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Music Notes



MTAC Whittier Branch Newsletter

Calendar of Events

- 5/4—Branch Musicale & Prep to Level 2 Branch Honors Recital
- 5/5—Board Meeting, 10 AM
- 5/11—Regional Piano Bach
- 5/19—Annual Business Meeting, 10 AM
- 6/1—**Branch Concerto Concert**, 3 PM, Biola University
- 6/9—Installation Luncheon, 11:30 AM, at the Sizzler Restaurant, 10315 Lakewood Ave, Downey
- 6/27-7/1—**MTAC State Convention**, LAX Hilton

President's Notes

Dear Whittier Branch Members,

Can you believe we are down to our final leg of the 2013-2014 calendar year? I strongly urge our members to attend our Annual Business Meeting, coming up on the 19th, as we anticipate a bombshell of possible motions, among them, the:

- 1) *Reinstatement of the 3-meeting requirement*
- 2) *Cancellation of the future Concerto Competitions after this year*
- 3) *Cancellation of the Branch Honors Recital*

To be present and be able to vote on these highly controversial matters would behoove us all. We will also hear the reports from our respective Committee Chairs, and most importantly, we will elect our Branch Officers for 2014-2016.

Being your President has truly been a remarkable 2-year experience, and I can honestly say I am tremendously grateful to our Board Members, Chairpersons, and the silent majority for ensuring the uninterrupted existence of our Branch. Through your boundless guidance, you have educated me, and I believe that is more than enough reward for any president. I am certain you will "reward" our next president, Leslie, as well, and encourage him in his task. *Thank you all very much!*

I look forward to seeing you on June 1st, for the Concerto Concert, and on June 9th, for the Officers' Installation Luncheon. ~Until then, Paul

Annual Branch Business Meeting: May 19

The Annual General Business meeting will take place at 10:00 AM, on Monday, May 19th, at the **home of Patty Lawson**, 12709 Corley Dr, La Mirada, CA 90638.

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting to be able to have a voice and a vote in any changes in Branch policies. Also, come prepared if you have any "New Business" or concerns to discuss. (But please let President, Paul Concepcion, know in advance if you do have any "New Business"). *Branch Chairs*, in particular, please be at the meeting to present your reports and any new information about your events that the general membership should know. *Hope to see you there!*

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VOCE Finals



CONGRATULATIONS to **Jeff Chow**, violin student of *Sarkis Salamanyan*, who won Third Place at the STATE VOCE Finals in the Intermediate Strings category. Great job!

June Installation Luncheon Meeting



The June Luncheon meeting will take place on Monday, June 9th, 11:30 AM, at the Sizzler Restaurant 10315 Lakewood Ave, Downey, 90241.

Following the meal will be the installation of our new officers and award presentations. If you are an incoming officer, please plan to be there to be sworn in for your new office.

Hope to see a lot of members there!

2014 Concerto Competition Winners

The auditions were held at *Tchaikovsky School of Music* on April 19th. Following is a list of the winners who will perform at the concert on June 1st, Crowell Hall, Biola University. (Note: rehearsals will take place on May 20, and a dress rehearsal at Biola on May 27th). Contact *Caroline Su* for times/places of all rehearsals. catsu978@yahoo.com

Congratulations to the following students who will be performing with the La Mirada Symphony Orchestra on the June 1st Branch Concerto Concert (NOTE: list is not in performance order):

- **Kevin Tsao** (violin), student of *Tatevik Yaghubyan*:
Symphonie Espagnole, Op. 21 in D minor, Rondo (Lalo)
- **Jeongwon An** (violin), student of *Ani Bagdasaryan*:
Concerto in D Major, KV. 218, Allegro (Mozart)
- **Marshall Fung** (violin), student of *Sarkis Salamanyan*:
Symphonie Espagnole, Allegro non troppo (Lalo)
- **Matthew Ko** (piano), student of *Lousine Ketendjian*:
Concerto in C minor, K. 491, Allegro (Mozart)
- **Matthew Hansen** (violin), student of *Tatevik Yaghubyan*:
Concerto in A minor, Allegro moderato (Accolay)
- **Daniel Chou** (piano), student of *Irina Piliposyan*:
Miniature Concerto in G minor, Allegro (Rowley)

