



Notations

**JUNE
2009**

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1 CM Makeup Deadline
Conv. Recital sched.on
State website
- 3 **Branch Meeting**
Scholarship Winner
Potluck Luncheon
- 12 Scrapbook Deadline

JULY

- 3-7 MTAC Convention
Santa Clara



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow teachers,

We have completed another banner month, highlighted by the annual Senior recitals and banquet, the annual Mini convention, and many student and teacher accomplishments.

Our multi-talented members, Barbara Bruce and Marie Djang, did a splendid job organizing the Senior banquet and recitals. The banquet is one of the few occasions that provide our members an opportunity to celebrate and have fun. The recitals went well, the food was delicious, the speeches were short, and

the infinite details were in place, including beautiful place cards made by Joe Bruce. Thirty one Seniors were honored at the banquet.

It seems that the longer we teach, the more we realize the importance of continuing education in our lives as teachers. We teachers in the Orange County branch are blessed with an annual Continuing Education Mini Convention, and we are deeply indebted to Sofia Zukerman for arranging our fifth annual workshop on May 3. Our featured clinician was John Henes, a specialist in the Alexander Tech-

nique and a faculty member of the Northwestern School of Music.

The Alexander Technique is defined as an education/guidance practice to "improve posture and movement, and to use muscles efficiently." Mr. Henes proved to be a gentle, effective teacher, and it is easy to see why he is considered amongst the top in the field. It was especially delightful to watch him work with our talented students at the Wednesday meeting. The superbly trained students participating were cellist Christopher DeFazio, student of Kihae Kim-DeFazio, pianist Andrew

JUNE PROGRAM - WED. 3RD

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**9:00 AM Board *10:15 AM Program*

*Judith Moore Studio ** Potluck Luncheon following, please join us!*

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2009 Orange Branch Scholarship Winner

Virginia Nolde, voice

"Voi, che sapete" from Le Nozze di Figaro by Mozart

"Del cabello más sutil" by Obradors

"Villanelle" from Les nuits d'ete by Berlioz

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Edwards, student of Sofia Zukerman, soprano Katherine Ascani, student of Margaret Dehning, and pianist Diana Patterson, student of Louise Thomas.

I assume that you read the impressive list of Panel winners in the May newsletter. In addition to several students selected for Panel Honors, and Master Class, the Orange County branch is represented by the winner of Division Three of the State Piano Solo Competition, Priscilla Chang, and a new Young Artist from the Certificate of Merit program, Sarah Chang. Bravo to these young musicians and their teachers, Kyung Ja Bae and Lucille Straub, and to Dr. Charles Baker, Kihae

Kim-DeFazio, Margaret Quon, and Wendy Castille for their Panel winners.

Our teachers have also accomplished some high achievements in performance. Congratulations to Dr. Janice Park for her polished and artistic performance on the Irvine Valley College Faculty Piano Concert on May 2. Dr. Park is one of the outstanding teachers at Irvine Valley College who has helped to "put this college on the map" musically. Congratulations also to Kelly Cho, who successfully completed her second of four required recitals for the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Piano Performance at USC under the tutelage of Dr. Stewart Gordon.

In closing, I am asked to remind all members to pay their annual dues in a timely fashion. To have your name listed in the state directory, dues must be paid on or before July 1. If dues are not postmarked on or before August 1, membership will be forfeited.

I would love to see all of you at our annual luncheon meeting on June 3rd at the beautiful home of Judith Moore!

Best wishes,
Joseph Matthews



Greetings from our State President...

Convention

I've said it before, but will again. I really hope to see you at Convention. Besides MTAC all times favorites, Jon Nakamatsu and Hans Boepple, we have Melody Bober, Helen Marlais, Scott McBride Smith and other favorites. I've noticed that members favor Master Classes. I think we have an all time record number of Master Classes at this Convention (one or two every day!) so come, enjoy, learn, share and say hi! Notice, for your convenience, that we will have a quick lunch set-up in the Exhibit Hall, as well as a Photographer there for professional photographs of you or your students.

