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# Music Notes



MTAC Whittier Branch Newsletter



## Calendar of Events

- **11/1**—CM fees and paperwork due to Branch Chair, *Jane Oertel* (see website for details)
- **11/2**—Deadline: 11/8 Musicales applications
- **11/8**—Branch Musicale
- **11/15**—Deadline: online applications for 12/5 Holiday Musicale
- **11/15**—**Gala Fundraiser Concert. 4:00 PM**
- **11/16**—Board Meeting at the home of Laurel McMillan, 14608 Demanda Rd, La Mirada, 9:15 AM
- **12/5**—**Holiday Musicale**
- **12/14**—Board Meeting at California Grill, Whittier
- **12/24**—**Deadline:** apps for *Winter Festival for Strings* (see Yearbook or website for details)



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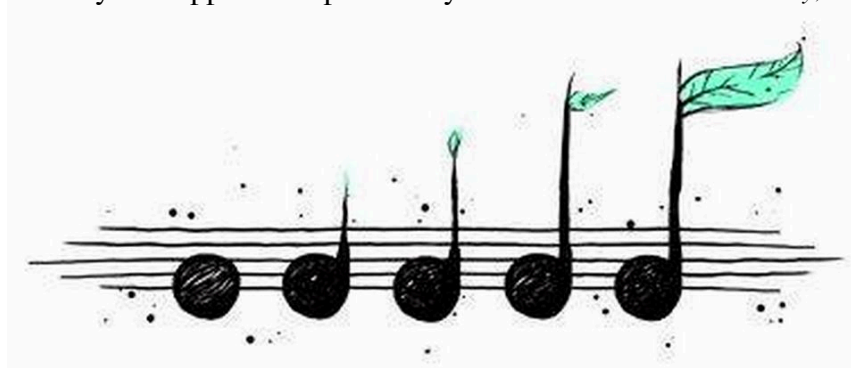
## President's Notes

Hello Everyone,

I hope this memo finds you each well and content. I would like to call your attention to an important event of the MTAC Whittier Branch, the Fundraising Gala Concert at the Community Presbyterian Church of La Mirada on November 15, 2015 at 4:00 PM. Here, 19 of your branch members, and some of their associates, will be participating in this musical feast to raise scholarship funds for our students.

Truly I say to you, this is a high caliber chamber music concert, not only because of the quality and variety of the music and performers, but because it is designed to benefit our students. We're hoping that you, your family, and the friends you invite will enjoy it thoroughly! Please come and lend your support! Hope to see you all there.

~Warmly, Leslie



## Concerto Competition

The Branch Concerto Competition will be held at 3:30 PM on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at Cerritos College. We are hoping that we will raise enough money to provide scholarships for five or six winners to perform with a professional orchestra. Participating teachers need to read the information about selecting literature for a *chamber orchestra* to accompany the solo literature: read pages 20-21 in the Yearbook or go to:

[http://www.mtacwhittier.org/concerto\\_competition.html](http://www.mtacwhittier.org/concerto_competition.html)

Be sure to check the literature your student is preparing with Maestro Leslie Ho by contacting him at [virtuosoho@hotmail.com](mailto:virtuosoho@hotmail.com) or 714-274-8768. The judges for the VOCE competition at 1 PM at the same location will also be judging the Concerto Competition.

The rehearsals for the winners will take place on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 22. The Concerto Concert will take place at 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Whittier College on. Put this date on your calendar and be sure to come out and support our students at this event!

# Certificate of Merit News

## CM 2016 Calendar at a Glance



**October 1, 2015**

**On-line student registration begins**

**October 31, 2015**

**On-line student registration ends**

**November 1, 2015**

**Registration checks, student roster lists, student fee list due to Jane Oertel, CM chair**

**January 2, 2016**

**On-line repertoire input begins**

**January 15, 2016**

**Panel Student Repertoire input ends**

**February 7, 2016**

**On-line repertoire input ends for all non-Panel**

**March 5 & 6, 2016**

**CM Piano Evaluations  
Cal Poly, Pomona**

**March 12, 2016**

**CM Wind/String Evaluations  
Whittier College**

CM Registration is nearly complete as I write this, still 10 hours to go, and we have preliminary numbers. Following are the counts by instrument:

Piano	287	(1 is Panel)
Violin	47	(1 is Panel)
Viola	3	
Cello	15	
Flute	8	
Oboe	4	

There are still 16 teachers who have not yet provided their CM Check, student list, summary fees page, and signed Teacher Work Agreement. Tomorrow, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for doing so. If mailed, it needed to be postmarked by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Beginning **January 2, 2016**, you will be able to start entering repertoire, Branch Honors candidates, convention, accompanist, and carpool information in the online CM database. **Please note:**

- **The deadline for completing online repertoire input for Panel students is January 15, 2016.**
- **The deadline for completing online input for all disciplines is February 7, 2016**
- **\*Additionally: If a panel student is to revert to non-Panel status as an advanced student, he or she must do so by January 15, 2016. Otherwise, the student will still be required to perform his or her pieces at the Panel audition, or be marked as a “No-Show” for CM.**
- **All student scheduling activity starts February 8, 2016.**
- **Piano Teachers: Please remember that you may not schedule more than half your studio on the same evaluation day. Unfortunately, this is required to keep from unnecessarily complicating the scheduling process. E-mail me if you have questions.**

Don't wait too long to develop your repertoire lists for your students. Remember, teachers are responsible for checking their student's pieces against the most current syllabus (available on the MTAC website under “Shopping”) for that discipline to be sure the pieces are appropriate for their CM level. *Questions? Please call or email me.*

Piano evaluations will be at Cal Poly Pomona on March 5 & 6, we have our reservation and deposit in.

For Winds we have again volunteered to be a “host” branch for regionalization, if need be. We have a little over 3 hours of wind evaluations so we'll keep you posted as we hear.

Roger and I will be publishing, in late January, the CM piano evaluations duty roster for the 2 days at Cal Poly, based on the preferences noted in the Teacher Work Agreements (TWA), and from past years. Leslie Ho will do the same for instrumental evaluations at Whittier College. We will try to honor specific requests, if possible. Otherwise, we will place you, based on what you have done in previous years, or where the need is greatest.

**Opportunity!** We have a hand full of teachers, who every year volunteer to work more than their required shifts. Many of them are long time members who have probably been responsible for CM at some point in their careers and understand what it takes to do it successfully. I'm sure there are teachers out there who appreciate the CM program and may not have any other responsibilities in our branch. I'd ask you to consider working an extra shift or be willing to work an extra shift if we wind up looking short in some areas. Think about it and let me know if we can count on you.

*Any questions? Please call me or email me.* Looking forward to a great CM this year, and I thank you all ahead of time for helping to make it a positive and worthwhile experience for our students!

- Jane Oertel

# >>TWO<< UPCOMING

## MUSICALES!

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

St. Andrew Lutheran Church,  
Whittier

**The deadline for online enrollment is Mon, November 2:**  
\$4 for 5 min, or \$6 for less than 10 min. Just click on this link to the webpage:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15R8kaYi2Cq1pSwa1X\\_HDDNv0tE-d9q9CfmhdxfbAD8A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15R8kaYi2Cq1pSwa1X_HDDNv0tE-d9q9CfmhdxfbAD8A/viewform)

Send your check payable to "MTAC Whittier" postmarked by Mon, Nov. 2 to Student Musicales, c/o Kay Pech, P O Box 1242, Artesia, CA 90702. For more information about what time your student will perform, please contact Chair: Robin Curtis at:

[RCurtisPiano@aol.com](mailto:RCurtisPiano@aol.com)

or call 562-699-2571. Please remind your students to observe the dress code for our student musicales. It may be found at:

[http://www.mtacwhittier.org/student\\_musicales.html](http://www.mtacwhittier.org/student_musicales.html)

### HOLIDAY MUSICALES:

**Saturday, December 5, 3:00 PM**

Rosewood Assisted Living, 411 East Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton

**The deadline for enrollment is Sunday, November 15.** There is no cost to enroll, but students are accepted on a first-come-first served basis until program is full.