Branch Members, please consider supporting the Concerto Program, not only with your presence at the concert, but perhaps also with a contribution (see below). Anyone who contributes \$25 or more will have their name listed in the Concerto Concert Program, but any and all contributions are appreciated to keep this program afloat. Send all checks to *Treasurer, Caroline Su*, made out to *Whittier Branch MTAC*, by May 19th, to be included in the *Concerto Program*. Following are the categories:

- ✓ Contributors \$1-49
- ✓ Patrons \$50-299
- ✓ Guarantors \$300+

Piano Regional Bach Festival

The Regional Bach Festival is on May 11 at the Claremont Community School of Music. It is an all-day event. See last month's newsletter for list of winners going on to this competition.

Never been to the annual MTAC State Convention, but always thought, "Gee, I'd like to go and see what it's all about?" Here's your opportunity, as a **First-time Attendee**, to go to the Los Angeles Convention, *June 27th to July 1st at the LAX Hilton, and the State will pay for your registration fee.* If you are interested, please send an email to Branch President, Paul Concepcion, indicating such. He will keep track of those who would like to take advantage of this great offer, and we will draw names from a hat at the Annual General Business meeting on May 19th. Maybe you'll be the lucky winner! For those going as one of the three **Branch Delegates**, the Branch will pay your registration, (but you *must* register by the early bird deadline, May 15th). **You must be willing to do the following to be sent as a delegate for the branch:**

- ✓ Attending the **Delegate's meeting**, Sunday from 8-9 AM (bring your coffee or tea) at the convention to learn about the issues you'll be voting on at the Business Meeting.
- ✓ Attending, representing, and voting in behalf of the Whittier Branch at the **Business meeting** on Monday.
- ✓ Writing a **brief report** about something you particularly enjoyed at the convention, and reading it at the first general meeting in Sept.
- ✓ Registering and paying by the **"Early Bird" deadline** of May 15th. After you have fulfilled your duties, the Branch will reimburse you.

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June 27 to July 1, 2014
Hilton Los Angeles Airport
Register on-line at:
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5/4/14 Musicale Photos...



Branch Musicale & Prep to Level 2 Branch Honors Recital, 5/4/14,
held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church



Miscellaneous News



➤ Pianist, **Menahem Pressler**, will be in concert at Biola University on *Saturday, May 10, 7:30 PM, Crowell Music Building, 13800 Biola Avenue, La Mirada, CA 90639.*

General admission is \$25, and for Students & Seniors, \$15. For tickets, visit www.biola.edu/music or call 562-903-4892.

The concert features solo piano works & the Mozart Concerto in Eb Major for two pianos and orchestra, K. 365 with pianist, Li-shan Hung, and the Biola Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Marlin Owen.

Piano Master Classes will take place on Sunday, May 11, from 2:00-5:00 PM, and from 7:00-9:30 PM. Observation only \$25 per session, at the door.
~Submitted by Jerri Lee Owen

➤ Whittier Branch members are invited to the **Chamber Music Institute, Southern California's July 20 Gala Concert** at 3PM, in Cerritos. The program includes works by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Mendelssohn, Borodin, Shostakovich, and Gershwin for six string quartets, two viola quintets, and a harp trio. The concert is free and open to the public, and will be held at the Cerritos Park East, 13234 E. 166th Street, Cerritos.

~Submitted by Kay Pech

➤ Please send a copy of your studio recital program to Robin Curtis as required by the State for ASCAP. The State pays royalties for pieces performed, but there is no cost to the teacher. Thank you, and if you have any questions, please contact Robin at rcurtispiano@aol.com

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>> Remember, the deadline for Early Bird registration for the State Convention is May 15th—don't miss out on the discount!

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