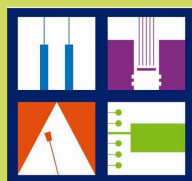


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ORANGE COUNTY
BRANCH

October 2020

President's Message

Autumn Comes, Summer is Past

Happy Fall to each and every MTAC OC member. I hope that all of you are managing this season with optimism and enthusiasm. The current political, economic and social climate is difficult, and my wish is that we are all able to stay our ground and grow during this time.



October marks the beginning of CM enrollment as well as the Branch Theme Festival. Both of these events will be presented in a different format this year, so please take a look at the information that is in this newsletter as well as the various resources that are mentioned. The information about the Branch Theme Festival is also located on our website including the link to the application, which was emailed to members a few days ago.

Pay special attention to the information regarding CM this year, as some of the changes to the program may be a deciding factor as to whether your student should participate this year, or maybe hold off for a year until the exams can be presented in person again.

We are still working out details for some of our branch programs but rest assured that the program chairs and branch board are keeping our community of members and their studios in mind as we work through this year.

Just as last month, our meeting will occur online and I will be presenting a program covering a variety of equipment, services and apps that can help bring new life into your teaching, whether you are still teaching online or if you have started doing some in person teaching.

As always, best wishes for peace and prosperity this year.

Nancy Woo

president@mtacoc.org

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Meeting Program:

Transform your Teaching with Technology: A survey of Apps, Equipment and Services that you can use in your teaching studios.

Branch Meeting & Program

Transform Your Teaching with Technology



Do you consider yourself tech savvy or a tech novice? These past 7 months may have brought to your attention the need for developing a closer relationship with technology, or perhaps you are just curious how technology can help you to grow your studio. Even as the restrictions on business within the community are continuing to be relaxed, you can still find ways to utilize various devices and apps to expand how you approach your teaching, whether in person or online. And since at this time, meeting in groups is still restricted, you may want to find alternate ways to facilitate online performances, or simply grow your studio by offering additional learning opportunities. Additionally, there are services and software that can support the student in the time between lessons, or help you as the teacher manage your studio business.

Join us at the meeting as we explore some of these various devices, apps and services.



Meeting Details

Zoom: zoom.us

Meeting ID: 813 9841 2322

Password: 185869

Board Meeting: 9:30 AM

General Meeting: 10:30 AM

To access this meeting,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81398412322?pwd=Wjhsc2tRRlpHYitUcHpFOEJjNUF2dz09>

Or you can go to zoom.us and enter the meeting information listed in the box to the right.

To join by phone, dial +1 669 900 6833 and enter the meeting ID information.

Be patient while waiting in the waiting room. You can utilize the chat feature to talk to the others in the waiting room

MTAC OC Yearbook and Directory Update:

Due to the need to gather some additional information from some of our programs which was not available until recently, the publication of the yearbook was delayed. However, these will be available online and emailed to all of the teachers by October 15th. We will be printing a limited number of yearbooks for those who prefer a hard copy.

Event Details

Look at the next few pages for details on the Bach Festival, Theme Festival, and Certificate of Merit

Bach Festival

Susan Bana, sbana@att.net

ATTENTION TEACHERS

Those teachers who no longer wish to participate in the Bach Festival and need assistance to remove your profile from the teacher list please contact me at 714) 974-9492 or sbana@att.net.

Teachers who have changed their email address will need to notify the webmaster at scjbf.org under "Contact Us." Please provide your name, teacher ID, old and new email address. Teachers who have forgotten your teacher ID and/or password, please visit the FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS page before logging in.

Students who are no longer in your studio or not eligible to participate in the festival need to be deleted from your student profile list at this time.

REGISTRATION DATES FOR 2020 - 2021

- Tuesday, December 1, 2020, online registration opens for the 2021 festivals.
- Friday, February 5, 2021, Orange County Branch Registration closes.
- Saturday, March 20, 2021, Orange County Bach Festival, Fields Pianos
- Region VI Bach Festival: Sunday, May 16, 2021, Hole Memorial Auditorium, La Sierra University, 4500 Riverwalk Parkway, Riverside, Ca. 92506
- May 31, 2021, **Regional Keyboard Festivals** to be completed by this date.
- May 2021, **ALL- BRANCH REGIONAL WINDS/VOICE FESTIVAL, TBD**, Emily An, Chair. Check scjbf.org for updates under *Special Announcement*.
- April - May 2021 **ALL- BRANCH REGIONAL STRINGS FESTIVAL- Date and Location TBD**. Cheryl Scheidemantle, Chair. Check scjbf.org for Updates under *Special Announcement*.
- April – May 2021 **REGIONAL ORGAN FESTIVALS- Date and Location TBD**. Contact Sylvia Barton, Chair. Check scjbf.org for updates.

