



MTAC Orange County Branch Notations

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by Dr. Kevin Kwan Loucks

Dear Orange County Branch,

As the year begins to wind down, there are plenty of exciting activities that still demand our attention - State Convention deadlines, the Composers Today Festival Recital, and our annual Concerto Competition to name a few.

On April 5th, we were treated to a wonderful program presented by pianist Arsen Jamkotchian, a recent graduate of Chapman University where he studied with our very own Dr. Grace Fong. Mr. Jamkotchian presented a diverse program featuring works of Schumann and Debussy, and has a strong connection to our Branch which made this appearance that much more special. On May 3rd, our Branch will be hosting concert pianist Ning An, a member of the distinguished piano faculty at California State University, Fullerton. Dr. Janice Park does a fantastic job with programming and it's very important that we support the wonderful guests that she brings - don't miss it!

See you all very soon,

Dr. Kevin Kwan Loucks



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MAY PROGRAM

Monthly Meeting

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

Program

- Selection of Preludes by Chopin and Rachmaninov

Ning An is that rare pianist – musician who “combines flawless technique and mastery of the instrument with an expressive power that is fueled by profound and insightful understanding” (New York Concert Review). His top prizes from the Queen Elisabeth of Belgium, Cleveland International, William Kapell, and the National Chopin Piano competitions led to performances on three continents at prestigious venues such as Carnegie’s Weill Recital Hall, Salle Verdi (Milan), and the Great Hall of the People (Beijing). He has been invited to perform at numerous festivals including the International Chopin Festival in Duszinski, Poland, the Gina Bachauer Piano Festival in Salt Lake City, New Hampshire’s Monadnock Music Festival, the Bourglinster Festival in Luxembourg, and the Interlaken Music Festival in Switzerland. A passionate chamber musician as well as soloist, Mr. An has performed with such ensembles as the Ysaÿe, Daedalus, and Takács



Quartets, and with such instrumentalists as James Buswell, Paul Neubauer, Andres Diaz and James Ehnes.

Since making his orchestral debut at the age of 16 with the Cleveland Orchestra, Mr. An has been a

Meeting Information:

MAY 3, 2017

BOARD MEETING 9:15 AM

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

LOCATION

Chapman University, Salmon Recital Hall

featured soloist with orchestras

such as the London Symphony Orchestra, Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony, the Stuttgart Philharmonic, Tivoli Symphony Orchestra, the Belgian National Symphony, the Flemish Radio Symphony, and

many more, under the batons of conductors such as Vladimir Fedoseyev, Jörg-Peter Weigle, Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos. As well, Mr. An was a featured soloist during the Warsaw Philharmonic’s 100th Anniversary American Tour under Maestro Kazimierz Kord.

Ning An’s additional accolades have included top prizes in the Paloma O’Shea Santander Competition, the Tivoli International Piano Competition, the Rachmaninoff International Piano Competition, the American Pianists Association as well as receiving the Alfred Cortot Prize at

the International Chopin Piano Competition.

Mr. An began his musical studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music with Olga Radosavljevich and Sergei Babayan. Subsequently, Mr. An continued his studies under the tutelage of Russell Sherman at the New England Conservatory of Music.

A frequent guest lecturer, Mr. An has given masterclasses throughout the United States and Asia. Currently he serves as the Artist-Teacher on the piano faculty of California State University, Fullerton as well as a visiting artist at Lee University in Tennessee.

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.

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

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

Recital Dress Code.

Panel Winners

by Kyung Bae

Congratulations to the State Panel Finals winners and their Teachers

Piano Master Class

Sean Lee, piano (Young Sook Kang)

Piano Master Class Alternate

Vivyan Lin, piano (Mikhail Korzhev)

Panel Honor Recital

Jaclyn Dong, Piano (Claudia Xi)

Delaney Rose Lawson, Violin (En Kuang Chung)

Vivian Huang, Clarinet (Alice Yu)

These students will perform at MTAC Convention, Santa Clara Hyatt Regency – June 30-July 4

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.

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!

