

Music Notes



MTAC work is Team Work



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Our delegates will give their reports reviewing what a great Convention we had in July **Page 2**



Calendar

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President's Notes

Welcome to a new year here at MTAC! As students anxiously pick up their backpacks and music books, excitement is in the air! I am glad to say that we have a wonderful year full of excellent music programs planned ahead for them. I hope all of you have had a restful summer and feel refreshed, ready to start again!



Tammy Tsai
President of the Whittier Branch

As your new President, I would like to welcome the new Board and Committee Chairs. Together, we are committed to serving the teachers, students, and the

community. I would also like to thank members of the Yearbook Committee, who have worked tirelessly through the summer to put together our award-winning Yearbook: Robin, Earnestine, Caroline, and Ardes — thank you so much for all your hard work!

Remember what our past president, Caroline, said: "MTAC work is Team Work." I hope we will all work together to make Whittier the best branch in MTAC!

Yours truly,
Tammy Tsai



Convention Reports

will be presented at our Potluck Meeting on Sunday, September 26 from our Delegates: Liliana Hsueh-Gutierrez, Jane Oertel, and Caroline Su



Whittier Branch
 some of our members after the VOCE Concert: Jane Oertel, Elizabeth Wilson, Art Mautner, Doris Morioka, Robin Curtis, Tom Strout and Kay Pech; Robin faithfully appeared everywhere asking for donations for the MTAC Foundation



Music and the Brain
 a superb lecture by Dr. Vanessa Cornetta-Murtada



Certificate of Merit State String Chairs
 Lori Jensen (North) and Tammy Tsai (South)



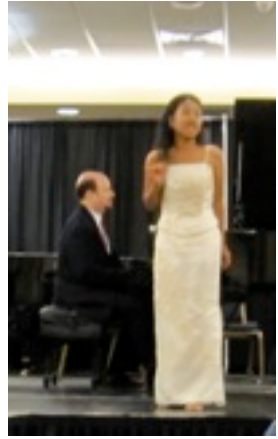
Master Class Performances



Convention Festival Recitals



Master Class for Cellists



Lectures



Exhibits ... lots of music at discount prices



Chamber Music



Officers & Directors

2010-2012

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Certificate of Merit

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VOCE

Sarkis Salamanyan & Kay Pech

Website

Eric Lan

Yearbook

Ardes Abad, Robin Curtis, Caroline Su,

Tammy Tsai & Earnestine Tu

Join Us on Sunday, September 26 for a Potluck and Meeting of Whittier Branch MTAC

4:00 Potluck and Meeting
at Joan Cain's home,
14611 S. Jalisco Road
La Mirada 90638

Call Ernestine Tu right now!
626-96-7081 or 626-512-1888
to RSVP

We need to know how many are coming!
and
for food ideas for the Potluck

Remember how much fun we
had at our April Potluck at
Sarkis & Irina's home? Are you
eager to see what your Whittier
Board has "cooked up" for you
this year?



The Yearbook

Those who attend this Potluck at Joan's home will have good fun, good food, good friends and the added bonus of the new Yearbook, listing all of the meetings and topics to be discussed, when and where we'll have Master Classes, Concerto Competition, Winter Festival, VOCE, Certificate of Merit, even the Convention next July in Oakland, and more!

October Meeting and Drawing for Master Classes Monday, October 18, 10:00 am



The October General Meeting will take place at the home of Tammy Tsai and features a Chopin Celebration. Curious? Come to our Sept. 26 meeting and learn more about who will be our guest speaker.

