

April 2013

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Music Notes



Calendar of Events

- 4/2—Board Meeting
- 4/7—Bach/Baroque Piano Festival, *Cerritos College*
- 4/15—**Deadline:** Applications for Composers Today Symposium at State Convention
- 4/20—Branch Concerto Auditions
- 4/21—Senior Musicale & Competition
- 4/22—General Meeting, @ home of Robin Curtis; Topic: *Teaching and Business Strategies*
- 4/28—SCJBF All-Branch Regional String Festival
- 5/5—SCJBF All-Branch Regional Winds and Voice Festival
- 5/6—Board Meeting
- 5/20—Annual General Business Meeting @ Arts Dev. School
- 6/2—Branch Concerto Concert
- 6/3—June Reinstallation Luncheon @ Sizzler, La Mirada
- 6/9—Branch Musicale & Composers Today Concert
- 6/28-7/2—MTAC State Convention, Santa Clara



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MTAC Whittier Branch Newsletter

President’s Notes



Hello members! So, as anticipated and reported, last month's CM events were indeed a success. Again, hats off to our Program Chairs! Even more remarkable, however, is an act of generosity by an angel in our Branch who not only took charge, but also shouldered the cost of food for 35 people at the piano evaluations. You are a *wonderful* person, Nona Zakharyan! *Thank you very much!* Also, a huge thanks to Leslie Ho for doing a great job as our first-year Instrumental CM Chair. Hurray! *Thanks for all your hard work and dedication, Leslie!* We are all glad everything went so smoothly! Thank to everyone who helped!

April is a busy month as we look forward to more music making in the following events: *Bach Piano Festival* (Chair Suzanne Wong), *Senior Musicale* and *Composers Today* (Chair Tom Strout), and the *Concerto Auditions* (Chair Caroline Su). Here's hoping every program garners its Chair a standing ovation and nothing but innumerable thumbs up!

I hope to see most of you at our *April Swap Meet* at Robin Curtis' new residence. Robin, thank you in advance for hosting this meeting. See you all soon!

~Till then, Paul

April General Meeting

The next General Meeting is on Monday, April 22, 10:00 AM at the home of Robin Curtis. **Note that this meeting will be at her new address at 4081 Overcrest Drive, Whittier.** Her old address is in the yearbook, and you were advised in a previous newsletter to change it, but if you haven't, be sure you go to the above address. If you get lost, just give Robin a call.

At this meeting, all members are invited to:

- ✓ Come and share your teaching and business strategies
- ✓ Hold a “Music Teachers’ Swap Meet” — bring your sheet music (new or old) that you no longer use, and then buy/sell/trade with other teachers who might want to purchase or swap for your music.



Certificate of Merit Theory Stars



100% Club-Piano

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Prep: *Vera Wang* (Yang)

Lev 1: *Sandra Pan* (Tu)

Lev 3: *Brennan Murray* (Leong)

Lev 4: *Adrienne Yuh* (Vardanyan)

100% Club-Violin

Lev 9: *Hsuan-Te Sun* (Yaghubyan)

Advanced Level Theory Exempt

(90% or above on Theory Tests)

Jona Capino (Ardes Abad)

Isaac Jeon (Yunji Hwang Auh)

Melody Kim (Yunji Hwang Auh)

Sun Jun Park (Yunji Hwang Auh)

Diya Basrai (Diana Chang)

Megan Wong (Diana Chang)

Derek Chao (Leslie Ho)

Daphne Chiang (Lisa Szu Huang)

Angela Lee (Lisa Szu Huang)

Derek Lam (Lisa Szu Huang)

Janice Lee (Hyo Jun)

Michaelyn Nguyen (Hyo Jun)

Giancarlo Santos (Wai Leong)

Matthew Moran (Kaining Lin)

Mindy Huang (Viola Lin)

Ka Lun Li (Viola Lin)

Julia Joseph (Tammy Ordaz)

Guan Yi Tu (Irina Piliposyan)

Tiffany Yang (Irina Piliposyan)

Anna Kouchnerov (D. Sargsyan)

Jeff Chow (Jacob Shirvanyan)

Milton Huynh (Jacob Shirvanyan)

