00 p.m. MVCC

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11/06-- Theme Festival, Saddleback College, Online registration at www.mtacocc.org Deadline: 10/10 Contact: **Keiko Ikeda**: toneofbell@yahoo.com

11/07 -- Comm. Service Recital, Freedom Village, Sun 3:00 p.m.
Deadline: 10/27

11/10 -- Branch Meeting, LHCC, Wed, 10:00 a.m.

11/14 -- Show Case Recital, MVCC, Sun, 2:00 p.m.

11/15 -- Deadline for Certificate of Merit Online registration

Maps/directions to branch venues—Click :

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

President's Message:

It was very nice to see many members at September Branch meeting.
Thank you, **Judy Jenkins** who organized CM meeting, and **Chairs of branch events/activities** for giving information to members. Thank you, **Esther Park** and **Natalia Gubenko,** who helped yearbook handing at the September meeting. Thank you, **Ping Li**, for taking over Hospitality role. Also, Thank you, **Hoang Nguyen and his co-performers!**
It was the first time for me to listen to "Chopin Concerto with a string quartet" version and thought many more pieces with this setting should be performed. It was cozy and more musically intimate, I thought.
Since that meeting, we have welcome two more members, **Nina Klakovich** (piano), and **Lauren Taylor Harvey** (cello). Welcome! We are now the branch of 173 members.

A couple of things about members' information: Some typos, corrections and the information of those two new members are listed on page 6. I really appreciate if you would cut the page and insert to the Yearbook you have received at the September meetings. If you could not make those meetings, you can receive at **October 13th** branch meeting.

To protect members' personal information, branch member questionnaire we sent during summer had a page for you to choose how much information you want to list on the Branch Website, and sign. This is because our branch website's Find Teacher section is open to public. If you missed the opportunity to send the questionnaire back during summer, you can fill in at the next branch meeting. The forms will be found at the table near the door. **Without your answers, your listing will be name only.** Additionally, we request members not to distribute the Yearbook information to any third party, and still be aware of those scam e-mail messages which disguise as foreign parents who want limited time music lessons for their children in our area.

The Community Service Recitals have been set with the schedule and rules (Page 7). This recital has its own instructions which you will receive with this newsletter. Please make sure that you read and share the information with students before the recitals.

Now some events have started the registrations, and it really tells us how fast the time flies. Please be careful not to miss the strict deadlines for both branch and state events.

I am very excited about our next branch meeting with **Umi Garrett** (10 years old) who is already professionally performing internationally. She is flying down to Orange County to play for us this time. Please plan to attend the meeting to witness this remarkable talent being nurtured by our own branch members. Thank you, **Susan Wong**, **Yoshie Akimoto**, and **Itoe Akimoto** for arranging this fabulous meeting program. Are you sending students to Theme Festival? You can bring the fee and students' list to the meeting, too. If you missed to see Branch Scrapbook Album, **Esther Park** beautifully made, it will be there again, I hope.

Finally, I really appreciate a generous support from some music professionals in the form of Branch Yearbook Advertisements. Those **sponsors** are listed at http://www.mtacocc.org/sponsors.htm . Please take a time to visit the page, which has a direct link to each sponsor. You are welcome to forward the link to your students.

The weather is a little unpredictable this year. I wish all of you and your students a very good health and a productive autumn filled with great music! **See you on the 13th!** **Keiko Ikeda**

Branch Newsletter:

Editor: Nilou Sarraf

Deadline for November issue—October 20th

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

MTAC OCC Branch Meeting:

Wednesday October 13, 2010 10:00am

Laguna Hills Community Center Heritage Room

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

Guest Pianist Umi Garrett

http://www.umipiano.com/

In May 2009 ***Umi Garrett****, 8 year old pianist, was welcomed and wowed the world on NBC's "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."*

Now at 10, one of Umi's recent performances is "From The Top" national radio show in April, 2010. "From The Top" re-engaged Umi for a collaboration concert to perform with the Boston pops on June, 2010. In the show, she received Jack Kent Cook Scholarship Award.

In September, 2010, Umi was invited to Wuhan, China, to perform with Wuhan Symphony Orchestra.