Following the presentation will be the annual Master Class drawing. Only teachers who are up to date on attendance requirements may submit your names for the drawing and you must be present in order to submit your name. *If a teacher has a professional conflict at the time of the October meeting, he/she may submit a written request for proxy representation to the Master Class Chair and the Branch President.* Piano teachers whose students performed last year may not submit your names this year, unless there is a shortage of teachers who have met the attendance requirements. Master Class chairs are Keyboard: Lisa Szu Huang 562.924.5835; Flute: Patricia Lawson 562.941.8550 or 562.481.1477; Strings: Sarkis Salamanyan 909.444.9542

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Deadline your news must received by the Wednesday following each monthly board meeting:

Board meeting	News Deadline
October 4	October 6
November 1	November 3
December 6	December 8
January 3	January 5
February 7	February 9
March 7	March 9
April 4	April 6
May 2	May 4
June 6	June 8

Send your articles, photos, and teacher news as .doc or .pages attached to email if possible. You may also send them to Whittier Branch Newsletter
10711 Ashworth Circle
Cerritos, CA 90703-2600

MTAC-Irvine Branch is planning to organize a piano pedagogy workshop and lectures featuring Dr. Randall Faber, the author of *Piano Adventures* method books and a well respected music educator and clinician (<http://pianoadventures.com/about/index.html>).

We would like to find out if members in other branches in and around Orange County are also interested in participating. The size of the workshop (e.g. 1 day or 2 days) depends on the number of participants.

Please announce this great opportunity to your members. Your help would be greatly and deeply appreciated. With this event, we hope to bring benefits to the teachers.

Rebecca Wu,
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Certificate of Merit

Time to start planning for the 2011 Certificate of Merit. CM Chair, Jane Oertel, and her assistants will be at the September 26 General Meeting with handouts and information (but you can get this info even sooner at the MTAC website, www.mtac.org at any time). **Our CM Dates are March 5-6 for piano at Cal Poly March 5 for strings & flutes at Whittier College**

Some quick updates:

- Online registration starts Sept. 15. If you have forgotten either your ID or password for the CM online database, please contact the CM Chair.
- **Registration Closes Nov. 15 at 11:59 PM. Fees and registration forms must be to CM Chair Jane Oertel by Nov. 16 or postmarked by Nov. 16. No late registration, per the MTAC State Office.**



- "2011 Registration Instructions" for CM and "Fees and Evaluation Lengths" are available on the "Teacher Section" after logging into the MTAC database at www.mtac.org and going to "CM Information", then "Documents" and finally the "Registration" line.
- "2011 CM Policy and Procedures", most current "Piano Syllabus Addenda", and most everything CM can be found by clicking on "CM Information" and then "Documents." Some printed copies will be available at the September 26 general meeting of some of the important documents, but the best way to get the most current information is to go to the State database at www.mtac.org
- CM Panel Program Instructions/ Timelines for all disciplines – Available on the "CM Information" and "Documents" page at www.mtac.org and available at the meeting.
- **Reminder:** The State office has requested that all teachers have an email

address for their State records. If you do not have email, use a spouse's, relative's, or trusted friend's email address, someone who will receive and forward a hard copy to you. Update your email address online on the "Teacher Information Page." These will be used for state and branch MTAC communications. All teachers should check/update their email addresses in the State database.

- Don't forget that the branch requires a 2010 – 2011 Certificate of Merit Policy and Whittier Branch Teacher Work Agreement document that states the Branch's CM work requirements for teachers enrolling students in CM, and requires that they sign it and turn it in with their CM 2011 Student Listing, CM 2011 Student Fees list, and your check due November 16. Copies of the Teacher Work Agreement will be available at the September 26 meeting and will be available on the Whittier Branch website, www.mtacwhittier.org under "Forms" after September 26.

- FYI: Repertoire input will begin on January 2. Deadline to complete Repertoire input is February 6, with the exception of Panel students who have a Repertoire deadline of

January 10.

- Last date to change a Path A student to Path B will be February 6.
- Much more CM information will be given out at the September 26 General Meeting. Don't miss it.
- **Remember:** The deadline to Register your students online at the MTAC website for CM is **November 15** and to have your check to Jane Oertel by November 16. **There is no late registration process available, as per the State deadline!** You may begin entering your CM registrations online September 15. If you have any questions about the online registration process for your students please call Jane Oertel at 714.879.1533 – do not wait! Hope to see you at the Sept. 26 meeting!

~Jane Oertel