



MTAC Orange County Branch Notations

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Notes from the President

by Dr. Kevin Kwan Loucks

Dear Orange County Branch,

Hello, Spring! With the recent formal conclusion of Certificate of Merit, we look towards many exciting end-of-year performances and festivals in April including our Senior Recital and Banquet on the 22nd, and the deadline to perform a convention recital on the 15th.

At our last general meeting, we welcomed soprano Dr. Rebecca Sherburn, pianist Dr. Louise Thomas, and David Prather in a wonderfully entertaining performance celebrating 1930s Jewish composers in Hollywood. The imaginative concept was expertly presented at Chapman University's Salmon Hall, the site for our next general meeting featuring pianist Arsen Jamkotchian on April 5th - please be sure to join us for another inspiring morning of music.

I sincerely hope that all of you have been utilizing and enjoying our new website which has seeing a sharp rise in traffic since going live in early March. In addition to a complete redesign, it is enjoying increased functionality to make our member

community's lives a little easier; if you haven't seen it, have a look by visiting:

www.mtacoc.org.

Looking forward to seeing you all on April 5th,

Dr. Kevin Kwan Loucks



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APRIL PROGRAM

Monthly Meeting

Join us at Chapman University for our March Meeting. Pick up your CM results, and hear about upcoming events..

Program

R. Schumann - Kreisleriana op. 16

1. Äußerst bewegt
2. Sehr innig und nicht zu rasch
3. Sehr aufgeregt
4. Sehr langsam
5. Sehr lebhaft
6. Sehr langsam
7. Sehr rasch
8. Schnell und spielend

C. Debussy - Images book II

- Cloches à travers les feuilles (Bells through the leaves)
- Et la lune descend sur le temple qui fut (Descent of the moon upon the temple that is no more)
- Poissons d'or (Goldfish)

Arsen Jamkotchian graduated from Chapman University with a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance and Bachelor of Science in Computer



Science in spring of 2015. During his time at Chapman, he studied piano with Dr. Grace Fong, and competed extensively in California. He won numerous competitions, including state-wide competitions of the Music Teachers Association of California, California Professional Music Teachers, and Sigma Alpha Iota. Arsen has also traveled to San Juan Capistrano, Italy, and Costa Rica for piano festivals where he performed to the general public as well as for internationally

renowned pianists. At Chapman, Arsen was awarded the "Liberacci" award in 2012 and the "Excellence in Piano Performance" award in 2013, 2014, and

Meeting Information:

APRIL 5, 2017

BOARD MEETING 9:15 AM

- **Social hour** 10:00 AM
- **Meeting** 10:20 AM

LOCATION

Chapman University, Salmon Recital Hall

2015. He also won the Chapman Concerto Competition and performed with the Chapman Chamber Orchestra at the Sholund Scholarship Concert in 2013. Near the end of his time at Chapman, Arsen was accepted into graduate programs at numerous conservatories in the U.S., some of which included the Eastman School of Music, Manhattan School of Music, Peabody Conservatory, USC, and Mannes. Arsen is currently studying for his Master of Music at the Eastman School of Music, studying with Natalya Antonova, and is expected to graduate in May of 2017.

Student Workshops

Barbara Bruce and Carolyn Hailey

Our final program of the school year is May 13th

at the Anaheim Library at 3 pm. Teachers may send information to Barbara Bruce by e-mail starting May 3rd, and the deadline is Wednesday, May 10th.

We had a wonderful program in February, and we were very excited about the progress of our students!

Community Outreach

JinSun Koh

jinsunkoh@yahoo.com

Saturday, May 6th, 2017 At 3:00 P.M.

Student Recital for Sunrise Senior Living

5321 La Palma Ave, La Palma CA 90623

Please contact me by April 22 to let me know the student's name and age, the title and length of the piece.

Student should be there by 2:45 P.M.

Recital Dress Code.

Composers Today

by Laurie Fischer-Blaisdell

Composers Today Festival Recital

Our annual CT Festival Recital will be **Sunday, May 28th at 2:00PM** at Chapman University. It is a recital open to all students who entered, CT Evaluations, CT State Composition Contest and the CT Branch Composition Contest.

Convention 2017 - Santa Clara

Plan to join your colleagues at the annual MTAC convention, to be held at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency Hotel from June 30 - July 4, 2017.

Registration is now open

Early Bird Deadline: May 15, 2017

Certificate of Merit

Judi Moore, Chair

Certificate of Merit Evaluations were completed March 5. Thank you to all the teacher and student volunteers that helped over 1400 students get through their evaluations and theory tests successfully. With 5 different venues and locations, it is imperative that everyone fulfills their work

commitment on time and to the best of their ability. I want to thank all those teachers and students who did just that.



