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# Music Notes



MTAC Whittier Branch Newsletter

## Calendar of Events

- 3/3—Deadline: apps for Bach/Baroque Keyboard
- 3/5+6—CM Piano evals, Cal Poly, Pomona
- 3/12—CM Wind and String evals, Whittier College
- 3/15—Deadline: Composers Today State Contest
- 3/21—Board Meeting, California Grill, 9:15 AM
- 4/3—Branch Piano Bach/Baroque Festival
- 4/10—SCJBF Regional Festival for Strings
- 4/17—CANCELLED: Senior Competition/Recital due to no senior applicants
- 4/17—VOCE State Finals
- 4/18—8:00 PM General Meeting; Speaker: Suzanne Wong, followed by Board meeting



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## President's Notes

Hello Everyone,



I can't believe it's March 1st already. I feel today should be February 30th!

However, last February was a month for competitions, when there were three competitions sponsored by our branch: VOCE Competition, Concerto Competitions, and the String Bach-Baroque Festival. Congratulations to all winners and participated teachers for your hard work and support, as well as bravo to Kay and Sarkis for doing such extraordinary jobs managing these competitions.

Good luck to all of your students participating in this year's CM event!

~Regards, Leslie

## Senior Competition & Recital

Sadly, the Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> Senior Competition and Recital has been cancelled due to no senior registrants.

~Thomas Strout, chair

## Tea for Two Photos 2/15/16



The whole group, after the gathering



Patty, Leslie, and Kay performed a fun little Trio by Quincy Porter

## CM 2016 Calendar at a Glance



October 1, 2015  
On-line student  
registration begins

October 31, 2015  
On-line student  
registration ends

November 1, 2015  
Registration checks,  
student roster lists,  
student fee list due to  
Jane Oertel, CM chair

January 2, 2016  
On-line repertoire input  
begins

January 15, 2016  
Panel Student Repertoire  
input ends

February 7, 2016  
On-line repertoire input  
ends for all non-Panel

March 5 & 6, 2016  
CM Piano Evaluations  
Cal Poly, Pomona

March 12, 2016  
CM Wind/String  
Evaluations  
Whittier College

## Certificate of Merit News

At this writing we are a few days from CM Piano evaluations at Cal Poly and trusting things go smoothly. Unlike last year, we are scheduled at Cal Poly for both days. Scheduling of teachers to work this year was more difficult than past years for Saturday, March 5. Usually, we have enough teachers to have backups at most positions other than door monitors. This year, unfortunately, more than half of our teachers wanted to work Sunday and our thin Saturday staff was hit with several unplanned events. A teacher who was planning to work 4 shifts is out with a broken hip, another teacher's mother passed away and she is out of the country during CM, and today as we started to write this, a third teacher who also planned to work 4 shifts found out at the last minute they have a professional work requirement at their other job and can't be at CM. **We need a door monitor for two shifts on Saturday at Cal Poly. If you can help, please contact me.**

Still to come: Instrumental CM evaluations on March 12 at Whittier College. There will be 7 flute students from the San Gabriel Valley Branch regionalizing with the winds from our branch this year. Instrumental Chair, Leslie Ho has contacted teachers who will be working at Whittier College on their job responsibilities and scheduled work shifts.

The plan is to finalize results Monday, March 7. Additional time is needed to make sure all results are entered and we have all the evaluations and theory tests for each teacher. The database will be open to review preliminary results entered online on Sunday evening, March 6, but complete and final results will not be available on the database until Monday, March 7. Once results are final we can print the CM certificates, probably on Tuesday, March 8. *Please Note: The online results will not be available during the day of March 12 while instrumental CM is taking place at Whittier College. Access to online results will be reopened on Saturday evening, March 12.*

Just a reminder, there is no Branch Honors Recital for piano this year. We've been unable to find a teacher willing to take on the responsibility of coordinating it. Students from all disciplines selected for Branch Honors will receive a special seal on their CM certificate and a rosette ribbon recognizing their achievement. Individual results will be emailed as soon as possible in the week after CM.

Reminder to all teachers: If you have students selected for Convention, who meet all the requirements, and plan to play at the Hilton Los Angeles Airport, you must do the following by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:59 PM:

1. Login to the state database ([www.mtac.org](http://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 fee (\$30 in 2015) for each student submitted.
6. Teachers, please be aware that the State requires a performance rating of 5- or better (all disciplines), a theory score of 80% or higher, and a rating of "GOOD" or "EXCELLENT" in Sight Reading and Technique 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 Oertel

## String Bach/Baroque Winners

### Junior Baroque (13 & under)

#### **First Place:**

Adrienne Yuh (*V. Hayrikyan*)

#### **Second Place:**

Cassidy Chen (*A. Shirvanyan*)

#### **Third Place:**

Edison Tseng (*S. Salamanyan*)

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Elizabeth Chi (*L. Ho*)

Julian Walicki (*T. Tsai*)

### Senior Baroque (14 & up)

#### **Winner:**

Nicolas Vo (*T. Tsai*)

#### **Honorable Mention:**

Jennifer Yang (*V. Hayrikyan*)

### Junior Bach (13 & under)

#### **6 Winners:**

Joseph Shultz (*V. Hayrikyan*)

Hamlin Wu (*H. Hovhannisyanyan*)

Raffaella Rico (*T. Yaghubyan*)

Ian Tseng (*H. Hovhannisyanyan*)

Aaron Zhang (*S. Salamanyan*)

Christopher Chang (*L. Ho*)

#### **4 Honorable Mentions:**

Unice Liu (*T. Tsai*)

Alyssa Wu (*H. Hovhannisyanyan*)

Derek Wang (*H. Hovhannisyanyan*)

Abigail Liu (*V. Hayrikyan*)