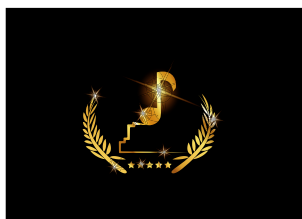


SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ORANGE COUNTY TEACHERS

Bach Festival 2021 will include Selections from the Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook, Anhang #113-132, (comments only). The index can be found at scjbf.org located under the Complete Works Audition Page at the bottom marked "Thematic Index." Scroll down pass the first two pages and locate "Thematic Index of Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook."

MTAC Orange County Branch Theme Festival

Co-Chairs: Wendy-I Chen and Ming-I Chen (MTACOCTF@GMAIL.COM)



Branch Theme Festival will be online this year. Students will send the YouTube link for their video recording with their applications. Detailed instructions will be sent via email and posted on the Branch Website.

Below is the general information with dates (This is our first time running the Festival online. There are many details and logistics to iron out. We reserve the right to change the date to post the results). Please note the changes marked in **bold**.

Theme: The Classical Period (see CM Syllabus page 162 for list of composers)

Registration Fee: **\$45** per student.

Registration Dates: October 1 to October **20** (Teachers will receive registration form via email)

Upload Video and Music Scores Dates: **October 27 to November 20** (Teachers will receive uploading form and directions via email)

Results posted online: December 20.

Festival Divisions:

Division	Age (on 11/1/20)	Time limit
1	7 & under	3 Minute
2	8 & under	3 Minute
3	9 & under	3 Minute
4	10 & under	5 Minute
5	11 & under	5 Minute
6	12 & under	5 Minute
7	13 & under	7 Minute
8	14 & under	7 Minute
9	15 & under	7 Minute
10	16 & under	10 Minute
11	17 & under	10 Minute
12	18-24	10 Minute

Rules and Regulations:

- 1) One work or one movement only per performer. Theme and Variations require the Theme and at least two Variations.
- 2) Use MTAC Piano Syllabus 2012 pg. 162: "CATEGORY 2: CLASSICAL". If you have any questions about the repertoire, please send an email to MTACOCTF@gmail.com to confirm.
- 3) Applicant will be disqualified if the Video is different than the listed repertoire on the registration form.
- 4) There will be no late submissions past the deadline.
- 5) Each teacher may enroll up to 20 students.
- 6) Age cut-off date: November 20
- 7) All students will be award with Gold medal, Silver medal, Bronze medal or Ribbon with 25% percent for each award. Students have tie in the score will receive the same award.
- 8) There are three adjudicators for each division for the Festival. The Adjudicators will write comments and give score to each performer. They will also select one First Place Winner and one Second Place Winner from each division.
- 9) Festival division First Place Winner will participate in the Winner's Competition with the original video.
Festival division winners are competing in four categories:
 - o Category 1: Age 9 and below
 - o Category 2: Age 10 to 12
 - o Category 3: Age 13 to 16
 - o Category 4: Age 17 and above
- 10) Three adjudicators will select one First Place Winner and one Second Place Winner. The Competition First Place Winner will receive \$200 dollars cash award; Second Place Winner, \$100 dollars
- 11) Adjudicators' decisions are final and cannot be challenged.

Winner's Competition Divisions:

Division	Age (on 11/1/20)	Time limit
I	9 & under	3 Minute
II	12 & under	5 Minute
III	15 & under	7 Minute
IV	16 & above	10 Minute

Monday, Oct. 19, at 10 AM Zoom meeting

- 1) How to upload to YouTube
- 2) How to get the YouTube Link
- 3) Answer questions about uploading videos
- 4) Video recording instructions

Certificate of Merit

Judi Moore, Nancy Hsu

New this year: Due to the pandemic, the State Office will be handling the CM program. This includes monitoring the CM Teacher Training, Student Evaluations and Theory Testing. The State Office will be assigning the dates for the CM evaluations and tests. Students will be required to submit a video of their performance. There will be no in person evaluations this year. The Theory Exam will be online. All results will be sent directly to the teachers.