The success of Certificate of Merit would not have been possible without our very own computer expert Nancy Hsu. She may tell you that her English is "not so good," but I cannot say enough regarding her understanding of the "computer software language." She can solve any problem and certainly made the rest of us "look good." Dealing with a new website was a learning experience for all of us, but we would not have gotten through it without Nancy.

There is another "Nancy" that also helped walk us through our new website and that was Nancy Woo. She offered her studio and her expertise to help train our teachers on how to use the new MTAC program. She was always available to help, explain, or even fix a problem for us throughout the entire CM period.

Piano theory was well run because Frenda Yang and Joan Lai have it so well organized. If a problem did arise unexpectedly, they were on it right away. My hat goes off to them. Data

entry is critical. There is no room for error without hurting a student's scores. Ming-I Chen can find errors faster than anyone I know. A big thank you goes to her as well.

Strings, Woodwinds and Voice evaluations were completely run by the Chairs, Beata Kardewicz Gilbert, and Alice Yu. As CM Chair, I am grateful to be able to rely on these to two very capable and responsible ladies. Alice also organized all of the Evaluator Envelopes again this year.

With such a large Branch, it is impossible to Chair the CM program alone. I thank everyone that helped to make Certificate of Merit 2017 a success. Keep up the good work.

CM Results March 8, 2017

CM results have been available online for teachers since March 8. Parents have been able to view CM results since March 15 on their Parent Portal. If you have any questions or find an error in your student's results, contact the CM Chair immediately. The deadline to report database entry errors is May 31, 2017

Branch Honors Festival Honors Festival: March 25, 2017

Wenchi Hsieh and Kookhee Hong are working on the Branch Honors Festival program. We have over 200 students that were recommended for Honors. Unfortunately, we only have enough room for the older students, grades 7-12 to perform. However, all students Levels 5-Advanced and Grades 5-12, will receive an honor seal for their certificate.

The Festival Recital will be held at Chapman University on March 25, 2017.

CM Theory Tests, CM Certificates and Honors Seals April 5, 2017

Teachers may pick up their theory tests and certificates at the Branch Meeting April 5 at Chapman University. If you cannot come to the meeting, your tests will be sent to the studio nearest your home. Please look for the address and directions in this newsletter.

Convention Recitals

- **Application deadline: April 15, 2017**
- **Payment deadline: April 15, 2017**

If your student is recommended for a convention recital, you must confirm online. The Parent must also pay the \$35 application fee through their Parent Portal by April 15. The Convention Recital Final Schedule will be posted on the State website May 15. The 2017 MTAC Convention will be held, June 30-July 5 at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency and Convention Center.

CM Make-up Evaluations

- **Application deadline: April 15, 2017**
- **Completion deadline: May 15, 2017**

Only high school students with a valid excuse are eligible for CM make-up Evaluations. The application is available online. Log onto your Teacher Portal. Click on Certificate of Merit. Click on the gold ribbon titled "Resources." Look under CM Forms and Agreements. Click on "Makeup Evaluation Application." Complete the upper portion and sign. Mail the form to the CM Chair, Judi Moore, along with one check for \$70 payable to MTACOC. All make-ups must be completed by May 15, 2017.

Where to Pick Up Your CM Results

THEORY EXAMS will be ready to pick up at the April Branch Meeting on April 5. Those not picked up will be sent to the following locations by city.

If you do not find your city listed, or cannot locate your envelope, call Judi Moore at 714-389-1490.



Pick Up Locations

ANAHEIM HILLS, YORBA LINDA, CORONA

Kyung Ja Bae, 5680 Avenida Navarro, Anaheim Hills

Take 55 North to 91 East, exit Imperial Highway. Turn right, pass 3 traffic lights, third light is Nohl Ranch. First right turn after Nohl is Avenida Navarro, second house on the left.

BUENA PARK, LA PALMA CYPRESS, CERRITOS, STUDIO CITY, LA MIRADA, ARTESIA, MONROVIA, GARDENA, MANHATTAN BEACH

Claudia Xi, 4532 Kathy Drive, La Palma, CA. 90623

From 91 Freeway, exit Carmenita. Go south. Turn right onto Sharon Dr. Go to the second stop sign. Turn left onto Trinity Ln. Go to the end of the street and turn right onto Kathy Dr.