In Dec. 2009, Umi had her first orchestral debut with the Desert Symphony in Palm Desert, California performing

Mozart Piano Concerto No.23. Then Umi was re-engaged with the Symphony to perform on April 16th, 2010, in a concert for 1,100 school children.

For the past three years Umi has participate in Killington Music Festival in Vermont as the youngest performer in the 26 year history of the Festival.

Umi has also participated in Vianden Music Festival in Luxembourg and Saarburg, Germany.

On May 2010, Umi had her first solo concert in San Diego at the Neurosciences Institute hosted by ***Jung-Ho Pak*** *from Orchestra Nova.*

Some of her past appearances include solo performance in Grand Mason's reception in Anaheim and "Jammin' for Julian" a charity concert in Newport Beach, California. Her past performances took place in Washington D.C, New York and Connecticut.

Umi has coming concerts with Charlotte Symphony in Florida and Thayer Symphony in Massachusetts in 2011.

Umi has won first prizes at the Southwestern Youth Music Festival and the J.S. Bach Competition.

In November, 2009, Umi was a winner of the Saddleback Symphony Concerto Competition.

She is a student of ***Mrs.Yoshie Akimoto*** *and* ***Mrs.Itoe Honda Akimoto.***

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Judy Jenkins, CM Chair

REGISTRATION

IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

UNTIL 11:58 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 15.

SO HERE'S WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Judy Jenkins is still the branch CM Chair; contact her with CM questions. The assistant is **Marina Sakach**; for repertoire questions, contact her at Marina@Innertech.com. **DO NOT call the State Office with questions; they won't know the answers!**

Registration packets will be available at the **October branch meeting**. You need this to complete your registration. Please read it and follow the registration instructions. **Your check, student list, and work agreement must be received by November 16!** Also please read the policy that is enclosed with the packet. Lots of information there! Be sure to fill out both sides of the "work form" that is the front page of your packet. However, the dates on the back of that page are incorrect. Please substitute these :

I will work date/venue :

_____Saturday, March 5, Mission Viejo Civic Center – THEORY

_____Sunday, March 6, Mission Viejo Civic Center - THEORY

_____Sunday, March 6, Saddleback College - STRINGS

_____Saturday, March 12, Faith Episcopal Church - VOICE

_____Sunday, March 13, Saddleback College - VOICE

_____Saturday, March 19, Saddleback College – PIANO

_____Sunday, March 20, Saddleback College – PIANO

_____Saturday, March 26, Private Studios - PIANO

Remember: if a student did not pass either theory or performance last year (i.e. they received a "Remain at Level", RAL) he/she cannot go on to the next Path A level until he/she repeats and passes the previous one. And no, the student cannot take 2 levels in one year, nor can they substitute Path B, nor can they skip a year and then go on. Any further questions?

Good luck with your preparation of your students. It can sometimes be quite a challenge, no? (Yes, I have students like that also!)

Judy jenkinsmusic@cox.net

NEWS

From our State Board of Directors
STUDENTS' Convention Application Fee
(NEW THIS YEAR! Inform parents.)

Beginning in 2011, there will be a Convention Application Fee of **$20** charged per student at the time the teacher registers his/her students on or before the deadline of April 15th. This will be a non-refundable application fee, and will be paid either by credit card or by Pay Pal. This fee is being assessed for the first time next year, for the purpose of helping defray some of the mounting convention expenses incurred by having over 1500 students perform.

Only the students performing on the following convention recitals will be affected by this fee:

CM New Materials Recitals
CM Theme Recitals
CM Festival Recitals
CM Ensemble Recitals
CT Symposium Recitals

All students attending the MTAC Convention, along with all family members coming to hear the student play, are admitted to the Convention at no extra charge, and are invited to attend any Convention event, including all recitals, master classes, lectures, concerts, and the exhibit hall. It is our intention to keep all of the Convention events available to all performing students and families.
MTAC teachers, however, are required to register for Convention, should they wish to attend any event.