Questions: For technical support, including questions regarding account information such as student name spelling, correct age, or grade, contact the state office at cminfo@mtac.org

For Teachers, if you have questions regarding to the CM program, or other application questions, please contact the CM Regional Coordinator through the “E-Support” link below:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdd5QZqtLg0gfO6isajhHYTiycl7xJmeAqblVhgffHozCARfg/viewform>

This can also be found on the CM Program Page on the Frequently Asked Questions Document

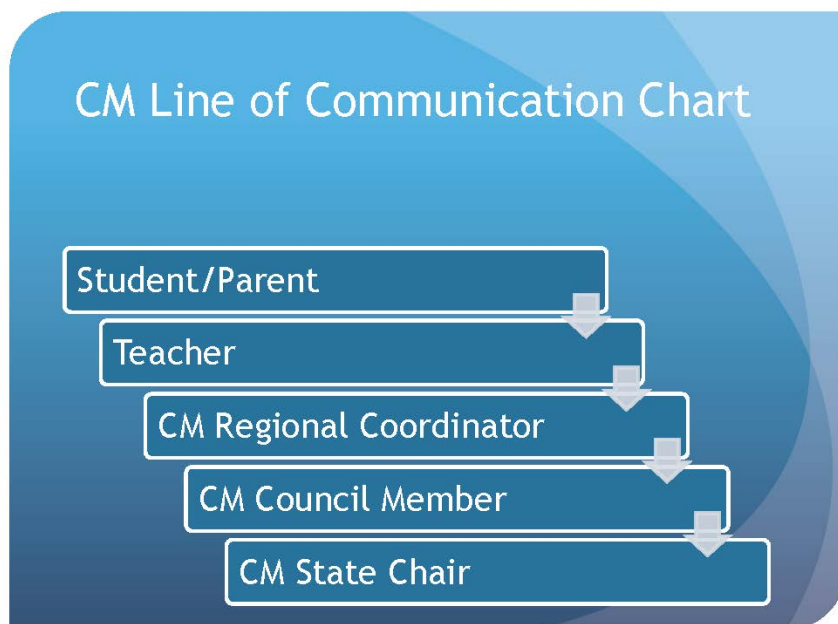
Student Roster Reminder: Teachers may add students to their Student Roster throughout the year. There is no deadline. Teachers are never blocked from adding students.

Blocked Teachers: All teachers are blocked from enrolling students in CM until they submit and pass the online quiz. The MTAC State Office sent teachers a link to the instruction video and quiz on September 15. If you have not received the link, contact the State Office, or you can find this in your teacher portal under Resources on the CM Program Page. These links are also posted below. Teachers have between September 15 and October 20 to submit and pass the quiz. Within 48 hours, teachers will be notified if they passed the quiz or if they need to retake it.

Link to the Instructional Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pATIWCAcqXA&feature=youtu.be>

Link to teacher quiz: (you will need your State MTAC User ID which you can find in your profile online).

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2PyKarWtSozqwVdTr2qMLBCzKRgYJJ98L4stlNkMo-R-GQw/viewform>



Teachers must be unblocked in order to enroll students in Certificate of Merit. You may take the quiz as many times as is necessary to become unblocked.

Certificate of Merit Dates:

CM enrollment dates: CM enrollment is only open during the month of October. CM Applications and initial enrollment (previously called registration) are accepted from October 1-October 31. Level, grade, instrument, Panel, and YAG must be entered by October 31. However, application changes can be made at any time during October before the payment is made.

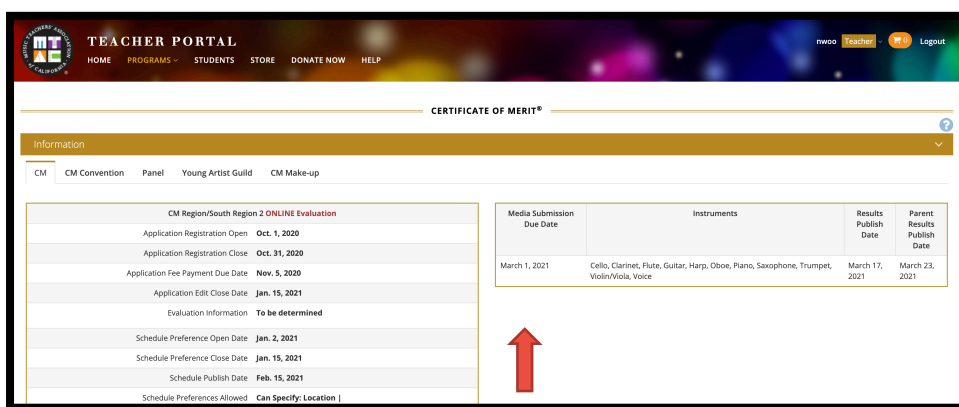
Parents pay through their Parent Portal: Parents may pay online once the Teacher has started the CM enrollment process as early as October 1. The payment deadline is November 5. No application changes can be made after the deadline. However, teachers may make changes even if the parent has already paid if it is before the deadline. Parents will be charged an extra fee if the fee increases due to the changes.