HUNTINGTON BEACH, COSTA MESA, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, MISSION VIEJO, IRVINE, TUSTIN, LADERA RANCH, LAKE FOREST, ALISO VIEJO, NEWPORT COAST

Ming-I Chen, 22 Lakeside Road, Irvine, CA 92604

From the 5 Freeway, exit Culver Drive. Go south on Culver Drive to Barranca. Turn left onto Barranca. Go two blocks and turn left onto Lake. Go one block and turn right onto Lakeside Road. House is on the right. From the 405 freeway, exit Culver Drive. Go north on Culver Drive to Barranca. Turn right onto Barranca. Go two blocks and turn left onto Lake. Go one block and turn right onto Lakeside Road. House is on the right.

ANAHEIM, GARDEN GROVE, STANTON, FULLERTON, STUDIO CITY, LOS ANGELES

Ann Patrick Green, 1406 W. Roberta Ave., Fullerton 92833

Take the I-5. Exit Brookhurst. Go north on Brookhurst. Go under the 91 freeway to the first street. Turn right onto Roberta. House is on the left before Basque.

SANTA ANA, ORANGE

Judi Moore, 1581 Kimberwick Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92705

From the 55, exit 17th Street, Tustin. Go east on 17th St. to Newport Blvd. Turn left. Go to Cowan Heights and turn right. Turn right onto Skyline Drive. Go two blocks and turn left onto Huntsman. Turn left onto Kimberwick Drive. 1581 is the corner house on the right.

BREA, DIAMOND BAR, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, LA HABRA, WALNUT, PLACENTIA, CHINO HILLS, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, POMONA, PASADENA

Elizabeth Chang, 2985 East Primrose, Brea

From the 57 Freeway, exit Imperial Hwy. East. Left on Kramer, right on Birch, left on Starflower, and right on Primrose. House is on the left.

2016-2017 CM Calendar



- Apr. 2** Deadline for completion of Theory make-ups
- Apr. 5** Theory test materials available for pick-up
- Apr. 15** Deadline for Convention applications. Deadline for parents to pay \$30 Convention application fee.
- Apr. 15** Deadline to apply for make-up evaluations (MUP) for high school students only with valid excuse.
- May 15** Deadline for completion of MUP evaluations
- May 15** Convention Recital Final Schedule posted on the State website.
- May 31** Deadline for teachers to report database entry errors.
- May 31** Deadline to enter MUP results.
- June 30-July 5** Convention 2017 at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency and Convention Center.

VOCE

Congratulations to the winners of our Branch VOCE competition. These winners have been invited to participate in the State VOCE Finals, which will be held on April 23, 2017

Nuiseva Trio: Emily Uh, Piano; Priscilla Kim, Cello; Amber Correa, Violin.



Division: Instrumental Ensemble: Intermediate, Competitive, coached by Minji Noh

Hendrick Nguyenhuu, Violin.

Division: Solo Strings: Junior,

Competitive; Teacher: Joanne R. Ausmus-Baker,

Kenneth Yeh, Cello.

Division: Solo Strings: Intermediate, Competitive; Teacher: Charles Baker

VOCE State Finals

COMPETITION DATE: April 23, 2017

COMPETITION LOCATION: Chapman University, 333 North Glassell, Orange, CA 92866

Good Luck to these fine students!

55th ANNUAL OC BRANCH BACH FESTIVAL

by Susan Bana

Thank you to all who participated and assisted on Saturday, March 18, 2017

Assistants: Dr. Joseph Matthews, Judy Lyons, Grace Lo, Kyung Bae, Youngsook Kang, Joan Lai and Sofia Zukerman.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Kyung Bae:

Hugh Byoun, William Byoun, Isabelle Lee: Winners. Carrie Shim: Second Alternate, Richard Byoun: Third Alternate.

Melody Sun: Honorable Mention.

Susan Bana: Allyson Huffmire, Katherine McPhie: Winners. Michael McPhie: First Alternate.

Dr. KookHee Hong: Tiffany Gye, James Son: Winners. Irene Oh: Honorable Mention.

Joan Lai: Faranaz Colton, Bibo Feng, Annie Jiang: Winners.

Grace Lo: Mitchel Graver: Honorable Mention.

Dr. Joseph Matthews: Hannah Noh, Rafe Schaberg, Mengshu Zhang: Winners.

Sofia Zukerman: Sarah Hsiao, Calene Lee: Winners. Reuel Hon: Fourth Alternate.

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL!

See you at Regional: Sunday, May 7, 2017, @ Hole Memorial Auditorium on the campus of La Sierra University.



Senior Recital

by Marie Djang and Barbara Bruce

The Senior Recital and Banquet will be held at the Anaheim United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 22, 2017.

The program will be at 3:30 pm, followed by dinner at 5 pm. In order to receive the Senior Medallion and a gift from the branch, seniors must be Level 7 and above and have passed three out of the last four years of CM. (Senior year participation is required.) Senior who qualify but cannot perform at the recital will receive the medallion only. The recital is open to all CM seniors L7 and above, (including those who do not qualify for the medallion or senior award.) Teachers will receive further information after CM.

