

# Notations



ORANGE COUNTY  
BRANCH

May 2021

## President's Message

### May Flowers



"May Flowers" evokes images of new life and growth, and as our community is continuing to progress through this pandemic I am hopeful that we will continue to be able to move forward and begin to consider what events we can host in person.

April was a full month for MTAC OC Branch. We were able to celebrate the achievements of the students in the CM Branch Honors Festival and the Senior Recital. Both of these events were very well attended and showcased the diverse talent we have in our branch. Additionally, the VOCE State Finals was held and our branch performed quite well and the winners will be represented in the State Convention VOCE Winners recital.

Last month we had the honor of welcoming Hans Boepple who led a wonderful Piano Master Class featuring performances of three of our talented branch students. This month, Moni Simeonov, who will be giving a presentation on injury prevention and methods of developing practice skills that support longevity in playing while avoiding injury.

Please see the newsletter about the details of our final event for the Branch, which is our Concerto Competition. The deadline for submitting videos for this event is July 15.

We will also be voting on the new for the coming 2021-2022 year. In the event you are unable to attend the May meeting, there is a google form link where you can also submit your vote.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting this month.

Best wishes for continued peace and good health,

Nancy Woo

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### Meeting Program:

*Injury prevention and the essence of technique, Moni Simeonev*

# Branch Meeting & Program

## *Moni Simeonev, Violinist*

### Program

#### *Injury prevention and the essence of technique*

From warming up and time management to stretching and working out - what are the non-playing activities that can enhance our lives as musicians, dissolve tension, and reduce stress. We will look at today's expectations of young musicians and discuss specific strategies they can easily integrate in order to shorten practice time and increase musical longevity.

### About the Artist

A native of Bulgaria, Moni Simeonov holds degrees from Yale University, Eastman School of Music, and USC's Thornton School of Music and his main teachers include Ani Kavafian, Zvi Zeitlin, and Midori. Moni has taught and performed alongside Midori for her Orchestra Residencies Program American and International tours, and until 2014, he served as a director of the program.



Mr. Simeonov has concertized and taught around the United States, South America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. His recordings have been broadcast and archived by PBS, NPR, KUSC, Bulgarian National Radio and TV, as well as Japanese Broadcasting Company—NHK. His upcoming musical destinations include Lebanon, China and Singapore.

Moni served as Adjunct Instructor of Violin at USC's Thornton School of Music until 2014. That year, he was appointed Director of String Studies and Violin Professor with the Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University, Long Beach. He is also on the faculty of the Classical Music Institute of San Antonio, Atlantic Music Festival, the Interlochen Arts Academy, and the Singapore Violin Festival

### Meeting Details

**Wednesday May 5, 2021**

**Zoom:** zoom.us

**Meeting ID:** 813 9841 2322

**Password:** 185869

**Board Meeting:** 9:30 AM

**General Meeting:** 10:30 AM

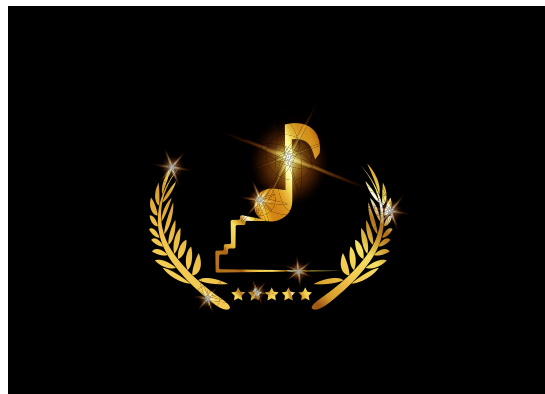
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To join by phone, dial +1 669 900 6833 and enter the meeting ID information above.

# CM Branch Honors Festival Recitals

Judi Moore

When Covid shut down all in person meetings, recitals and competitions, we wondered if we could continue to offer programs or even exist as an MTAC Branch. Zoom and FaceTime were not well known to us. However, what we were not aware was that our president, Nancy Woo, had the technical knowledge we needed. As a result, we have not only been able to continue meeting monthly but we have also saved every one of the Branch programs, the most recent being our Branch Honors Festival.



On April 17, teachers, parents and 79 students met on Zoom. There were four recitals in all. For the first time, fifth and sixth graders were invited to play. Teachers and students were allowed to choose a piece from their CM repertoire. Thanks to our “tech” president, everything went as planned. The repertoire was varied and all students’ performances were up to standard. An excellent rating for repertoire was one of the requirements this year. Whether virtual or in person, we can look forward to another successful Honors Festival again next year. Thank you, teachers and students.