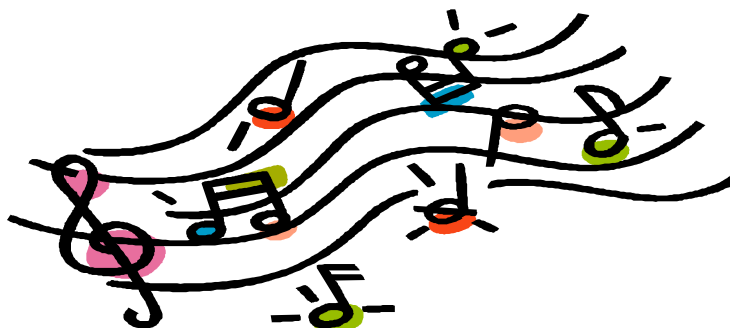
Announcement

It is my duty to notify you that Jocelyn Jotie is no longer in our employ. If you come to convention, say hi to Rhonda Williams, Roland Jotie, and our newest additions to the staff, Emily Dengler and Casey Botkin.

Bylaws

By now you should have received the announcement of the State Bylaws revision with your dues notice. The good news is that there are no dramatic changes; they are mostly "house cleaning" type changes, many of which are recommended by our Parliamentarian, Nancy Elsner. (The bad news is that there are a lot of them!). Many of the changes involve removing detailed "procedures" from the Bylaws, where they really don't belong, and moving them to a "Procedures Manual". Please come to the Delegates meeting at Convention on Saturday, July 4, 8:00 a.m., in the California Ballroom, Salon 5 for more on this—branches should send their delegates—and do feel free to email me at any time, if you have any questions about the Bylaws that need answering.

At your Service, Lee Galloway, MTAC State President



SENIOR RECITAL *Barbara Bruce and Marie Djang*

We had a wonderful celebration for our seniors and their families on April 25, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church in Anaheim. We had two programs of the finest music making

by 1 singer, 1 violinist, 2 cellists, and 27 pianists. Twenty four studios were represented.

The awards dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of the church as they have done

so graciously for so many years. We had 130 for dinner that evening. Many thanks must

go to Barbara and Joe Bruce for the beautiful programs. Joe's exquisite place cards were

truly works of art. Thank you, Betty Stockwell for being the church coordinator.

BACH FESTIVAL *Susan Bana*

Congratulations to the following teachers and students who competed on Sunday, May 17, @ Chapman:

92 Participants, 43 Total Winners, 16 Orange County Branch Winners.

Kyung Ja Bae: Priscilla Chang, James Kuo, Isabelle Lee, Katy Oh, Laura Smith

Susan Bana: Courtney Le, Brianna Nguyen

Young Sook Kang: Ryne Choi

Mario Karacic: Tiffany Cheng

Joan Lai: Ellen Naruse

Lucille Straub: Sarah Chang, Tammy La, Emmeline Tran

Sofia Zukerman: Jennifer Do, Andrew Edwards, Eleanor Nunez

COMPOSERS TODAY

Laurie Fischer-Blaisdell

Congratulations to the two students of Carlton Liu in our State Composition Contest!

Division	Place	
1	Honorable Mention	Jonathan Tan
3	2 nd	Valerie Haruka Narumi

Teachers attending the convention: make sure to check the program for the wonderful Composer Today events.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Jinsun Koh

Student Recital at the Sunrise Senior Living

We had a wonderful student recital on May 16, 2009.

Participated studios were the following;

Marie Djang
Elizabeth Chang
Frenda Yang
Hee Jin Kim
Carolyn Hailey
Jin Sun Koh

CONGRATULATIONS

Melissa Zgouridi, student of Leona Roberts, was first-place winner in the VOCE State Finals Inter. Voice Division at Chapman College. She will be singing and accepting her award at the Convention VOCE performance.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER *Lois Holdridge*

Congratulations to our 2009 Orange Branch Scholarship winner – Virginia Nolde, student of Margaret Quon. She will receive a \$500 scholarship to further her study toward a career in music. Virginia will graduate from Cornelia Connelly High School in June and plans to attend Pepperdine University. We look forward to hearing her perform at the June meeting.

NEWS *Monica Lee*

Fullerton College will be holding silent auction on May 23 from 10-4 and May 24th from 1-4. Technics digital pianos and some upright pianos will go on sale during the Memorial weekend for those who might want to get a bargain pianos.

