

# Music Notes



## MTAC Whittier Branch Newsletter

### Calendar of Events

- **10/1**—Begin CM Online registration
- **10/20**— **9:00 AM** Board Meeting, followed by **10:15-11:30** General Membership Meeting at home of Kay Pech, 10711 Ashworth Circle, Cerritos. January Master Class Drawing for those in attendance.
- **10/31**—Deadline: CM online registration ends
- **11/1**—CM fees and paperwork due to Branch Chair, *Jane Oertel*
- **11/1**—**VOCE** Registration begins (deadline: 1/22/15)
- **11/3**—Deadline: 11/9 Musicales apps
- **11/9**—Branch Musicales
- **11/16**—**Gala Fundraiser Concert—details on p. 3**
- **11/17**—Board meeting at the home of Patty Lawson, 10 AM

### President's Notes

Greetings colleagues! I hope you all stay hydrated in this drought season. Our first General Membership Meeting was communicative and informative. I extend much gratitude to Jane and Roger Ortel for their warm hospitality on serving approximately 20 members at the meeting.

Down the road is the **Gala Fundraiser Concert**, showcasing members and affiliates from the MTAC Whittier Branch on Sunday, November 16, 4 PM, at the Community Presbyterian Church of La Mirada. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 so that Whittier Branch could supplement the performance costs for all winners of the Concerto Competition to bring them down to a reasonable amount per student. If you are not performing at the Gala, at least come to listen, and please share this news with your students. Hope to see you there, and *thank you for your support!*

~Leslie Ho

### October 20 Board & General Meetings

**Monday, October 20 at 9:00 am** — Whittier Branch Board Meeting, followed by the General Membership meeting from **10:15-11:30**, held at the home of Kay Pech, 10711 Ashworth Circle, Cerritos.

The topic will be "Read a Good Book Lately?" Members may share a list of up to five of your favorite books about music and two sentences about each. Let's share and learn from each other!

Also, we will have the **January Master Class Drawing** for those in attendance. If you plan to enter your student please come to the meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot make it on that day, email *Chair, Lisa Szu*, ahead of time, and she will put your name into the hat. Lisa says, "It's very simple—all you have to do is start thinking about which student will be ready for the program. We need your support and participation!! Hope to see you there!"

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*Left: First General Meeting at Jane & Roger Oertel's house, September 22, 2014.*

## CM 2015 Calendar at a Glance



October 1, 2014  
On-line student  
registration begins

October 31, 2014  
On-line student  
registration ends

November 1, 2014  
Registration checks,  
student roster lists,  
student fee list due to  
Jane Oertel, CM chair

January 2, 2015  
On-line repertoire input  
begins

January 15, 2015  
Panel Student Repertoire  
input ends

February 8, 2015  
On-line repertoire input  
ends for all non-Panel

March 7 & 8, 2015  
CM Piano Evaluations  
Cal Poly, Pomona

March 14, 2015  
CM Wind/String  
Evaluations  
Whittier College

## Certificate of Merit News

Teachers! Only 21 CM registration days left at this writing to get your students in for CM 2015. Registration ends at 11:59 PM on October 31, 2014. Don't delay, there is **no late registration after the deadline**, teachers are locked out after October 31<sup>st</sup>. About 80 students have been registered to date, that is about 20% of our normal total enrollment for CM.

Everything you need to know about CM can be found by logging into the MTAC website: [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org) and going to the Teacher Home Page and clicking on "CM Resources" and then "CM Documentation". Don't hesitate to ask a question if you can't find what you are looking for, simply send your question to the Chair at [raoertel@aol.com](mailto:raoertel@aol.com) but please don't wait until the last day!

**\*Our Whittier CM Dates are: March 7-8 for piano at Cal Poly  
March 14 for strings & winds at Whittier College**

### Some quick reminders:

- Online registration started October 1<sup>st</sup> and is progressing. If you have forgotten either your ID or password for the CM online database, please contact CM Chair Jane Oertel at: [raoertel@aol.com](mailto:raoertel@aol.com)
- **Registration Closes October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 PM. CM fees and forms must be to CM Chair, Jane Oertel, by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> or postmarked by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. No late registration, per the MTAC State Office.**
- **The Whittier Branch Teacher Work Agreement** is available on the Whittier Branch website [www.MTACWhittier.org](http://www.MTACWhittier.org) under forms. Teachers enrolling students in CM are required to sign it and send it in with **your CM 2015 Student Listing, CM 2015 Student Fees list (1 page summary of fees), and your check made out to MTAC Whittier Branch, all of which is due November 1<sup>st</sup> to CM Chair Jane Oertel. The November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is a hard deadline, the branch must have all fees in to the State office by November 15<sup>th</sup> or a penalty fee is assessed to the branch.**
- Those who attended the September General Meeting and received a copy of the State Fees for CM, please remember that the state fees list does not include the Branch CM Fee of \$8.00. If you read it carefully it notes that Branch Fees are not included in the amounts. When you register and print your students' fees list or summary fees page, the Branch Fee of \$8.00 is included in all of those numbers.
- Repertoire input is Jan. 2 - Feb. 8 for all disciplines with the exception of Panel students whose deadline is January 15.
- Panel Students who wish to revert to Advanced level for evaluation must do so by Jan15 otherwise they must go to their Panel audition to be evaluated for CM in 2015.
- Theory deadline for Panel students is March 10, 2015. String or wind Panel students will need to plan on taking their theory test on March 7th or 8th at Cal Poly Pomona during piano evaluations since string and wind evaluations are scheduled on March 14th.
- **Dropping a student from CM:** If you register a student for CM and then determine that they will not participate this year before the deadline (Oct. 31), simply go to their registration page and click on the enroll box at the top of the page (Right of the Student's name) to clear the check mark and then click on submit. The student is now "un-enrolled" in CM and will not show up in the CM Student List or fees. Do not use the "Delete" option on the student list. If you do, then you will need to "Recall" the student the next year they participate in CM. Students registered but deciding after registration deadline (October 31<sup>st</sup>) that they are not participating in CM will be dropped, there is no refund.
- We can use volunteers to assist the food chairs for both piano and instrumental CM venues. Please contact me if you'd be willing to assist, it's more than one person can do so we need some of our membership to step up and help.