### Senior Bach (14 & up)

#### **4 Winners:**

Ralph Clark (*T. Tsai*)

Eric Han (*H. Hovhannisyanyan*)

Daniel Hsiao (*H. Hovhannisyanyan*)

Derek Hon (*H. Hovhannisyanyan*)

#### **3 Honorable Mentions:**

Alexandra Macal (*T. Tsai*)

Jacqueline Zhang (*T. Yaghubyan*)

Michael Zhang (*V. Hayrikyan*)

## Concerto Competition Winners

Our Whittier Branch Concerto Competition was held Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at Cerritos College. Ten students had prepared concerto movements and the evaluators, Dr. Nové Deypalan (conductor), Dr. Louise Earhart (piano), and Dr. Ernest Salem (strings) selected five winners. In alphabetical order, they are:

#### **Matthew Hansen**

*Haydn Violin Concerto in G Major, I. Allegro*  
(*Tatevik Yaghubyan*)

#### **Denise Ho**

*Bach Piano Concerto #1 in D Minor, BWV 1052, I. Allegro*  
(*Lousine Ketendjian*)

#### **Josephine Kim**

*Hoffmeister Viola Concerto in D Major, I. Allegro*  
(*Leslie Ho*)

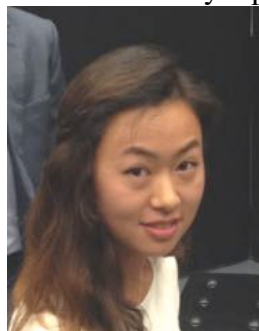
#### **Kelly Tsao**

*Vitali Chaconne for Violin and Orchestra*  
(*Sarkis Salamanyan*)

#### **Andrew Wang**

*Mozart Violin Concerto #2 in D Major, K. 211, I. Allegro moderato*  
(*Sarkis Salamanyan*)

The Concerto Concert will be held Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 4 pm in the Whittier College Chapel. The winning soloists will perform with a professional orchestra (including many of our own Whittier Branch members) under the baton of Nové Deypalan. The concert will be free and open to the public. Every teacher who donates \$25 or more to the concert by May 1<sup>st</sup> will have his/her name, instrument and phone printed in the program. Send your check payable to MTAC-Whittier Branch to Leslie Ho. The teachers of the winners are reminded that they must provide the score and orchestra parts for Leslie Ho by April 25<sup>th</sup>.



Clockwise, from upper left:  
**Matthew Hansen** (violin)  
**Denise Ho** (piano)  
**Josephine Kim** (viola)  
**Kelly Tsao** (violin)  
**Andrew Wang** (violin)

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## Branch VOCE Winners

CONGRATULATIONS to VOCE WINNERS!

Our February 20<sup>th</sup> Branch competition was held at Cerritos College and the evaluators, Dr. Nové Deypalan and Dr. Ernest Salem selected the following:

### SOLO STRINGS, Senior Division

**SECOND PLACE:** Derek Wing-Kuen Hon, pupil of Hovik Hovhannisyan

### SOLO STRINGS, Intermediate Division

**FIRST PLACE:** Kelly Tsao, pupil of Sarkis Salamanyan

**SECOND PLACE:** Matthew Chong, pupil of Kay Pech

### SOLO STRINGS, Junior Division

**FIRST PLACE:** Andrew Wang, pupil of Sarkis Salamanyan

\*FIRST PLACE winners advance to the State Competition on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Chapman University, but must remember to complete the necessary steps online at [mtac.org](http://mtac.org) by the **March 5<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

### Newsletter Editor Needed!

Looking for a way to serve the Branch and having the side benefit of staying apprised of all its activities? After many years of service, I will be stepping down from this position in June. If you are interested in taking on this important position, please contact me, President Leslie Ho, or anyone else on the Board.

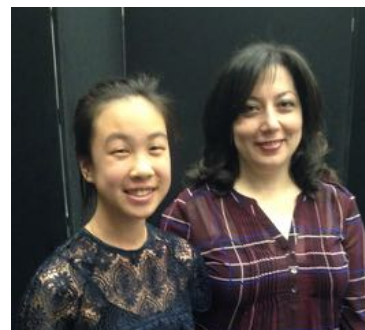
~Patty Lawson



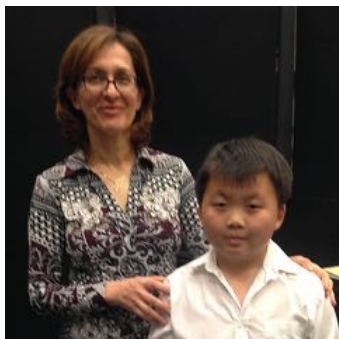
Thoughts and prayers go out for *Elizabeth Wilson*, who is recuperating from a broken hip. We hope you mend quickly and will see you again soon, Elizabeth!



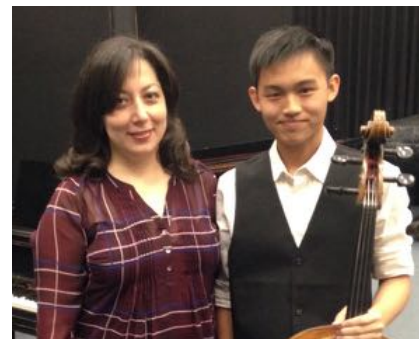
Judges, left to right: Dr. Nové Deypalan and Dr. Ernest Salem



First Place Winner, Intermediate Solo Strings: Kelly Tsao with pianist, Naira Vardanyan



Left: First Place Winner, Junior Solo Strings: Andrew Wang with pianist, Irina Piliposyan



Above: Second Place Winner, Senior Solo Strings: Derek Hon with pianist, Naira Vardanyan



Left: Second Place Winner, Intermediate Solo Strings: Matthew Chong with pianist, Rob Woysner