



MTAC San Mateo County Branch

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President's Pen

I love the break from teaching over the holidays, but I usually experience some disappointment in how little I practiced, how little I caught up on some good reading I wanted to do. And I am amazed at how much planning, shopping, cooking, eating and meeting with family and friends I did! I did have some wonderful hours just sitting at the piano playing what I felt like playing, which as you know, is different from practicing. What is your story from the holidays?

In any case, I do wish you a good 2011, and thank you for being a part of MTAC San Mateo. You make our Branch stronger by your membership and participation.

We have activities a-plenty to help fill the next months for you and your students. Opportunities begin with a meeting Friday, Jan. 28 to discuss teaching issues, followed by a student recital Feb. 13, CM evaluations, honors recitals, annual lunch in May, Branch student recital June 4, and ending the year with a teacher concert on June 12. Details follow for these activities.

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Branch Student Recital Sunday, Feb. 13, 2:30 p.m.

You may apply for this recital until Friday, Jan. 28. Go to our website, mtacsanmateo.org, click on “Branch Recitals”. Read the instructions and complete the application. You may submit it directly from the website to Sumi Nagasawa, Recital Chair. Just follow the instructions. We encourage you to have your elementary students apply, as well as advanced students. This is a great opportunity for students to begin performing at any age and level!

CM Honors Recital dates

The Honors Recitals for CM students will be held Saturday, April 2, and perhaps Sunday, April 3, depending on the number of students who receive honors. Please mark these dates on your calendars now. Chair for CM Honors Recitals is Kathleen Johnson. In the future, please contact Kathleen regarding these recitals.

Program News

Program on Teaching January 28 – for all teachers!

On Friday, January 28, 10:00 a.m. we will have a meeting for all members. This meeting will be your opportunity to discuss the sticky, tricky, timeless issues that concern you about your music teaching. What could be better than brainstorming questions and comments with other teachers about the things we deal with day in and day out in our student-teacher situations?!

Think about questions you would like input from others about. Write your questions on a piece of paper and bring them with you (they can be anonymous!). You will also be given the opportunity to write the question down when you arrive. If you prefer not to submit any questions, come anyway for food, mingling and lively discussion!

Details of the meeting:

- **Date: Friday, January 28**
- **Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon**
- **Venue: Allegro Music School, 550 Pilgrim Dr. Suite F, Foster City, 94404**

Schedule:

- **food and mingling 10:00 - 10:30**
- **Ice Breaker game - 10:30 - 11:00**
- **Brainstorming Session - 11:00 - noon**

Please RSVP to Vija Norkvesta, Program Vice President, vnorkvesta@yahoo.com by Monday, Jan. 24. This will help us know how much food to prepare.

Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting

Save Friday, May 13 for lunch at Van's!! The past 2 years this event has been a hit with members, for a time to relax and visit, enjoying each other and good food.

Teacher Recital, Sunday June 12th

There was "standing room only" last June for the teacher's recital. Now is the time for you to start thinking and preparing what you can perform in this recital on Sunday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.

A Message from the Recital Hall Director, MTAC San Mateo Branch

Greetings! Happy New Year everyone! A kind reminder for a few things:

Time Slots: There are many time slots available during March and April. For the most updated times and dates, please visit our branch website at: <http://www.mtacsanmateo.org/recital-hall/recital-hall-reservation-calendar.html>

As of today, these are the available dates and times:

March 11th: 6-9 pm

March 12th: 12-9 pm

March 13th: 12-9 pm

April 2nd: 12-9 pm

April 17th: 2-9 pm

April 22nd: 6-9 pm

April 23rd: 3-9 pm

April 24th: 12-9 pm

Wind Room Rental: Foster City has a 3 hour room rental requirement per weekend. If the MTAC San Mateo Branch is unable to fill at least 3 hours a weekend, then Foster City will not approve the rental request. I highly encourage teachers to pair up with other San Mateo Branch members if your event

will be less than 3 hours. You may contact me if you need assistance to look for another member.

One of our members, Kent Darnielle is looking to share with another member to rent out the Wind Room on Saturday, April 23rd between 12-3 pm. Kent is going to use the room from 12-1:30, and would like to split the other one hour and a half with another member. If you are interested to book your recital on that day, please don't hesitate to contact me at: yhpiano@gmail.com or call 650-570-6951.

Seating Arrangement at the Wind Room: Please remember that the chair arrangement policy in the Wind Room is fixed. There is no exception. Teachers are not allowed to rearrange the seating plan on their own on the day of his or her event without the Recital Hall Director's permission. The seating arrangement has now been changed to Theatre style, with chairs facing the North Wall in the Wind Room. If you would like to arrange a different seating plan for your event, you must get permission from the Hall Director when you submit your reservation. No exceptions! Foster City takes this issue very seriously due to issues of liability. Thank you for understanding.

Yvonne Ho

Recital Hall Director

Dear CM Teachers:

Happy New Year, health and prosperity to you all! I hope that you had a well deserved break this Holiday Season and that we are ready to step forward into a successful 2011.

January 2nd - Database open for entering evaluation information and repertoire online

Deadline ~ February 20, 2011 - for entering the repertoire - **PIANO**

Voice and Strings teachers please contact your respective Chair for Deadlines.

Voice Chair: Laurie Johnson laurlyn@comcast.net

Strings Chair: Marjorie Lin mapurrfect@aol.com

CM Evaluation San Mateo 2011

Voice ~ March 6th at Allegro Music School

Piano ~ March 12th - 13th at Notre Dame University and Allegro Music School

Strings ~ March 26th - 27th at Allegro Music School

Do you have a change of address, phone or email? Please edit the changes in your teacher information at MTAC.org, and send them also to Vera Shamis, Branch Membership Secretary: verashamis@hotmail.com, 650 578-9040.