Susan Clark (MTAC State President)

The 16th Piano Ensemble Festival at Fullerton College

The 16the Piano Ensemble Festival focusing on the piano duet/duo will be held on **Saturday, January 29, 2011**. Application form and registration fee must be postmarked by Monday, December 6, 2010. Please visit **http://music.fullcoll.edu/pianofestival** for more information (including Application form, Registration fee, and required Repertoire List).

OCC BRANCH YEARBOOK CORRECTIONS

IF YOU SEE TYPOS OR WRONG INFORMATION ON YOUR DIRECTORY, PLEASE INFORM US.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS on your yearbook.

"Student referrals/voice mail" listing on **page 17:**

Nancy Lau's phone number should read 858-**5**306, not 858-8306.

Members' listing: **page 31**:

Nancy Pirozzi's E-mail address: nppiano@yahoo.com, not @aol.com

Katrina Querriera's phone number: **903-9033**, not (714)953-1971

NEW MEMBERS TO ADD: Welcome to OCC Branch!

Harvey, Lauren Taylor (Branch ID#160) Active: cello 949-233-4993
467 Saint Vincent
Irvine, CA 92618 larenh516@gmail.com

Klakovich, Nina (Branch ID#170) Active: piano, voice 949-713-0297
21022 Los Alisos Blvd. #1926
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688 NinaK2L@cs.com

BRANCH TEACHER ID #: on **page 48**

169 **Harvey**
170 **Klakovich**

MTAC STATE DIRECTORY: doctor's degree holders

ATTENTION! Doctor's degree holders-

MTAC state directory is on your way, or you might have received already.

If you find your listing is **missing with "Dr."** with your name, please inform **Keiko Ikeda** at toneofbell@yahoo.com.

The state office is checking if that section is properly printed.

Community Service Recitals 2010-11

Freedom Village (Lake Forest)

November 7 (Sun) 3:00pm

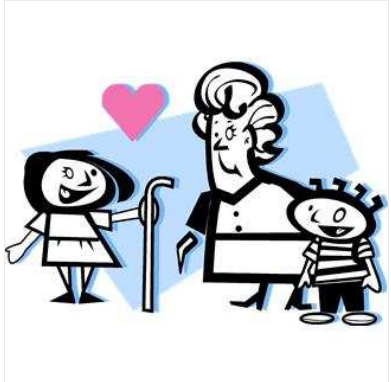
February 13 (Sun) 3:00pm

April 10 (Sun) 3:00pm

Covington (Aliso Viejo) - new location!

February 12 (Sat) 4:00pm

(We have **two recitals** on **Valentine's Day** weekend!)



- Registration for November 7 recital is open at www.mtacocc.org from Teacher Log In.
- **The rules & instructions are delivered to you with this newsletter. The same file will be replaced from the last year's at the branch website soon. Please make sure that you read the instruction for 2010-11, not 2009-10.**
- **Maps & Directions are at www.mtacocc.org—go to the bottom of front page for MAPS**

If you are the first timer to Branch Website Log In, click on "FORGOT PASSWORD", and the web master will inform with your USERNAME and PASSWORD.

After registration, send application fee payable to **MTAC OCC** and the student list printed from website to:

Angela Leu (27 Coca, Foothill Ranch CA92610) by **October 27.**

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK, not students' parents'.

Please note that web registration will close automatically when the applications reaches the maximum 15 performers.

Plan Now for the MTAC 2011 Convention:"The Magic of Music" - July 1-5, 2011

At the Oakland Marriott and City Center: Featuring:

John Perry, convention artist in recital and master class

Stephen Prutzman, convention artist in recital and master class

Michael Schneider, convention artist, showcasing Liszt

William Westney, keynote address and sessions

Dennis Alexander, master class and sessions

Scott McBride Smith, intermediate technique and coaching teachers

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Tony Caramia, the nation's leading jazz educator

Edna Golandsky, Taubman technique

Siaw-Sing Koo, Chinese music, Debussy

Old Town Oakland is spruced up and ready for you!

Immediately adjacent to the Marriot you will find many dining opportunities, browsing and shopping! With very reasonable prices, a beautiful modern Convention Center and Old Town immediately adjacent—

Make your plans now!

Lee Galloway,

Convention Program Chair

Announcements:

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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