Diya Basrai (Tom Strout)

Melody Guo (Lousine Ketendjian)

Skylar Lee (Tammy Tsai)

Michael Rizal (Tammy Tsai)

Ansel Deng (Naira Vardanyan)

Samantha Dhali (N. Vardanyan)

Sarah Liu (Naira Vardanyan)

Albert Tang (Ellena Yong)

Certificate of Merit News

A successful CM 2013 is now history. Thanks to all the teachers who helped to make it go smoothly. Roger created PDF files with each teacher's CM results and emailed those to teachers with email addresses. Some of the numbers: We had a total of 395 students evaluated over two weekends, 330 piano, 57 string, and 8 winds. A total of 301 applied for Branch Honors, 186 were selected, 152 piano, 30 string, and 4 winds. A total of 70 students were selected for Convention, 43 piano, 25 string, and 2 winds. This year, 31 of our Advanced students became "Theory Exempt" by scoring 90% or better on their theory test (see list on p.3). A total of 6 students received 100% on their theory tests (see list, p. 3). 14 students were entered in Panels (8 piano, 6 string), and 6 went on to Panel Finals (3 piano, 3 string). Congratulations to Vivian Tang (Diana Chang), Anna Kouchnerov (David Sargsyan), and Skylar Lee (Tammy Tsai) in progressing to Panel Honors.

All CM materials, including theory tests, are available for those of you who have not picked up them up from me. If you have a small amount and want it mailed, please send a self addressed, stamped envelope to me and we'll send it to you. Be aware that we don't recommend sending the rosette ribbons for Branch Honors by mail as it would require shipping in boxes to keep them from getting damaged. You can also contact me to come pick up your materials at my home.

CM evaluations require a lot of planning and hard work by a number of people. A successful CM can only happen with the help of all the teachers who do their parts and participate. We'll have an annual report at the May business meeting on all of CM.

****A reminder to all teachers****

If you have students selected for Convention, who meet all the requirements, and plan to play at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, you must do the following by April 15th, 11:59 PM:

1. Login to the state database (www.mtac.org) with your MTAC username/password and go to the Teacher Home Page.
2. Click on CM Students.
3. Click on Student List.
4. At right of student info, pull down window and click on Final Conv App, click GO.
5. Read and follow all the instructions. Remember, applying for convention requires a non-refundable \$20 fee for each student submitted.
6. Teachers, please be aware that the State requires a rating of 5- or better (all disciplines) to be selected for convention.
7. Any problems, please contact me before the deadline.

Thank you all again, for your contributions this year in making CM a success for our branch and our students!
~Jane and Roger

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Composers Today

Tom Strout reported that the *Composers Today* online composition entries will be evaluated and he is waiting to see if we have any winners. If so, we'll honor them at the June 9th Awards Recital.

Branch Concerto Competition Audition

Chair Caroline Su reported that sixteen competitors on piano and violin will perform Saturday, April 21 at Royal Academy, Montebello. The judges will be *Nathan Wang*, *Myra Khomik*, and conductor *Robert Frelly*.

Please be reminded again of the new audition date/venue:

Saturday, April 20

3 PM

Royal Academy

2535 Via Campo

Montebello

Good luck, students!



Senior Competition

Chair Tom Strout reports that *Robert Frelly*, conductor of the La Mirada Symphony Orchestra, will evaluate for our Senior Competition on: Sunday, April 21, 3 PM, Whittier Presbyterian Church, 6030 S. El Rancho Dr, (Whittier). There will be eight seniors competing and one student will perform without competing.

**On the
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Side...**

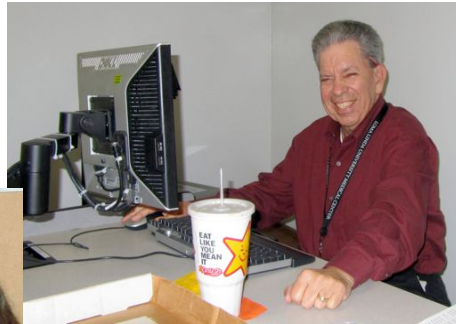


2013 CM Photos

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*March 9th and 10th at Cal Poly, Pomona
March 16th at Whittier College*

