

MTAC MTAC San Mateo County Branch

Newsletter

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President's Pen

Last summer at MTAC Convention in Los Angeles, I heard the Young Artist Guild members play at one of the evening concerts. It is always such a thrill to see and hear these semi-professional musicians, and to know that these performances all started with CM evaluations!

On Saturday, May 7, we will be privileged to hear a concert by one of these artists, Iris Wu. This is a special event for our Branch, and we want as many students and teachers as possible to attend. There is no admission fee. It is our gift to your students. In this newsletter there are details, including a flyer you can download and print for your students, and a video of Iris in concert that you can pass on to your students and their families!

Additional activities at year-end for our Branch are as follows:

Friday, May 13, Annual luncheon at Van's Restaurant (RSVP by May 3)

Saturday, June 4, last student recital of the year (application deadline May 23)

Sunday, June 12, teacher concert (sign up now!!)

Keep reading for all the details on how to participate!!

Pat McNutt, President

Recital Hall Information

To All Members:

The following dates are available for hall rental at the Wind Room in Foster City as of April 9th. Please go to the recital hall reservation page for all current dates and times: <http://www.mtacsanmateo.org/recital-hall/recital-hall-reservation-calendar.html>

June 18th, Saturday: 12-9pm

June 19th, Sunday: 12-9 pm

Wind Room Reservations for Sept 2011 - Jan 2012 will be available in mid - May. Please keep checking back with us at the recital hall page website for updates and reservation priorities.

Piano at the Wind Room

We recently replaced a broken wheel on our Yamaha C7 at the Wind Room. I would like to kindly remind teachers who handle the piano that the C7 has brakes. Please remember to lift the brakes before moving the piano to the desired location in the room. This will avoid leaving any wheel markings on the floor which causes floor damage. Thank you for your attention and handling the pianos with care.

Yvonne Ho

Young Artist Guild Concert, May 7

On Saturday, May 7, at 5:00 p.m., our MTAC San Mateo Branch will present a piano recital by Young Artist Guild member, Iris Wu. The Young Artist Guild is the highest level of achievement in the Certificate of Merit evaluation program. Iris has won numerous honors and competitions, and has played with several orchestras. The concert is free, and a reception will follow. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to hear an accomplished semi-professional pianist. This is a gift from our Branch to students and their families. The concert will be held in the Foster City Community Center Wind Room.

We have great promotional materials for you to share with your students! Janice Sheng has designed a poster with all the details, and Iris has given us a youtube video of a performance. Your students will enjoy seeing the video, and you can pass the poster to your students and parents. Scroll to the bottom of this newsletter to the JPEG of the flyer, and print copies of it for your students. Then click on the url for the video and watch it, then pass it along!!!

The YouTube video featuring Iris Wu in performance is here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHXCU5-y3Ck>

Annual Lunch and Business Meeting

The past two years we have gathered at Van's Restaurant in May for good company, good food and a short recap of the year's activities. We have enjoyed it, so we are going to do it again. Please join us! Here's how:

Date: Friday, May 13, 11:30 – 1:00

Location: Van's Restaurant, 815 Belmont Ave., Belmont

Cost: \$15/person for 3-course meal, coffee and/or tea, tax and gratuity.

RSVP: by May 3 to Vija Norkvesta, vnorkvesta@yahoo.com, 650 342-7008

Send check payable to MTAC San Mateo (do not make payable to Vija)

Vija Norkvesta

125 Elm St.

San Mateo, CA 94401

Student Recital Saturday, June 4

Complete applications and send \$12/student by May 23 in order to participate in this last recital of the year. There will be two one-hour programs, beginning at 2:15.

Performance is limited to 7 minutes. Please honor this time limit so more students can participate. You may enter two students. Complete the application on our website, mtacsanmateo.org, then mail fee of \$12/student to

Sumi Nagasawa

511 Compass Drive

Redwood City, CA 94065

**Teacher Recital – Last Member meeting of the year – Sunday,
June 12, 7:00 p.m.**

Musicians, listen up!!! Gather the music you have played this year and the musicians you have played with, polish the piece again, and sign up to perform! Last year this program was a favorite. We had such great variety, and we want more of the same – and even more variety!! Contact Vija Norkvesta, vnorkvesta@yahoo.com, 650 342-7008.

Branch By-Laws Revisions

You will be receiving a copy of revised by-laws in your email soon. We must vote on these by-laws now. When you receive them, take a look and send your vote back as instructed. Your Board, led by Barbara Barclay has spent considerable time on this document, please respect that work by voting when you receive it. Most of the changes are mandated by State MTAC.

