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# MTAC Orange County Branch Notations

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“April Showers will bring May Flowers” or so the saying goes. I am hoping that May will indeed bring our community to brighter times.

I hope that all of you are faring well, and have made the transition to online teaching with relative ease. I hear and see many creative solutions from some of the various members and am pleased to see how everyone has embraced this challenge.

As of our last newsletter, we have had to make the decision to cancel the last few remaining activities the branch has scheduled, namely the Concerto Competition and the May community outreach performance. We have not yet made a final decision about the June meeting, however, we will inform the membership via email very shortly about that meeting.

Please see this newsletter about some final details about the status of CM theory tests and certificates, as well as the SCJBF events. And although we may not be able to have the June meeting, where we usually honor

the scholarship winners, we will find a way to honor these students and will let you know how we plan to do this after the board has had their meeting for this month.

MTAC has announced plans to move the convention to an online format and hopefully we will hear more details about this shortly as well. For those who have students who are competition winners in the state programs, or finalists in the PCS program, MTAC is planning to showcase them in this online format as well.

See this newsletter for the list of Panel Regionl event winners as well as the results for Composers Today Evaluations and State Contest, and the State Piano Concerto Solo Regional Event.

Although I am disappointed by the fact that we have had to cancel so many events, I am encouraged by the continued dedication shown by students and teachers in these trying times.

Wishing all of you peace and good health.

Musically Yours,

Nancy Woo  
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## Branch Meeting and Programs

Our General meeting for May has been cancelled. We have not yet officially cancelled our final meeting of the year in June, but that will be determined by the state of the current health concerns.

## Certificate of Merit

Judi Moore, Chair

Every March marks the end of Certificate of Merit evaluations. However, this year is different from any other. Our Branch is one of the fortunate ones. We were able to complete our evaluations and theory testing before the "stay at home" order was enforced. Other Branches are still waiting for the State to lift the ban.

Because many Branches have not been able to conduct their evaluations, it has also affected us. First, we cannot release the theory exams until all testing is completed throughout the State. Second, the MTAC State offices are closed until further notice. Therefore, we cannot receive our State Honors Seals until they reopen. Third, C.M. Make-up Evaluations cannot be scheduled until all testing is completed. In other words, we are in limbo until further notice.

We hope that we will be able to return the exams and send out the certificates and State Honors Seals eventually. However, as of today, no date has been set. Please be patient. I know this is difficult for everyone and is especially difficult for those working in the MTAC State Office.

## Panel Regional Winners

Kyung Ja Bae

Congratulation to Piano Panel Regional winners and their teachers.

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Carrie Shim	Kyung Ja Bae
Michael McPhie	Susan Bana
Sophia Lin	Ming-I Chen
Tyler Kim	Myong Joo Lee
Hanna Noh	Joseph Matthews
Mengshu Zhang	Joseph Matthews
Brian Liu	Claudia Xi



## Composers Today

Congratulations to these student award winners and their teachers.

### Composers Today Evaluations Symposium Winners

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<b>Danica Kwan</b> Division 5 (Age 14-15)	<b>Vera Ivanova</b>

<b>Aaron Lucas Ring</b> Division 4 (Age 12-13)	<b>Vera Ivanova</b>
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<b>Sean Kawanami</b> Division 6 (Age 16-17)	<b>Nancy Woo</b>
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### Composers Today State Contest

<u>Student</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<b>Kyle Yeung</b> Division 3 (Age 11 and Under) <b>First Place</b>	<b>Carlton Liu</b>

<b>Evan Le</b> Division 2 (Age 9 and Under) <b>First Place</b>	<b>Claudia Yun Xi</b>
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<b>Aaron Lucas Ring</b> Division 4 (Age 13 and Under) <b>First Place</b>	<b>Vera Ivanova</b>
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<b>Kaya Baird</b> Division 3 (Age 11 and Under) <b>Second Place</b>	<b>Carlton Liu</b>
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<b>Sean Kawanami</b> Division 6 (Age 17 and Under) <b>Third Place</b>	<b>Nancy Woo</b>
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The winners from the State Contest event will be presented in the online version of the MTAC State Convention. The details regarding how this will be managed will be sent from MTAC shortly.

# State Piano Concerto Solo Competition



Through the challenges we are all facing, the Regional events for the piano concerto and solo competitions were completed remotely. From the 29 applicants representing the Orange County Branch in both the Concerto and Solo competitions, competing in 4 division, there were 10 students who received awards. Three of these students received the Regional award, making them eligible to participate in the finals. This is a highly competitive event and the finals at the state convention are one of the most well attended events.