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. The convention theme is "Breaking Barriers" and includes many new and different sessions and presenters. One highlight will definitely be the keynote speaker, Dr. Condoleezza Rice.

Registration is now open. You can find links to the convention information at both the old and new MTAC websites.

Early Bird Deadline: May 15, 2017



New Members

Emilia Simeonov, violin and viola

- 949-345-9490
- simeomusic@gmail.com
- www.simeomusic.com

Megan Theodorou (performing name is Megan Starr-Levitt), voice

- 75 Via Santa Maria
- 949-291-6039
- www.meganstarrlevitt.com
- mtheodorou.musicteachershelper.com

Lori Renee Devey, Piano and Voice

- 165 Matisse Circle, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656
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- www.lorirenee.com

Leehyeon Kuen, Violin Viola

- 3134 Grand Canal, Irvine CA 92620
- 949-910-2155

Naomi Swarczstejn, voice.

- 23181 Casey Road Lake Forest, CA 92630



SAT - 06 MAY, 2017

- Community Outreach: Student Recital
- 3:00 pm Sunrise Assisted Living, 5321 La Palma, La Palma, CA

SUN - 07 MAY, 2017

- Bach Festival: Regional Festival, Hole Memorial Auditorium, La Sierra University, 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, Riverside, CA

SUN - 07 MAY 2017

- Bach Festival: All-Branch Regional Winds & Voice Festival, Citrus College, Glendora, CA

SAT - 13 MAY, 2017

- Student Workshop, 3:00 pm Anaheim Public Library, 500 W. Broadway, Anaheim, CA

MON - 15 MAY, 2017

- CM: Convention Recital Final Schedule posted on the State website

SUN- 28 MAY, 2017

- Composers Today: Festival Recital, 2:00 pm Salmon Recital Hall, Chapman University, Orange, CA

WED - 31 MAY, 2017

- CM: Report database errors: Deadline for teachers to report database entry errors.

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.

Concerto Competition

by Wendy Chen, co-chair Claudia Xi

I am very happy to announce our new collaboration with the Orange County Symphony.

This year, the first place winners will perform with the orchestra on its season opening

concert on August 20, 2017. It is a wonderful event that will show case our talented

students and support the arts in our community.

Overview

This program was created to encourage the study of concerto. It is an unique competition that supports students of all ages and with a wide range of repertoires. By collaborating with a regional orchestra, we help to support arts in our community and offer students a special performance experience. This competition is open to the public, as the participants need to demonstrate their ability to perform in a concert setting.

- **Competition Date:** June 17, 2017
- **Location:** Chapman University
- **Registration Period:** Closed

Winners's Concert With the Orange County Symphony

with Maestra Aline Sardao

- **Place:** Anaheim Center for the Performing Arts at Servite, 1952 W. La Palma Ave Anaheim, CA 92801
- **Date:** Sunday August 20, 2017
 - 6PM preconcert talk
 - 6:30-8:30 Concert
- **Tickets and Information:**

for tickets call (714)778-0314 or online: ocsymphony.org

Program:

- Concerto Winners from MTAC, Orange County Branch
- Special Guest Performance: Evan Le
- Other Orchestral Selections- TBA
- Award ceremony

About the OC Symphony*

Founded in 1985, the Orange County Symphony (OCS) is a 70-member orchestra serving a metropolitan area of approximately 3 million people. The Orange County Symphony strives to enhance the image of its community by generating pride in a recognizable and noted entity - a regional symphony orchestra.

OCS has performed a scheduled 9 concert season since 2005. The OC Symphony is honored to be part of the Anaheim community and in July, 2011 was designated as the Resident Symphony Orchestra for the City of Anaheim.

The Orange County Symphony provides music education, funds and produces the events of the Orange County Symphony, as well as various other musical events in an effort to enhance the culture of the community and to expand musical exposure in children and parents, many of whom could not otherwise afford a live classical musical experience. Over the years, the symphony has entertained thousands in concerts at parks and various venues throughout Orange County.

*selected articles from ocsymphony.org



MTAC Orange County in Social Media

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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.



♥ *To all the Moms out there*

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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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