MTAC State Convention 2011 – July 1 – 5

Early bird registration is the least expensive way to participate in a convention worth 5 times the price! Go to the state website, MTAC.org, and look at the schedule. The artists and topics are relevant, timely, and will be the best continuing education you can get at a location just across the bridge in Oakland.

Pages needed at Convention

You have recently received two lengthy emails pleading you to recruit students to be pages at convention in Oakland. As you may know, it takes dozens of students, friends, or family members to serve as pages at each

concert/lecture/event. If you missed those emails, contact Cynthia Brown, Corresponding Secretary, lessonsonb@aol.com and she will resend them to you.

CM and State Convention Information

Dear CM Teachers:

Thank you all so much for another successful CM year! Your high professional standards, your knowledge and talent in helping students to explore their musical potential and cultivate their skills are truly appreciated.

2011 MTAC Convention July 1 - 5

The Convention Application process now has two steps. The first is to submit each student for the convention. The second is to pay the new Convention Application Fee. The fee must be paid by April 15th or the students' information will not be sent to the recital chairs. After you have received the email confirming payment, check your Student List. You should see "F" after the school grade of each student if the application is complete.

The procedure to pay the fee is:

*** You can click Pay Now:**

https://www.mtac.org/cgibin/mtac/shopping/shopping_convention_performer_Results.php

or pay later from your teacher home page-> Shopping->Convention CM Application Fee.

Important: You must log in to your teacher home page to pay. You cannot pay from the shopping link on the MTAC home page.

*** You must complete your payment no later than April 15 or your student will not be able to participate at convention.**

*** If you have more than one student that will play at convention, you will find it easier to complete the final convention application for each student. You can pay for all students at once by logging onto your teacher home page and selecting the Shopping-Convention CM Application Fee link.**

*** Panel students are exempt from the fee.**

All Convention Recital applicants with a 5- rating and above that qualify will be accepted to perform. For more information refer to your Teacher Home site:

MTAC CONVENTION PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS - Rules for Convention Recital Programs.

I hope will see you at the Convention in Oakland.

Warmest regards,

Marcela

Japanese Benefit Concerts

Kudos and many thanks to our own Dorian Ho, who organized the benefit concerts for the Japan earthquake and tsunami disasters. These concerts were held on Sunday March 27 at the Wind Room in Foster City. Peninsula Grace Notes hosted the concerts and featured students of MTAC members. What began as a concert grew into a marathon of six concerts that day – at 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Some 150 students participated. These were free concerts with 100 % of the donations going to the American Red Cross for Japan. Over \$9,600 was raised. Hats off to Dorian, to the teachers, and students who gave of their time for this heart- warming series of benefit concerts.

Young Artist Guild Concert - Iris Wu Piano Recital



Saturday, May 7th, 2011
5:00 pm
Foster City Community Center – Wind Room
(1000 East Hillsdale Blvd. Foster City)

Free Admission
Reception to Follow

Event sponsor: MTAC San Mateo Branch



- Program -

Ludwig van Beethoven:
Piano Sonata in G Major, Op. 31, No. 1

Frédéric Chopin:
Fantasy in F minor, Op. 49

Maurice Ravel:
Gaspard de la nuit - *Ondine*

Franz Liszt:
Années de pèlerinage (Suisse) –
• *Au bord d'une source*
• *Vallée d'Obermann*

What is the Young Artist Guild?

The Young Artist Guild is a semi-professional group of MTAC's most gifted students. It is the highest level of achievement in the Certificate of Merit Evaluation Program.

Iris Wu is a 17-year-old musician who plays both piano and cello at an advanced level. As a pianist, she has won numerous awards including the *Crestmont Conservatory of Music Scholarship Competition*, the *San Mateo County Fair Classical Piano Competition* and the *Burlingame Music Club Competition*. She was also a finalist in the *Pacific Music Society Young Artists Competition*, the *Marilyn Mindell Piano Competition* and the *Ross McKee Competition*.

Iris has performed concertos with the Peninsula Youth Orchestra and the Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra. She has also performed in many recitals, as well as master classes for Scott McBride Smith, Paul Roberts, Valentin Surif, and Thomas LaRatta.

12. Iris Wu studies piano with Thomas Hansen, and cello with Kathleen Johnson at the Crestmont Conservatory of Music in San Mateo.