Congratulations to these students and their fine teachers.

## Concerto Division Winners

### Student

### Teacher

**Wendy Wang**      **Doris T Chiang**

Division 2, **First Alternate**

**Irene Oh**              **Kook Hee Hong**

Division 2, **Honorable Mention**

**Angel Li**              **Claudia Yun Xi**

Division 1, **Honorable Mention**

**\*Juhyeok Lim**      **Myong-Joo Lee**

Division 1, **Regional Winner**

**\*Loren Kim**              **Myong-Joo Lee**

Division 3, **Regional Winner**

## Solo Division Winners

### Student

### Teacher

**Matt Karacic**      **Mario Karacic**

Division 2, **Honorable Mention**

**Evan Chang**      **Claudia Yun Xi**

Division 1, **Honorable Mention**

**Lilian Guo**              **Claudia Yun Xi**

Division 1, **Honorable Mention**

**Kaitlyn Wang**      **Claudia Yun Xi**

Division 1, **Honorable Mention**

**\*Tessa Shune**      **Grace Fong**

Division 4, **Regional Winner**

**\*Regional Winners will be participating in the State Finals at the online State Convention. Details to come shortly.**

## Bach Festival

Susan Bana

### ATTENTION SCJBF TEACHERS:

Effective Friday, April 10, 2020, Southern California Junior Bach Festival board decided to cancel the 2020 Regional Festivals and Complete Works Auditions 2020 because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. We will resume the Bach Festivals next year the 2021 CWA List as usual. Teachers will not have to re-pay the \$10.00 website usage fee next year. The \$60.00 Branch Participation fee will be rolled over to 2021. Student participation and teacher non-involvement fees sent to our branch treasurer will be shredded. Please look for further announcements in future Notation Publications. The best of health to all. Be safe.

# MTAC OC Branch Board 2020-2021

Please look to your mail for information regarding the upcoming slate of officers for the MTAC Orange County Branch. As we are currently unable to meet in person, we will be mailing out the notification about the upcoming Branch Board Slate of Officers.

## Branch Event Status

This is the status of all of the branch events that were scheduled for the end of March as well as April and May. The status of some of these events may change, depending on how this current health situation evolves.



**May 2: Community Outreach** – Cancelled. Will be rescheduled at a later date.

**May 6: Branch General Meeting** – Cancelled

**May 16: Student Workshop** – Cancelled

**May 30:** – Regional Bach Events – Cancelled

**June 3:** – Branch Meeting/Potluck – will be decided shortly.

**June 13:** Concerto Competition – Cancelled

Check your email for updates regarding all of MTAC-OC events

# MTAC OC Social Media Pages

MTAC Orange County Branch is on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Like us, follow us and keep up to date with our events. Be sure to look for the "official" MTAC OC branch pages.



[www.facebook.com/OfficialMTACOC](http://www.facebook.com/OfficialMTACOC)



Instagram

[instagram.com/officialmtacoc/](https://www.instagram.com/officialmtacoc/)



<https://twitter.com/OfficialMTACOC>

# 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

[newsletter@mtacoc.org](mailto:newsletter@mtacoc.org), 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 2019-2020

<b>September 11, 2019</b>	Jeffrey Lavner, Piano Master Class, Chapman University, Salmon Recital Hall	<b>January 8, 2020</b>	Phillip Matsuura, Piano, Fields Pianos, Alumni Recital
<b>October 2, 2019</b>	CM Preparation - Fields Pianos, Judith Moore & Nancy Hsu	<b>February 5, 2020</b>	Deborah How, "Building Networks and Connecting Communities through Music Making", Chapman University,
<b>November 6, 2019</b>	Jeremy Siskind, Jazz Piano, Chapman University, SRH  "Perpetual Motion Etudes"	<b>March 11, 2020</b>	Frank Huang, Piano, Chapman University, SRH
<b>December 4, 2019</b>	Stephen Pierce, Chapman University, SRH, Presentation on "Enneagram Expression and Learning Styles "	<b>April 1, 2020</b>	Stephanie Getz, Flute, Chapman University, SRH – <b>CANCELLED</b>
		<b>May 6, 2020</b>	Moni Simeonov, Violin, Chapman University, SRH - <b>CANCELLED</b>
		<b>June 3, 2020</b>	Scholarship Winners Recital, Judith Moore Studio

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