

# Music Teachers' Association of California



# Notations

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2011

## ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

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## NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we are approaching the end of year, I hope you are all planning further enrichment at the convention. I am looking forward to meet old and new friends next month in Oakland. This year has been quite an interesting one. I have never held any officer position at all growing up. I thank you all for your grace and genuine assistance to make this journey a less bumpy one. My gratitude goes to the long-time board members: Marie Djang, Dr. Charles Baker, Barbara Bruce, Julie Young, Dr. Joseph Matthews, Carolyn Hailey, and Judith Lyons. Thank you for your encouragement and kind words along the way. Your wisdom makes this high learning curve easier to achieve. I also look forward to meet our new Board

Members: Molly Nguyen, Carolyn Clark Rugh, and Christine Anderson.

Our branch is great because there are many giving members. The project chairs have faithfully organized and planned the programs for our students. Without them our students don't have the kind of opportunities to hone their performance skills. I have read the branches' reports at the back of the State Directory. Our branch programs offer the most diverse functions, among the large branches. Speaking of activities, congratulations to all the students who were able to become the finalists in all of the rigorous competitions. And these students cannot do it without the hard work of their teachers and parents. We probably all heard the same comments coming from the parents defending

why their students cannot keep up with the practice. The parents who support us and insist that their child learn the time management skills also deserve their share of applause. Many students have talents, but it's who can practice diligently will win the prize in the end.

I hope you will join our once a year luncheon at Judith Lyon's house. Thanks to Judith Moore who have hosted many of the end-of-year luncheons and deserves a break in Germany this year. And same gratitude goes to Judith Lyons for rescuing the June meeting by opening her residence for us to celebrate the final meeting of the year. It's a little early to say this, but I wish for another productive year in 2012. Wishing all of you a wonderful summer. See you at the convention.

Musically yours, Doris Chiang

## JUNE MEETING, WED. 1ST

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\*9:00 AM Board \*10:15AM Meeting/Program\* Luncheon follows at  
Studio of Judy Lyons, 4499 E. Ridge Gate Rd. Anaheim Hills, 92807

Orange County Branch proudly presents

*Scholarship Winner Recital*

*Linda Zhou, piano*

Student of Dr. Janice Park

**Works by Chopin, Scriabin, Poulenc**

Join us for the Annual Potluck Luncheon following

Please bring a side dish or salad, dessert and drinks provided

## **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Judi Moore**

Certificate of Merit 2011 is finally completed. All theory exams and evaluation forms have been returned. If you did not receive your results, e-mail or call Judi Moore.

This was the first year that we used the Branch website to get out the information and forms. We thank Lynn DeCosa for setting it up, and hope that by next year, teachers will be even better informed through this means.

Thank you to all the teachers and students who worked. We had 1367 students register for Certificate of Merit, and 157 teachers participated. It may not seem like a big deal, but we really appreciate teachers that have the courtesy to arrive on time and to work diligently.

Thank you to my computer chairs, Nancy Hsu and Dr. Doris Chiang. They have the most crucial jobs. Scheduling the students and the Evaluators, is only part of their work. Thank you to Molly Nguyen for doing teacher scheduling. This was her first time and she handled a most difficult job professionally. For the first time, job assignments were posted on our Branch website.

Thank you to my Theory Chair and Co-Chair, Joan Lai and Frenda Yang. Things ran smoothly as usual. A big thank you to Beverly Clark, who chaired the grading room.

Thanks to our Strings Chairs, Joanne Ausmus Baker and Margie Chan. They did a great job. Our new venue, CSULB, was a big help. Kihae DeFazio handled the cello auditions. It was well organized, thanks to Kihae's planning.

Thanks to Sarah Vay Kerns for chairing the Woodwinds. They were also at CSULB with the strings this year. Margaret Quon chairs our voice students. She does it entirely on her own. This is our smallest discipline. Again, thank you to our teachers who helped this year and I look forward to seeing you again next year.

## **BACH FESTIVAL Susan Bana**

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR BACH FESTIVAL REGIONAL RESULTS**

Congratulations to the following teachers and students on a wonderful performance on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

**Kyung Bae:** Isabelle Lee, Alexander Pham, David Smith.

**Susan Bana:** Lauren Tran.

**Wendy Chen:** Kaylin Wittry.

**Jinney Choi:** Sharon Kim.

**Youngsook Kang:** Ryne Choi, Heather Hur, Sean Lee.

**Joan Lai:** Daisy Chen, Annie Gao, Christopher Sun.

**Carlton Liu:** Valerie Narumi.

**Sofia Zukerman:** Eleanor Nunez.

A special thank you to Jinney Choi and Youngsook Kang for their assistance on Program #2.

Looking forward to the Complete Works Audition, Sunday, October 2, 2011, Cal State Long Beach.

## **MEMBERSHIP Barbara Bruce**

Let me introduce your new Membership Secretary- Meunghi Yang. I'm thrilled to have found such an enthusiastic and accomplished person!

Welcome to Patricia Shanks, Active Voice and Piano, who has transferred from Orange County West. Patricia teaches in Newport Beach.

You've received your bill, and if you want to pay on line, go to [mtac.org](http://mtac.org), log-in to your page, and click on Shopping.

Do check your credit card bill and make sure the membership amount has been charged to your account.

**July 31st is the absolute deadline.** Why not just pay now, and not have to receive those constant reminders from the Membership Secretary?

## ***About the artist....***

**Linda Zhou** has been studying piano for fourteen years, the past five years with Dr. Janice Park. Miss Zhou has received top awards and honors from the Musical Arts Club of Orange County, Music Teachers' Association of California, and California Association of Professional Music Teachers. Miss Zhou has participated in the master classes of Jane Bastien, Douglas Humphreys, and Carol Leone, as well as the three-week intensive for gifted high school musicians at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester in 2010. This June she will be a graduate of Canyon High School and going on to pursue her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Chapman University's Conservatory of Music with a talent scholarship, continuing her piano studies with Dr. Janice Park.

## ***SENIOR BANQUET Barbara Bruce Marie Djang***

It was a wonderful evening, with one program of 17 performers, 15 pianists and 2 cellists. 67 enjoyed the terrific dinner at the Anaheim United Methodist Church. Our seniors left the evening with a lovely medallion, an additional surprise present from all of us, and with the knowledge that we're very proud of them. They're the ones that made it to the finish line!

## ***COMMUNITY OUTREACH Jin Sun Koh***

On May 14, We had the wonderful opportunity to share our gift of music with Sunrise Senior Living in the city of La Palma.

20 students performed.

Participated studios were:

Jane Ko Heejin Kim Jin Sun Koh Frenda Yang

## **2011 MTAC CONVENTION "THE MAGIC OF MUSIC" AT THE OAKLAND MARRIOTT CITY CENTER JULY 1-5, 2011**

Please consider being one of nine delegates needed to  
Represent our branch at the annual meeting.  
A \$100 delegate fee is being offered by our branch.

