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# Music Notes



## Calendar

- 3/1—Board Meeting
- 3/6-7—Piano CM Evaluations
- 3/10—**Deadline:** Branch Concerto applications
- 3/13—Wind and String CM
- 3/13—**Deadline:** Piano Branch Honors applications
- 3/20—Piano Branch Honors
- 3/21—SCJB Piano Festival @ Biola University
- 3/27 —**Deadline:** CT State Contest
- 4/5—Board Meeting
- 4/5--**Deadline:** Musicales apps
- 4/10—Branch Concerto Auditions, Biola University
- 4/11—Musicale: Senior Competition & Classical/Contemporary
- 4/15—**Deadline: STATE CONVENTION APPS.**
- 4/18—General Meeting—Potluck BBQ at Sarkis and Irina's residence

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## President's Notes

We finally finished our Piano CM this past weekend. It was a great success again. A big thank you for all the teachers who worked diligently at their shifts. Also, I give warm-hearted appreciation to Roger and Jane who dedicated their time and energy to make the CM so smooth and organized. The String/Woodwinds CM is coming this weekend at Whittier College. I wish all the best to the teachers and students.

On Sunday April 18th, Sarkis and Irina will be hosting the First Annual Potluck BBQ gathering at their house in the city of Walnut. Please contact Jane Oertel to sign up if you haven't done so at the Piano CM. A representative from Steinway & Sons, David Ida, will also be coming to this gathering to introduce their Hollywood showroom and their services to the MTAC. Hope to see you at the BBQ!

-Sincerely yours, Caroline Su

## Branch Concerto

Attention potential Concerto applicants! It's almost here! Time is drawing near to submit your application for this year's audition, which will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Biola University. **Applications are due by March 10<sup>th</sup>.** Application forms may be obtained on-line or from Art Mautner, Chairperson. Be sure to read the Branch Concert Rules, on p. 40-41 of our Yearbook. Hope to hear from you soon!

-Art Mautner/Mei-Chi Chu



Allison Hong, at the 2008 Branch Concerto Program with the La Mirada Symphony

## CM 2010 Calendar at a Glance



January 2

Begin online repertoire  
entry

January 10

DEADLINE: Panel  
repertoire online entry

February 7

Deadline, online  
repertoire entry

March 6 & 7

CM Piano Evaluations  
Cal Poly, Pomona

March 13

CM Wind/String  
Evaluations  
Whittier College

March 13

Deadline: Piano Branch  
Honors Applications to  
Wai-Meng Leong

March 20

Branch Honors Recital  
(Piano)



## Certificate of Merit News

Well, the deadline for this newsletter was Friday, March 5, the day before piano CM evaluations begin at Cal Poly and a week before instrumental CM at Whittier College. By the time you see this, piano CM will likely be done and Roger will be providing Wai Leong with the list of 2010 piano Branch Honors nominees. Wai provided hardcopy instructions in your results packet and will be sending an email message, requesting teachers to notify him by March 13<sup>th</sup> if your student plans to play in the Branch Honors recital. Anything received after March 13<sup>th</sup> will not be on the program. Branch Honors recital will be held at Cerritos Community College in Cerritos on March 20<sup>th</sup>, so get your information to Wai quickly. Roger will be creating PDF files with each teacher's CM results, to be emailed to teachers with email addresses. Others may call me if you wish to make arrangements to pick up a copy of the results. Some of our Panel candidates have the Panel Honors recital at convention and a number of our keyboard and instrumental students will also be playing at convention. Entering carpools and accompanist information correctly is still a challenge for some teachers but we're slowly improving. A number of teachers entered names incorrectly or all in lower case letters, and a few entered the wrong CM levels. That information remains permanent after registration closes Nov 15, so I cannot fix it. If you had that issue, you must re-register your students as new next year, to correct any misinformation. CM level information can be corrected in the next year's CM registration input. It is critical to review each student's information before the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to make sure the information is correct, as it cannot be changed after that date.

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. I especially want to thank a number of teachers who have volunteered to put in more than their required shifts to make CM successful and to help keep it running smoothly over the next couple of weekends.

If you do not get your Keyboard packet on CM weekend, please call me and make arrangements to pick yours up. I will have the Branch Honors seals at the Honors recital on the 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like them mailed, please send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope and I will do so. I will also have them at the April General meeting. If you don't get them by then, please call me and make arrangements to pick them up.

If you have students selected for Convention, who meet all the requirements, and plan to play at the Los Angeles Marriott, 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 username/password and go to the Teacher Home Page.
2. Click on Convention Recital and Panel/YAG.
3. Click on Student List.
4. Click on Convention Recital Final Application.
5. Read and follow all the instructions.
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 Oertel

## **String Bach/Baroque Results:**

### **Junior Baroque Winners**

Tanisha Basrai (Chang)  
Melody Yu (Salamanyan)  
Sean Chang (Chang)

HM: Aaron Hao (Chang)  
Anabelle Cheng (Chang)

### **Sr. Baroque Age 13 & under Winners**

Yun-Ta Tsai (Hayrikyan)  
Andy Choi (Tsai)  
Michael Rizal (Tsai)  
Sihyun Ahn (Pech)  
Hannah Kawate (Salamanyan)

HM: James Thongkham (Chang)

### **Senior Baroque Age 14 & up Winners**

Megan Wong (Chang)  
Sayoni Saha (Pech)

HM: Juli Drindak  
Lucy Chen

### **JS Bach Age 13 & under Winners**

Diya Dasrai (Chang)  
Hsuan-Te Sun (Salamanyan)  
Grace Chen (Chang)

HM: Ryan Nguyen (Shirvanyan)  
Jacqueline Zhang (Shirvanyan)  
Jeff Chow (Salamanyan)

### **JS Bach Age 14 & up Winners**

Anderson Chen (Chang)  
Jeffrey Hwang (Chang)  
Adam Cottrell (Pech)

HM: Jesse Chow (Hayrikyan)  
Bernard Koh (Pech)

## **Composers Today**

STATE CONTEST entries are due **MAR 27**, in-hand, to Tammy as well. Send 2 copies of everything, \$6 per student branch fee, self-addressed, stamped envelope, **and birth certificate**. Do not put student's name on anything—just a pen name. For BOTH events, check mtac.org for detailed instructions, forms, and fees, or feel free to give Tammy a call.

## **VOCE Results**

Congratulations to Intermediate Solo Violinist *Michelle Antimie*, student of Kay Pech, who won first place and was recommended to compete at the VOCE State competition.

Congratulations to the string quartet, also students of Kay Pech, who won first place and was recommended to compete at the VOCE State competition: *Below (l to r): Christopher Hunt, violin; Michelle Antimie, violin; Emmanuel Ventura-Cruess, cello; Lynnne Sharzer, viola*



*String Quartet after the Branch VOCE program*

## **Teacher & Miscellaneous News**

- ❖ Many, many thanks to Kay Pech, for volunteering to take over the newsletter after June, when current editor, Patty Lawson will be ending her six year stint.

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