

Music Teachers' Association of California



Notations

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ORANGE COUNTY BRANCH

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NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Summer greetings, everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing summer. So far we have a fantastic cool fall-like weather for August, very unusual phenomenon in Southern California. The Chinese has an interesting way to write fall: it's a symbol of harvest on one side and fire on the other. Fall is a time to be grateful for harvest.

Speaking of the gratefulness, I would like to thank all members of the Board and all project chairs. We had an interesting meeting in August. Our branch cannot function without our wonderful Treasurer, Nancy Woo, who revolutionize our accounting system and raised the bar that is difficult to match by anyone. The events that you register your students cannot stand alone without her hours of working and expedite the request on timely manner. Also, as you will notice in our September meeting, we won't have yearbook to hand out. That's because all information will now be online: www.mtacoc.org. It's

an important change for everyone. Thanks to Kihae DeFazio for supporting the transition and collecting information from the chairs, who do organized planning for the coming year. My job becomes so much more manageable as a traffic director.

I was at the convention in Oakland Marriott. This position allows me to meet some new friends and reunite with old ones. I ran into an old friend who moved to Davis over 10 years ago. Last year we were talking about meeting in LAX, but I didn't see her. When we met, she told me that she found a lump last year and had gone through treatments. Life takes everyone on expected turns. At the August meeting, I learned the passing of several members at various stages of their life. It is a humble experience that teaches us to treasure each other's company.

Many of you just survived SYMF. This is the first year I experience true emotion. One of my students cried for not winning.

But the following week she and her parents all cried because she won the first place. As I was doing my damage control and therapy session the week before, I saw a young boy weeping on the hall way not too far from us. We are here because we love music, not because of the trophies. The love for music should always take precedent over the trophies. Some of my students forgo the competitions in their learning years and still love playing after they go to college, even though they are not music majors.

As soon as we have our first meeting, CM registration starts after the meeting. I am going to have to hold my cool when my students are not so productive in summer and continue to love them for who they are. You probably know what that's like.

Wishing you a happy fall and great start.
Musically yours,

Doris Chiang

SEPTEMBER MEETING WED. 14TH

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**9:00 AM Board *10:15AM Meeting/Program* Luncheon follows at
Chapman University, Salmon Hall*

Orange County Branch proudly presents

Clarendon Quintet Plus Piano

Featuring Susan Fries, flute and Alison Edwards, piano

About the artists....

The Clarendon Wind Quintet Plus Piano

Susan Fries, Flute Lisa Cherry, French Horn
Deborah Avery, Oboe John Reilly, Bassoon
Margaret Worsley, Clarinet Alison Edwards, Piano

The Clarendon Wind Quintet is a superb combination of five very different individual woodwind voices that create a blend like no other. Collectively, our members have performed in symphony orchestras, including Pacific Symphony, Detroit Symphony and Hollywood orchestras; opera and ballet orchestras such as American Ballet Theater; recital and concerto performances, international tours, including the US, Europe, Asia and Canada. Their 2010-11 season included 24 performances for the "Meet the Musicians" programs of the Philharmonic Society of Orange County. They all hold various advanced musical degrees.

Also, we are extremely fortunate to have a very special guest, Alison Edwards. She is well known in the Music Teachers Association as a deeply dedicated and highly accomplished artist. Allison is on the piano faculty at Cal State Fullerton.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Judi Moore

Online registration begins Sept. 15 at www.mtac.org. (state site)

Please see branch website for all details

www.mtacoc.org. Note revised syllabus addendum regarding *etudes* and other rules/policy changes.

Beginning this year, teachers must list dates and preferred jobs on the Teacher Work Contract.

OC BRANCH BACH FESTIVAL GOLDEN JUBILEE 1962-2012 Susan Bana

Application Deadline, Postmarked: Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Bach Festival, Branch: Saturday, March 31, 2012

Bach Festival, Regional: Saturday, May 12, 2012

*This is an exciting year for the **Bach Festival**, please don't miss all the details regarding all the recitals, master classes etc. listed on our website under Branch Activities. www.mtacoc.org*

STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Barbara Bruce and Carolyn Hailey

Saturday, October 8th 3:00pm
LDS Church Rowland Heights

Enroll your student online at www.mtacoc.org

Log-in and go to events.

Deadline for regist. is Wed. Oct 5th

COMPOSERS TODAY

Laurie Fischer-Blaisdell

Sat. Oct. 22nd
Film Scoring Composition
Workshop
OC/Oc North event

Regis. Deadline Oct. 1st
Please see check website for
Regist. forms under "Forms" on
Website home page

THEME FESTIVAL *Ming-I Chen*

DEC. 3rd, 2011 Chapman Univ.

The Branch Theme Festival of Orange County Branch will be held on December 3th, 2011. It is an adjudicated festival with written comments for each student about their performance. The aim of the festival is to encourage all participants to express their understanding of the music and excel in performance. Top 25% of the students will receive gold medals, 25% will receive silver, 25% will receive bronze and 25% will receive honorable mention ribbons. Students can take the opportunity to practice performance skills in a helpful and friendly environment, and/or embrace the challenge of competing for the gold medal.

*Note: This program is **not** the same as the theme festival of the CM Convention program.

Co-Chairs: *Ming-I Chen and Joan Lai*

Theme: The Classical Period (work by composers listed in the MTAC Piano syllabus revised in 2007, page 98 under The Classical Period)

* Each student will play one piece or one movement only.

* Each teacher may enter up to 15 students.

Registration: Online registration starts on **September 15, 2011**

(Detailed instruction will be posted online at a later date. Teachers who do not use computer please call Ming-I Chen for assistant)

Registration Deadline: October 31, 2011

Fee: \$30 dollars per student. Please write one check for your studio, payable to MTAC, Orange County Branch. Mail the check to Joan Lai (**postmark deadline November 1, 2011**).

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING WED., SEPTEMBER 21

10:00am-12:00pm

Judi Moore, CM Chair

Barbara Bruce, Membership

Do you want to get your students involved in Branch programs such as Certificate of Merit, the Theme Festival, Composers' Today, or perhaps the Bach Festival? Please join us for a brief orientation meeting to find out how.

Each new member that attends will receive a packet of materials. Included in the packet will be examples of Certificate of Merit exams from previous years. There will also be a display of the materials that may be purchased through the State Office.

This meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Branch programs.

R.S.V.P. Barbara or Judi to reserve your packet of materials. Be sure to include what instrument(s) you teach:

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