

Music Teachers' Association of California

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Notations

ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Are you ready for CM? Honestly I am not as ready as I was when I was not holding any position. There are a lot more activities from the branch that distract my attention on my students. I will be going to Tennessee next week to adjudicate and meet their local teachers. It's an exciting experience knowing that we all work toward a common goal: to keep the arts alive. There is no art if we don't promote it. In my opinion, Tennessee probably has a less favorable attitude toward classical music than California. Those teachers who strive to keep the tradition really deserve our respect. I hope to come back and share what I experience with you next month.

Judi wrote me an e-mail saying that she already worked 2-3

hours per day replying to teacher's questions. I am taking my hat off to her. Also, here's a reminder: please do your research before you call or e-mail her. Calling her is the easiest way to get your answer, but we have over 200 teachers. She will not live her life if each one of us throws one question at her. We are here to serve you, but please do your part to keep our life easier. PLEASE give her questions that only a chair will know. Use your yearbook and CM webpage to find your answer before you pick up the phone. Again it's never enough to thank her for years of work serving us all.

I also want to thank Lynn DeCosa for our new website. Did anyone see it? The graphic is so classy and user friendly. I have to thank Dr. Joseph Matthews for leaving

me this credit. The website project should have started with his remaining month as the President. But he wanted Lynn to talk to me and give me the honor to complete this task. The Board passed big bucks to install a personal log in for you, so you have access to manage your own information. Please log in and use it. It would be especially helpful if you don't have a website.

Thanksgiving is in less than two weeks. It's time that we give thanks for everything we have. I am inviting my students who don't have a large family to my house for a sharing feast. There are a few families in my studio who immigrated here with only one parent and the child. Dad travels back and forth between home country and US. I am looking forward to sharing my day with them. Cooking is one of my habits

DECEMBER MEETING, WED. 1ST

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*9:00 AM Board *9:45 Social *10:15AM Meeting/Program
Field's Piano 810 E. Dyer Rd. Santa Ana 714-662-2117

Orange County Branch proudly presents

ERNEST SALEM VIOLIN MASTER CLASS



Notes, cont.

and I miss it so much since I took over this job. I hope to restore it soon with more free time on my hand.....in my dreams as long as I hold this position.

Our next event will be the Theme Festival on December 4th. I want to thank Joan Lai and Ming-I Chen for their hard work. This festival has been one of the most popular in our branch, and if I might add, the most profitable next to CM. Branch activities like this make our branch unique. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let the Board know.

Please don't forget that Field's Piano will host our next General Meeting again in December. Please attend and mingle with your friends at Orange Branch, as it's close to the holidays. I am shocked to see the high turnout of meetings in this branch. I have been a contributory member of several branches before I made my decision to join this branch. This branch has the highest turnout at meetings by far. Again, I am honored that you chose a rookie new member to be your president.

Happy Thanksgiving Doris Chaing

About the artist...

Ernest Salem, violinist, is currently Professor of Music at California State University, Fullerton. He has performed in concerts and recitals across the United States and presented master classes at various universities and colleges. Former university affiliations include appointments as a faculty member at Wichita State University, the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University and New Mexico State University. Active as a freelance musician in the Los Angeles Area, he has performed with the Los Angeles Master Chorale Orchestra, Los Angeles Mozart Orchestra, Long Beach Symphony, Asia American Orchestra and South Coast Symphony. Formerly Concertmaster of the Wichita and Las Cruces Symphonies, Dr. Salem has also served as Principal Second of the Minnesota Opera Orchestra and Assistant Concertmaster of the Texas Chamber and Texas Opera Theater Orchestras. As a chamber musician, Salem has been violinist with California State University, Fullerton's Premiere Trio, first violinist with Wichita State's Fairmount Quartet, a member of the College of St. Benedict's Chamber Ensemble "Pastiche," and violinist with New Mexico State's Delphian Trio. Currently, he performs regularly as a chamber musician throughout Southern California. Dr. Salem holds degrees from Michigan State University, the University of Houston and the University of Minnesota. Included among his teachers are Yfrah Neaman, Fredell Lack, Walter Verdehr and members of the Juilliard Quartet. In addition to performance activities, Dr. Salem has been published in the American String Teachers' Journal and the Long Island Historical Journal.

DIRECTIONS: From 55 South take the second Dyer Rd. exit. Turn left at signal then make a u-turn at Tech Center Dr. After the u-turn, turn right into the **last small driveway** before the signal. Continue and Field's will be in the back on the right.

MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Bruce

New Members

Active

Sunny Kim - piano

Fan-Shen Maxine Liu- oboe

Reinstatement

Mikhail Korzhev

Provisional

Hieu Tinh Nguyen—Piano

All details posted to website

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT *Judi Moore*



Registration is closed. That simply means no student can register for CM because the deadline has passed. A student can choose to drop out after the deadline. However, they are not eligible for any refund. E-mail the names and identification numbers to Judi Moore, students that wish to cancel their registration.

