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# MTAC Orange County Branch Notations

THE PROMOTION OF MUSICAL CULTURE – THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC EDUCATION

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by Judy Lyons



I stand in awe of all the various types of tremendous talents we have in our Branch. February's meeting was

no exception. We were again treated to yet another special performance by two of our own -Dr.Minji Noh and Dr.KookHee Hong. Their Duet program combined 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. It included Mozart, Ravel, and Anderson(Carmen Fantasy).To say it was stunning does not do it full justice. The experience was fun and exhilarating. I hope to see them again. Thank you to them both. Thank you to everyone who came.

Here we are in February going into March. The demands are numerous. As I mentioned last month this is the student's time to shine. Offer to help

our chairs. They will be forever grateful. For those that are new ask questions (Read Newsletter first) everyone is eager to make these programs work well.

You can log into your MTAC teacher portal and look over the Member Benefits Program there. It is interesting.

Finally, we started a fund for our colleagues in Santa Rosa for those that lost everything in the fires (instruments, houses, all personal possessions) It started with \$500 from our own treasury and this amount was met by another \$500 from private member donations. They will be receiving the check by Friday. Thank you to everyone. It's hard to imagine sometimes what goes on outside this beautiful Orange County.

My wishes are for everyone to do well  
Best, Judy

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# March Program

**Beata Gilbert**, formerly Kardewicz, is a professional performing musician, visual artist, book author, violin teacher and orchestra conductor in Orange County, California.



Born in Katowice, Poland, Gilbert began to study violin at the Frederik Chopin School of Music and she made her orchestral solo debut at the age of fifteen. She finished her Bachelor's degree in Violin Performance and Masters in Music in Music Education at Silesia University in Poland.

A recipient of a full scholarship, Gilbert traveled to the United States to study with Dr. Ernest Salem at California State University, Fullerton for her Masters Degree in Violin performance. She was the CSUF Orchestra Concertmaster and awarded the Orchestra Conducting Scholarship.

An expert in violin pedagogy, Beata Gilbert began designing and illustrating a teaching book in 2007. *The Violin Course for Young Beginners*. This complete 3-parts course with its *Lesson Book*, *Work Book* and *Log Book* is a product of her passion for helping children to have a better and more productive lesson while learning the violin. She has implemented her kid-friendly course into her own teaching with great success and looks forward to helping other violin instructors and their students reach their goals.

Currently besides performing, she operates a successful independent violin studio in Anaheim Hills as well as being part time faculty, violin instructor and chamber orchestra conductor at Santa Ana College.

**Adan Fernandez** is a pianist, organist, and conductor. He has performed for the American Guild of Organists, on the Hour of Power, and at various



universities. He is currently the director of music and organist at Holy Family Catholic Community in Glendale and an instructor for the National Children's Choir. He is also a doctoral candidate in sacred music and choral music at the University of Southern California.

## Bach Festival

by Susan Bana

Results for our branch festival will be posted shortly after the final program on Saturday, March 17th. The results will be available on the teacher's home page entitled: **Branch Winners Report**. Instructions for those students going forward to the Regional Festival on Saturday, May 12th, will be provided with the appropriate deadlines and fees following our branch event.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!**

## String Workshop

**Schedule for 2017/18**

**Sat., March 5, 4 PM:** Anaheim Public Library, 500 W. Broadway, Anaheim 92805

**Sat., May 5, 4 PM:** Anaheim Public Library, 500 W. Broadway, Anaheim 92805

## Senior Recital

Marie Djang and Barbara Bruce

The Senior Recital and Banquet will be held at the Anaheim United Methodist Church on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

The program 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.) Seniors 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!

## MTAC OC Branch Student Scholarships

by Wendy I. Chen, Scholarship Chair  
626-217-5830/impianomom@gmail.com

If you have seniors in your studio who are going to be Music Majors for Fall 2018, they can apply for the scholarship from MTAC.

**Application Deadline** April 15, 2018, postmark)

### Guidelines:

1. Student must accepted as a music major 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 meeting. (2018)**
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, 2018**.

**Please download the scholarship application from [www.mtacoc.org](http://www.mtacoc.org) and click "Forms & Documents".**

# Certificate of Merit

Judi Moore, Chair

Certificate of Merit testing is over. I wish to thank all of the teachers and students that worked so hard, to make our CM a success. I especially want to thank the Site Chairs, Door Monitor Chairs and especially the Hostesses who provided the food that kept our evaluators happy.

CM results will be available online March 8 for teachers only. Parents will be able to see the results March 14. This gives teachers time to check their scores for any error before the parent sees them.