## *MTAC Orange County Branch Senior Recital and Awards Celebration*

April 24, Saturday was our Senior Recital - a Virtual Event this year. Never have we had a more



interesting or varied group of talented musicians. There were two flutists, one clarinetist, one saxophonist, one vocalist, one violinist, two composers and 18 pianists. It was truly music making at its finest! 23 studios were represented. Our deepest thanks must go to Carolyn Rugh and Nancy Woo for their high tech expertise, which made our Zoom Senior Recital possible.

Congratulations to the Seniors of the Class of 2021!

Co-chairpersons - Barbara Bruce, Marie Djang

Senior Medallions, Certificates of Excellence, and scholarship checks will be sent to the teachers.

# VOCE Finals

Wendy Castille, Branch VOCE Chair

Our branch did very well at the state finals this year. Students performed in the Finals with all of the branch winners from throughout the state. Each of the first place winners will be presented in the VOCE Winners recital at the State Convention.

**Instrumental ensemble senior competitive:** first place.

Aaron Yoo. Pavlos Papaefthymious, Caden McCarthy. Teacher Minji Noh. Qualified for state convention performance

**Instrumental ensemble intermediate group:** third place.

Jiyu Lee, Anika Chen , Verena Lo. Teacher Hyaejin Cha.

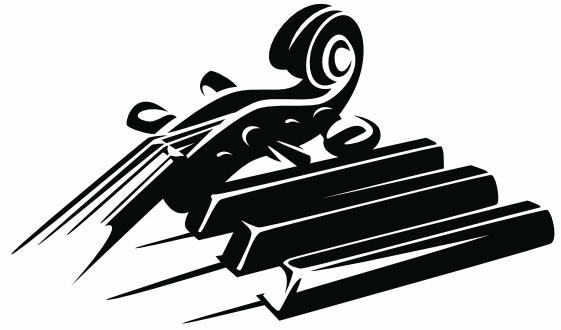
**Solo strings junior competitive:** first place

Andrew Kao. Teacher: Wendy Castille. Qualified for state convention performance

**Solo voice senior competitive:** honorable mention.

Kate Hansen. Teacher: Emily Lawrence.

Congratulations to all the students and their teachers!



## Piano for Sale



Yamaha G5 grand piano for sale. Serial Number: E2452430.

Piano has been recently tuned, and is in very good condition. Huntington Beach Area.

Contact Mitzi Bartlett for more information at 714- 943 – 1202

# Concerto Competition 2021

Co-Chairs: Claudia Xi, Wendy Chen

Dear Teachers,

Our Branch Concerto Competition will be online this year. All instruments are eligible. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, accompaniment is optional. Each student will play one movement of an original concerto of choice. Maximum time is 12 minutes.

- Registration/Video submission Period: July 1-July 15, 2021
- Results: Before August 15
- Fee: \$60 per applicant

## *APPLICATION PROCESS*

1. Application form will be emailed to all OC branch teachers on June 15, 2021.
2. Fill out one application for each student and submit it between 7/1-7/15. On the form, attach your YouTube link and music score pdf.
3. Mail your check made out to MTAC-Orange branch by July 15 to:  
  
OC Concerto Competition  
10 Silveroak, Irvine, CA 92620
4. Result will be emailed to teachers by August 15, 2021

## *Divisions:*

**based on the student's age on May 1, 2021**

- Division I: age 12 and under
- Division II: age 13-14
- Division III: Age 15-16
- Division IV: Age 17 and above

## *Winners and Awards for Each Division:*

All students will be awarded this year.

- 1st place: Cash \$100 (1 student)
- 2nd place: Cash \$50 ( 1 student)
- 3rd place: certificate
- 4th place certificate

# MTAC Orange County 2021-2022 Branch Board



We are pleased to present this slate of officers for the upcoming year. We will be voting to approve this branch board at the May Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may also click on this link in order to submit your vote.

<https://forms.gle/ntFmMxX9PvnWuwp97>

## 2021-2022 Branch Officers

- President.....Nancy Woo
- First Vice-President..... Dr. Janice Park
- Second Vice-President..... Dr. Kookhee Hong
- Membership Secretary .....Mie Oh
- Treasurer ..... Jane Ko
- Financial Secretary.....Philomena Deans
- Recording Secretary..... Laurie Fischer-Blaisdell
- Corresponding Secretary .....Beverly Clark
- Director ..... Dr. Joseph Matthews
- Director .....Marie Djang
- Director ..... Judy Lyons

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



Instagram

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



<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 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**

## MTAC OC Board of Directors



TITLE	NAME
President	Nancy Woo
First Vice-President (Programs)	Dr. Janice Park
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Membership Secretary	Mie Oh
Treasurer	Jane Ko
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# Monthly Programs 2020-2021

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

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