Entering Repertoire, Convention: Repertoire, Convention Recitals, may be entered between October 1 and January 15. These are the final steps for completing enrollment. Until all steps are complete, your portal will say "Incomplete." For instructions on how to enter Convention Recitals, check under Resources on your Teacher Portal. This year, the theme for the Theme Recital is Dance Music.

Devices needed to complete the CM Exam: Student Performance evaluations will be in the form of uploaded videos. Students/parents may use any device to record the video including a cell phone. These recordings will need to be uploaded to the application in the online system. Directions on how to do this and how teachers can validate that the videos are accurate are forthcoming by the CM Council and will be posted in the system.

A Note about Sight Reading: The sight reading portion of the exam will be done via a link that will be available during the 10 days for the "media submission" (see below). In order to complete the sight reading, the students will click on a link and will need to read the sight reading from the device they used to access the sight reading file. This means that students will need to have two devices to complete the sight reading, one to read the music and one to record. For piano students, in most cases this will require a large sized tablet style computer in order to read the music easily from the music rack on the piano or keyboard. If your students do not have access to two devices, or a tablet, you may want to consider whether the student should take the exam this year.

Media Submission Deadline: This is the deadline to upload all of the scores and video recordings. Plan early to have clean copies of the scores to upload to the system, including measure numbers at the beginning of each system. If you have the scores ahead of time, it makes the uploading process smoother. The deadline for our branch for all instruments is **March 1, 2021**. You may begin uploading the files 10 days before the deadline. Make plans with your students to start making their recordings and have them prepared before this date.



The screenshot shows the Teacher Portal interface for the Certificate of Merit. The page is titled "CERTIFICATE OF MERIT®" and has a navigation bar with links: HOME, PROGRAMS, STUDENTS, STORE, DONATE NOW, and HELP. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for "Information" with a dropdown menu. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column lists various dates and deadlines for the CM process, including Application Registration Open (Oct. 1, 2020), Application Registration Close (Oct. 31, 2020), Application Fee Payment Due Date (Nov. 5, 2020), Application Edit Close Date (Jan. 15, 2021), Evaluation Information (To be determined), Schedule Preference Open Date (Jan. 2, 2021), Schedule Preference Close Date (Jan. 15, 2021), Schedule Publish Date (Feb. 15, 2021), and Schedule Preferences Allowed (Can Specify Location). The right column lists the Media Submission Due Date (March 1, 2021), Instruments (Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Guitar, Harp, Oboe, Piano, Saxophone, Trumpet, Violin/Viola, Voice), Results Publish Date (March 17, 2021), and Parent Results Publish Date (March 23, 2021). A red arrow points to the Media Submission Due Date.

Media Submission Due Date	Instruments	Results Publish Date	Parent Results Publish Date
March 1, 2021	Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Guitar, Harp, Oboe, Piano, Saxophone, Trumpet, Violin/Viola, Voice	March 17, 2021	March 23, 2021

(disregard the dates listed for Schedule Preferences as these will not be used this year)

As your Branch CM Chair, I will continue to be here to help point you in the right direction. There are many resources available on your Teacher Portal to help you as well.

We will get through this!

MTAC OC Social Media

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



Instagram

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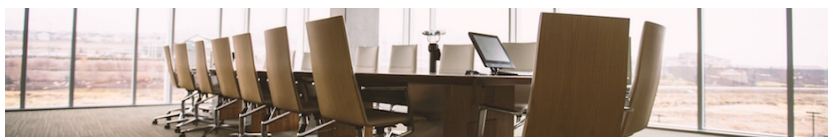
<https://twitter.com/OfficialMTACOC>

Newsletter Contributions

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 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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September 9, 2020	CM Preparation, Judith Moore and Nancy Hsu	January 13, 2021	Alumni Recital, Andrew Edwards, Piano
October 7, 2020	Transform Your Teaching with Technology, Nancy Woo	February 3, 2021	Kyla McCarrel, Soprano
		March 10, 2021	Duo Art, Minji Noh and Dr. KookHee Hong, Piano
November 4, 2020	5 Things Every Piano Teacher Should Know About Jazz, Jeremy Siskind	April 7, 2021	Piano Master Class, Hans Boepple
December 2, 2020	Kinesthetic Awareness and its Effect on Performance, Dr. Michelle Do	May 5, 2021	Moni Simeonov, Violin,
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