This is a Very special evening, during which we celebrate our students' musical achievements and their years of dedication studying their instruments. Please encourage your seniors – who are our guests at dinner – and their parents to attend!



Concerto Competition

by Wendy Chen

This program was created to encourage the study of concerto in original form. All instruments are accepted including voice. It is an open competition which offers the opportunity to perform in a real concert setting.



Date: June 17, 2017

Location: Chapman University

Registration: April 15-April 30.

For registration form, email Wendy Chen at

chencw@att.net

Fee: \$50 per student

Divisions: Based on the age on May 1st

- Division I: Ages 12 and under
- Division II: Ages 13-15
- Division III: Ages 16-18
- Division IV: Ages 18 and older

Time limit: 12 Minutes

Prizes: in each division

- 1st place \$300,
- 2nd place \$250
- 3rd place \$200
- Honorable mention \$150
- All players will receive a medal or trophy

Rules and Regulations:

Must provide your own accompanist, teachers may not accompany their own students. Playing without an accompanist will be disqualified. All

pieces must be memorized. All pieces must be in original form, no transcriptions. Last years winner may enter but with a different piece. All decisions are final.

MTAC Orange County Branch Scholarship

by Wendy I. Chen

Scholarship Chair 626-217-5830

If you have seniors in your studio who are going to be a Music Major for Fall 2017, they can apply for the scholarship from MTAC. Here is the information for Scholarship Guidelines: (Deadline for Application is April 15, 2017 postmark)

1. He/She must accepted as music majors at a two or four year college, university, or conservatory
2. Double majors will not be considered.
3. In Certificate of Merit, the recipient must have completed successfully, including the senior year. Level 9 for piano and other instruments, and Level 6 for voice.
4. Scholarship winners and their teachers will be notified of their award after Board approval at the May, 2017 meeting.

5. Scholarship checks will be sent to the student upon written verification of enrollment as a music major by the college, university, or conservatory.
6. The deadline for claiming scholarship money is October 15, 2017.
7. Please download the scholarship application from www.mtacoc.org and click "Forms & Documents".

Volunteer for your Branch

Our MTAC organization is fueled by the power of its volunteers. Without the

efforts of these fine people, there would be none of these events you see here in this newsletter. However, the same people cannot always be counted on year after year. We

need new

volunteers ready to step up and help out. Please take some time to consider how your gifts and talents can contribute to making MTAC-OC the best branch in the state!



**BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
DEADLINE: APRIL 15TH**

MTAC Orange County in Social Media

Dr. Kevin Kwan Loucks,
kloucks88@gmail.com

If you're a Facebook user, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/MTACOCBranch/> and click "like"; for Twitter users, please visit <https://twitter.com/mtacocbranch> and click "follow".

These social media pages are here to promote branch activities and highlight the diverse achievements of the people in our community. If you have some exciting news, a fun story, student achievements, or pictures of a recent event that you would like shared, please send the information you would like posted to Dr. Kevin Kwan Loucks at kloucks88@gmail.com with "MTAC OC Branch" in the subject line, and it will be posted within 24 hours.

See you online



Contributions to the Newsletter

If you have an article for the newsletter or information that would be valuable to the membership, please send this information to me by the 15th of the previous month. You may email it to

nwoo@southwestconservatory.net, or by mail, send to Nancy Woo, c/o Southwest Conservatory, 18430 Brookhurst Street, Suite 101, Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Please use the subject "MTAC Notations" in any email correspondence.



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Monthly Programs 2016-2017

September 14, 2016

Piano Master Class for Baroque Music
Chapman University James Bonn

October 5, 2016

CM Preparation
Fields Piano
Judith Moore & Nancy Hsu

November 2, 2016

Piano Master Class for Latin American Music –
Chapman University
Eduardo Delgado

*December 7, 2016

Trio Celeste, piano trio
Baker Studio
*update

January 11, 2017

Dr. Jennie Morton, Osteopathy –
Workshop on “Injury Prevention and wellbeing of all
performing artists”
Fields Piano

February 1, 2017

Dr. Daniel Luzko, Composer – Presentation on “Composing at the
Piano, Great Potentials of Improvising”
****Fields Piano – Change in venue**

March 8, 2017

Dr. Rebecca Sherburn, Soprano, Dr. Louise Thomas, Piano
Chapman University

April 5, 2017

Arsen Jamkotchian, Piano
Chapman University

May 3, 2017

Ning An, Piano
Chapman University

June 7, 2017

Scholarship Winners Recital
Judith Moore Studio

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