Pieces are limited to 3 minutes. Click here for enrollment form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YXud6jly6S4-HWZeDh54YqT4KKP2L\\_6tDGLdpBOQaME/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YXud6jly6S4-HWZeDh54YqT4KKP2L_6tDGLdpBOQaME/viewform)

For more information contact Chair: Julie Bai-Ko at:

[jbai.music@gmail.com](mailto:jbai.music@gmail.com)

or call 714-697-6188.

# Gala Fundraiser Concert Program

Triosonata in G Major, BWV 1039 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
*Trio à Due Flauti*

Asunción Ojeda and Patricia Lawson, *Baroque flute*  
Don Simons, *harpsichord*

Passacaglia on a theme by Handel Johan Halvorsen (1864-1935)  
Sarkis Gyurkchyan, *violin* Vahe Hayrikyan, *cello*

String Quartet No. 2 in D Major Alexander Borodin (1833-1887)  
I. Allegro moderato

Leslie Ho and Laurel McMillen, *violin*  
Kay Pech, *viola* Lyubov Solovyova, *cello*

Impromptu Alexander Arutyunyan (1920-2012)  
Vahe Hayrikyan, *cello* Naira Vardanyan, *piano*

Piano Quartet No. 1 in G Minor W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)  
I. Allegro

Tammy Tsai, *violin* Cheri Hutchison-Dierl, *viola*  
Manon Robertshaw, *cello* Peggy Taylor, *piano*

Sonata No. 5 in F Major, Op. 24 Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)  
I. Allegro

Tatevik Yaghubyan, *violin* Lousine Ketendjian, *piano*

Sonata in D Minor Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975)  
II. Scherzo

Hovik Hovhannisyan, *cello* Naira Vardanyan, *piano*

Grand Polonaise Brilliant, Op. 22 Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)  
Hyo Sook Jun, *piano*

Three Armenian Folk Songs & Dances Komitas, arr. Aslamazyan  
Sarkis Gyurkchyan and Tatevik Yaghubyan, *violin*

Sarkis Salamanyan, *viola*  
Vahe Hayrikyan, *cello*

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**Tickets are available for the 4:00 PM, November 15 Gala Fundraising Concert at the Community Presbyterian Church of La Mirada, 13701 Hillsborough Drive (\$10 adult or \$5 student).** You may write a check payable to "MTAC Foundation" and send your check in as late as November 10 to have your tickets available at Will Call at the door. \*Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door. When you write a check, ahead of time or at the door, every dollar you contribute is tax-deductible. Hopefully, **EVERY member of our Whittier Branch will come and cheer us on** as we hope to raise \$3,000 to provide scholarships for our students (Concerto Winners) to play with a professional orchestra in spring 2016... but this will **ONLY** happen if we raise enough money. We need **EVERY** member to contribute--this is a gathering you don't want to miss!

~Kay Pech

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## Miscellaneous News

- The Owen Duo, *Marlin Owen, cello & Jerri Lee Owen, piano*, are giving a recital on Sunday, November 8, 6:00 PM, at Granada Heights Friends Church, 101818 La Mirada Blvd, La Mirada. The program will include: Hummel Flute Trio (with Stephanie Getz); Mendelssohn Sonata, and shorter pieces by Brahms, Ginastera, Bloch & Ravel. *Admission is free.*
- For the Whittier Branch Gala Fundraiser Concert, November 15th—see the complete program on page 3! Many are already contributing their time and talent: *Patricia Lawson* with her Baroque ensemble, *Trio á Due Flauti (Don Simons, Asuncion Ojeda)*, *Vahe Hayrikyan* and friend *Sarkis Gyurkchyan*, *Naira Vardanyan*, *Leslie Ho*, *Laurel McMillen*, *Kay Pech*, *Lyubov Solovyova*, *Tammy Tsai* and colleagues, *Cheri Hutchison-Dierl*, *Manon Robertshaw* and *Peggy Taylor*, *Tatevik Yaghubyan*, *Lousine Ketendjian*, *Hovik Hovhannisyan*, *Hyo Sook Jun*, and *Sarkis Salamanyan*. A map to the church may be found our webpage at <http://www.mtacwhittier.org/fundraiser.html>

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Have a Blessed  
Thanksgiving!



"I knew there had to be a reason I took up the double bass."