The next step will be entering evaluation information online. This step must be completed during the first three weeks in January. Instructions for completing this step are available online. Go to www.mtac.org Click on **Certificate of Merit**. Click on **MTAC Login**. Then from the CM Information Menu select **Documents**. Click on **2011 Online Evaluation Information Form Instructions**. This form has not been posted yet, but should be before January 1. It includes instructions on how to enter repertoire, Branch Honors, Convention Recitals, Carpooling, Sibling and Ensemble information. A brief description of the four different convention recitals can also be found on page 53 of the Branch Yearbook.

Special requests for a specific day for piano evaluations can be made if the student has a conflict in dates or if they are in a carpool. Read the instructions online carefully. Below are listed the dates. The computer recognizes them only as Day 1 or Day 2. Be sure to enter the "day" that the student is available. You may also request AM or PM.

Day 1: Feb. 19	CSULB	Long Beach
Day 2: Feb. 20	Orchepia	Irvine
Day 3: Feb. 20	Little Chopin Music School	Garden Grove
Day 4: Feb. 26	Southwest Conservatory	Fountain Valley
Day 5: Feb. 27	Southwest Conservatory	Fountain Valley
Day 6: Feb. 27	Orchepia	Irvine

The **PianoTeacher Work Schedule Form** is available on the Branch website. Be sure to fill it out and mail to Molly Nguyen. Piano evaluations are four different days but five different venues. Be sure to mail the work schedule form before the deadline so that your work preference may be honored. We will do our best to honor your requested days. However, we cannot guarantee a specific location. Piano Theory will be held at Fullerton College on February 26/27. If a MTAC Teacher is working part or all of your shift, write her name at the bottom of the form under "Substitute." A "Student Volunteer Form" will be posted on the Branch website as soon as it is ready. This form can be used to submit names of students who are interested in earning service hours by working at one of the venues.

COMPOSERS TODAY

Laurie Fischer-Blaisdell

The CT Evaluations deadline is January 15(not postmarked). If you have any students composing, this provides a place to send their own pieces to be evaluated and get two opinions. This is an excellent educational opportunity for your students. If their piece receives a high score, they may even have the chance to perform in the convention symposium recital. For more information and application forms log on to www.mtac.org and click on Composers Today or call Laurie at 714-392-5026. Send completed forms to Laurie Fischer-Blaisdell by **January 15**.

Young Composers Guild

The deadline for your gifted high school/college composers to apply is **February 15**. Download the information and forms on the MTAC website or call Judith Moore.



Check it out!

WWW.MTACOC.ORG

Lynn DeCosa

Hopefully, many of you have taken the time to explore our new website at www.mtacoc.org If not, jump in there to our branch's newest endeavor! We have already successfully utilized a wonderful feature of the site, the Multiple Event Registration Program, or M.E.R.P. , with the Student Workshop headed up by Barbara Bruce and Carolyn Hailey just a few weeks ago. This program enables our branch to register any of our events right on our website. The chairs of each event will enjoy a much more streamlined, efficient registration process with no snail mail and easy access to a list of participants for easier event organization. Teachers will also have a quick easy way to get students involved in the various events.

Teachers, you are all encouraged to **add your students to the website** after you've established your own password. Yes, it takes awhile, perhaps, to gather the birthdates, (that's the way the program has been set up.) but it will make it much easier for the future when you would like to enter your student in an event.

If any of you have questions regarding your username, changing password etc. etc. please email me at lmr5678@socal.rr.com

Branch Chairs: Please look at your particular page and let me know if there are any corrections or additions necessary . We'd like to include photos in the near future of each branch activity, so be thinking about that.

The deadline for web update will be the same as the Notations, ***the 15th of the month.*** website addition/change items monthly for our webmaster to update our site.

MTAC-OC. ORG WEBSITE TEACHER'S LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS

Lynn DeCosa lmr5678@socal.rr.com

The following instructions are for **Login, editing teacher information** and registering students for various Branch programs,

Log onto the Branch Website at www.mtacOC.org

Click on Login found on top right-side menu, **your default username is your email**. If you have no email address on file, your username will be your first and last name as one word. Please click under the Login box, "I forgot my password" to receive your password through email. This is only a **one-time password and you will need to change it to something that is unique**. Once you enter the username and password, you will see the Main Menu, which will list the following options:

Main Menu

Edit My Teacher Info

My Students

MTAC Events

View Students Registered by Event

View Teachers

FIRST - begin by editing your personal information:

Upon logging in, it is very important to verify your personal information contained in the database. To do this, click on Edit Teacher Info. Edit any of your personal information that may be incomplete or incorrect and create your own password if you are a first time user. Click Save, then Return to Main Menu.

SECOND - add your students to the database:

Click My Students on the Main Menu. **Click Add New Student**. Please mark "enabled" Complete all information for the student and click Save. Each student will be saved in a database and will appear on your My Students page. The Add New Student form will return to the My Students page when you are finished. You can also edit or delete student information from the My Students page. Once you are finished, click, "Return to Main Menu" to go back to the Main Menu. (You can disable a student without deleting)

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**YOUNG ARTIST'S GUILD
CONCERT**
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BERNADETTE MONDOK, VOICE
Student of Leona Roberts

and

AYIDA CHAN, FLUTE
Student of Bolin Pan

Saturday, January 15, 2011 7:30 pm
Chapman University, Salmon Hall

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or by contacting Marie Djang
714-832-1093

Students: \$5.00, Adults: \$10.00