Looking forward to a great CM and working with you all this year! ~Jane Oertel

## Contemporary Festival

The *Contemporary Festival* will be held on February 1, 2015, about one month before CM. Please help your students to prepare their CM contemporary piece to be ready in time for the festival. That piece, along with another free choice piece, would enable your student to participate in this worthy Branch event. Please refer to the Branch Yearbook for all the details.

All students will receive participation trophies (*see below*). The winners and honorable mentions will also receive additional winners' trophies.

Last year, I heard many talented students perform in the festival, and all the students were happy and satisfied with the positive encouragement they received.

So, I hope we have more students come this year— please, consider sending your student(s) to the Contemporary Festival. ~Chair, Mei-Chi Chu



## MTAC Whittier Branch Fundraiser Concert

### Contributions for the for MTAC Whittier Branch November 16 Fundraiser Concert at 4:00 PM

Community Presbyterian Church of La Mirada  
13701 Hillsborough Drive, La Mirada

**Goal:** \$3,000 for Six Concerto Winners to perform (free of charge) with Orchestra

With 65 members each giving \$50 we would accomplish our goal. **Make your checks payable to MTAC Foundation** — they are fully tax-deductible contributions. Send your contribution to Kay Pech, 10711 Ashworth Circle, Cerritos 90703 by November 10 or bring to October 20 meeting at 10:15 at Kay's.

*The ticket price is only \$10 for an adult and with only \$5 per student, teachers are encouraged to buy 10 and hand them out to your friends, family and students.*

#### Levels of Giving:

- \_\_\_ \$500 (includes 50 tickets)
- \_\_\_ \$250 (includes 25 tickets)
- \_\_\_ \$150 (includes 15 tickets)
- \_\_\_ \$100 (includes 10 tickets)
- \_\_\_ \$50 (includes 5 tickets)



#### Single Tickets:

- \_\_\_ \$10 Adults
- \_\_\_ \$5 Students

*\*Who's performing?* President, Leslie Ho, is working out those details, and will send an announcement soon! Hope to see you there!

## Winter Festival for Strings

*When:* Saturday, December 13, 2014, 1:00-6:00 P.M.

*Where:* Cerritos College BC-51 (11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk)

*How:* Application available online:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15BpLnzIMBcJmshGkrsK24ChRH\\_x21wBqNV-F4Fv2eA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15BpLnzIMBcJmshGkrsK24ChRH_x21wBqNV-F4Fv2eA/viewform)

**Application Deadline: November 13, 2014**

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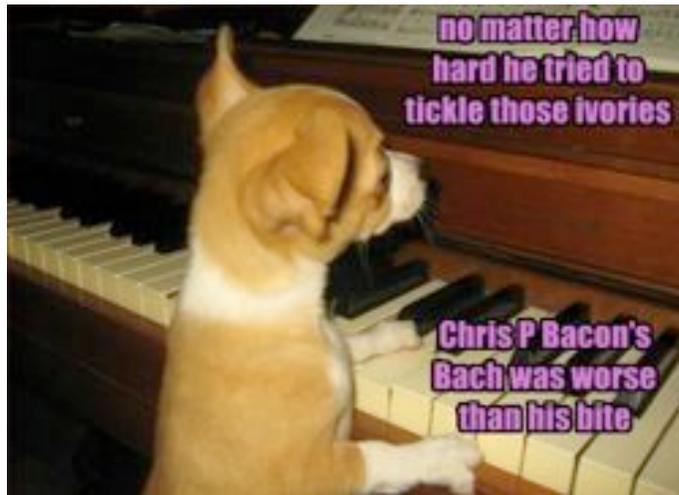


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## Miscellaneous News

- A reminder—NEW this fall: ALL the applications will be done *online*. Those who do not have access to a computer should contact *Kay Pech* for a hard copy of the application, which she will mail to them if requested.
- Plan ahead for the *Whittier Branch Gala* Fundraiser Concert, November 16—see details on p. 3!



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**To all who moan about the price of musicians:**

A guy calls the musicians' guild to get a quote on a 6 piece band for a wedding. The rep says "Off the top of my head, about \$2000".

The guy says "WHAT? FOR MUSIC?"

The rep responds "I'll tell you what. Call the plumbers' union & ask for six plumbers to work from 6 'til midnight on a Saturday night. Whatever they charge you, we'll work for half."