CM Evaluation forms will be returned to the teachers at the Branch meeting on March 14. Evaluations not picked up will be sent to 6 different locations by city. If you are not able to attend the meeting, look for the location nearest you. The list of locations can be found in this newsletter.

Theory exams will be returned at the Branch meeting on April 4. Exams not picked up will be sent to the same locations as the evaluation forms were sent to in March.

Testing is over, but CM is not. We still have our Honors Festival March 25. The Festival is a celebration for the students that received 80% or above in theory, and good to excellent in Sight Reading, Technique, and Repertoire. Less than 300 students out of 1500 tested qualified. Teachers, be sure to e-mail your Branch Honors application before the deadline, March 12.

Students that qualified for a convention recital, will have the privilege of playing at the MTAC Convention in Anaheim this summer. Teachers must confirm and parents must pay through their Parent Portal by April 15.

High school students that were unable to make their scheduled CM Evaluation due to illness or to a school commitment, may apply for the CM make-up. The application form can be found under

"Resources" on the Teacher Portal. Download the form, fill it out. Mail the form along with a check payable to MTACOC for the amount of \$70 to Judi Moore, CM Chair.

Please review the dates and deadlines coming up.

## March 8

- Evaluation Results available online for teachers only.
- Branch Honors application e-mailed to teachers.

## March 12

- Deadline to e-mail Branch Honors Application

## March 14

- CM Evaluation forms available for pick-up at Branch meeting
- Evaluation Results available online for parents

## March 25

- Branch Honors Festival at Chapman University

## April 4

- CM Theory Exams available for pick-up at Branch meeting

## April 15

- Deadline to register for MTAC Convention Recital
- Deadline for CM Makeup Evaluation application



# Branch Honors Festival 2018

Ming-I Chen [yangmic74@gmail.com](mailto:yangmic74@gmail.com)

Shiao-Lan (Nancy)Tsai

[nancynancytsai@hotmail.com](mailto:nancynancytsai@hotmail.com)

## Qualifications:

- Repertoire, Sight Reading and Technique need to be good or excellent
- Recommend by the Evaluator with score 5- or above
- Theory Test score is 80% or above
- School Grade 7 and Above

## Application Form:

Application forms will be sent to the teachers on March 8<sup>th</sup> via email.

## Application Deadline:

March 12, 2018

## Event Information

Branch Honors Festival Date: March 25, 2018

Location: Chapman University, Salmon Hall (Berthea Hall on the campus map)

Schedule will be emailed to teachers on March 19.

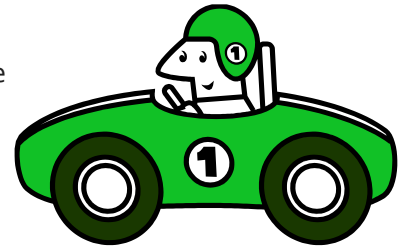
**Evaluation result and Theory score available on the teacher portal on March 8<sup>th</sup>.**

There is just short time opening for applying for Branch Honors. We apologize for that. However, we need time to schedule and prepare the program. Please contact student/parents immediately once you find out the evaluation results instead of waiting for the lesson time. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you can be the Presider for the program, please contact Nancy Tsai ([nancynancytsai@hotmail.com](mailto:nancynancytsai@hotmail.com)).

*Congratulations for completing another year of excellent teaching!*

# Where to Pick Up Your C.M. Results



**EVALUATIONS** not picked up at the March Branch Meeting on **March 14**, will be sent to the following locations by city.

**THEORY EXAMS** will be ready to pick up at the April Branch Meeting on **April 4**. 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.

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**ANAHEIM HILLS YORBA LINDA CORONA MORENO VALLEY ONTARIO**

**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.

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**BUENA PARK LA PALMA CYPRESS CERRITOS STUDIO CITY TEMPLE CITY ARTESIA MONROVIA  
GARDENA MANHATTAN BEACH LOS ANGELES LONG BEACH NORWALK BALDWIN PARK  
MONTEBELLO LA MIRADA**

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

From 91 Freeway, exit Carmenita. Go south. The street name will change to Moody St. 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.

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**HUNTINGTON BEACH COSTA MESA FOUNTAIN VALLEY MISSION VIEJO LAGUNA BEACH  
NEWPORT BEACH NEWPORT COAST LAKE FOREST IRVINE TUSTIN LADERA RANCH ALISO VIEJO  
SAN CLEMENTE RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA POWAY PHILLIPS RANCH**

**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.

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**ANAHEIM GARDEN GROVE STANTON FULLERTON WESTMINSTER**

**Charles and Joanne Baker, 2418 E. Balfour Ave., Fullerton, CA 92831**

From the 57 Freeway, exit Chapman Ave. Go west. Turn left onto Commonwealth then right onto Balfour. 2418 is two blocks down on the left.

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**SANTA ANA ORANGE**

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

From the 55, exit 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Tustin. Go east on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**BREA DIAMOND BAR HACIENDA HEIGHTS LA HABRA WALNUT PLACENTIA CHINO HILLS  
ROWLAND HEIGHTS POMONA PASADENA AZUSA GLENDALE CHINO GLENDORA**

**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.

# 2017-2018 CM Calendar



- **September 20** - New Member Orientation and CM training at Southwest Conservatory
- **October 1** - Database opens for CM enrollment
- **October 4** - Branch Meeting: CM Training (mandatory) at Fields Pianos
- **Oct. 31** - Deadline for CM enrollment
- **Nov. 1-10** - Parents must pay fees online. No changes can be made after payment is processed.
- **Jan. 2-15** - Student Schedule requests may be entered
- **Jan. 2-15** - Submit Teacher Job Request form
- **Jan. 15** - Deadline for entering repertoire, schedule requests, Convention, Branch Honors, Panel
- **Jan. 15** - Deadline for Panel Students to revert to Non-Panel status
- **Jan. 15** - Deadline to submit YAG letter of intent and repertoire
- **Jan. 15** - Deadline to submit teacher work schedule
- **Jan. 31** - Teacher Work Schedule e-mailed to teachers
- **Feb. 15** - Evaluation schedule, date and location, available on Parent and Teacher Portals.
- **Feb. 17** - Piano Panel Regionals at Cal State Long Beach
- **Feb. 18** - Piano Panel Regionals at Saddleback College
- **Feb. 18** - Strings Panel Regionals at Cerritos College, Norwalk
- **Feb. 24/25** - Piano Panel Regionals at Whittie College
- **Feb. 24/25** - Piano Evaluations, Location: TBA
- **Feb 24/25** - Proposed piano theory date, Location: TBA
- **Feb. 25** - Voice and Winds Panel Regionals at Cerritos College, Norwalk
- **Mar. 1** - Deadline for Panel students to complete their theory exams
- **Mar. 3/4** -Piano Evaluations, Location: TBA
- **Mar. 4** - Strings, Voice, Woodwinds Evaluations and Theory, Location: TBA
- **Mar. 8** - CM results available online for teachers only
- **Mar. 10** - Deadline for Panel Final Application
- **Mar. 12** - Deadline to enter Branch Honors Festival application
- **Mar. 14** - CM results available online to parents
- **Mar. 14** - Evaluations available for pick-up at Branch Meeting at Chapman
- **Mar. 25** - Branch Honors Festival at Chapman University
- **Mar. 25** - Strings Panel Finals at Cal Poly Pomona
- **April 4** - CM Theory exams available for pick-up at Branch meeting at Chapman
- **April 8** - Voice and Winds Panel Finals at Cerritos College, Norwalk
- **April 15** - Deadline for Convention application
- **April 15** - Deadline for parents to pay \$30 Convention application fee online
- **April 15** - Deadline to apply for make-up evaluations for high school students only
- **May 15** - Convention Recital final schedule posted on State website
- **May 31** - Deadline for teachers to report database entry errors.

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. You may email it to [nwoo@southwestconservatory.net](mailto: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 2017-2018

<b>September 13, 2017</b>	Carl Matthes, Piano Chapman University, Salmon Recital Hall	<b>February 7, 2018</b>	Duo Art – Dr. Minji Noh & Dr. KookHee Hong, Piano Chapman University, Salmon Recital Hall
<b>October 4, 2017</b>	CM Preparation - Fields Piano Judith Moore & Nancy Hsu, presenters	<b>March 14, 2018</b>	Beata Kardewicz, Violin; Adan Fernandez, Piano Chapman University, Salmon Recital Hall
<b>November 1, 2017</b>	Piano Master Class – Dr. Ted Reuter, Chapman University,	<b>April 4, 2018</b>	Jazz Duo - Jan Jordan, Piano & Gary Matsuura, Saxophone Chapman University, Salmon Recital Hall
<b>December 6, 2017</b>	Dr. Vera Ivanova, Composer, Chapman University, Choir Room "Music Composition and Creative Teaching; how it can enhance performance and music theory learning"	<b>May 2, 2018</b>	John Bayless, Piano Chapman University, Salmon Recital Hall
<b>January 10, 2018</b>	Dr. Melissa Davis, Soprano. Dr. Jerry Wong, Piano Judy Lyons Studio	<b>June 6, 2018</b>	Scholarship Winners Recital Judith Moore Studio

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