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The skies of Albuquerque were filled with hot air balloons in October for the International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta. This lovely picture was taken by Marcia Berryman.

*Thank you,
Marcia.*



Dear Members,

The highlights for this month are as follows:

Sonata Contest is coming fast. *You have received emails with student performance times, waiver forms and parent information sheet. You must pass this on to your students. Additionally, teacher work assignment times and job descriptions have been sent to you. New this year: the performances are open to the public therefore there will not be a Winners' Recital. See more information below for performance times. Thank you to the Sonata Contest Committee for all your hard work!!*

Music Sale: *As you know, we have collected many boxes of gently used music and it is waiting to be sold to benefit the Honor Our High School Seniors (HOHSS) recital. The first music sale will be during the Sonata Contest from 9 to 4 at OCC. It is spearheaded by Music Student Service League (MSSL). This is a great time for students and teachers to buy music at very reasonable prices. Spread the word to your students!!!*

Holiday Party is back!! *Please come on December 15, 2022 at 10a.m. to 12:30 PM for a brunch at the Hilton Hotel Concord. We have a credit we will lose soon (from the cancellation of the 2021 CM program), so the Board decided to use this credit on a holiday get-together. Our budget allows for a maximum of 55 people in attendance. Sign-ups will be on a first-come-first-served basis.*



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You will find a link in the November MailChimp email from November 7 – December 4. If you cannot find it after 11-7, do an email search for the following email address: treasurer@CCMTAC.com
Shall we have some entertainment? Does anyone have a good portable keyboard to bring to the venue? Contact Norma with ideas for this party.

Current COVID policy: Everywhere, mask mandates are lightening up. OCC does not have any mask mandate but recommends the use of them indoors. CCMTAC recommends masking indoors and requires all students to use the provided hand sanitizer immediately prior to playing piano. Students may unmask for the duration of their performance. Additionally, each CCMTAC event may vary requirements depending on the wishes/needs of the organizer or presenter. Please ask parents to comply with these requirements.



*The Board and I wish
a happy, healthy (and tasty)
November and Thanksgiving holiday
to you and your family. 😊 😊 😊*

Warmly, Norma

MEETINGS, PROGRAMS AND RECITALS

GENERAL MEETINGS:

Thursday January 19, 2023, we will have a brief business meeting prior to our January program.

Thursday May 18, 2023, we will have a brief business meeting, which will include the vote for the next CCMTAC board, roll out of 2023 Sonata Contest then following we will have some social time and box lunch.

FROM OUR PROGRAMS DIRECTORS:

Happy Fall everyone and hope everyone had a fun Halloween!

Just a quick reminder that our first event of the year will be happening on November 17, 2022 (Thursday) at 10 AM. The presenter is Angelina Hardy who will be doing a zoom presentation on "Anxieties in Kids and Teens". This was one of the popular seminars from the MTAC Convention this past summer. But for the many teachers who did not attend, this is a very useful seminar so I do hope everyone can join.

Angelina Hardy has been studying/teaching piano performance, music history, and music theory for the past 30 years. She started her first piano lessons in Russia and after moving to United States when she was 7 years old she continued her studies with a couple different local Russian piano teachers in San Diego. Throughout those years of private study she has been part of several competitions, recitals, workshops, studio classes, master classes, and the Certificate of Merit test. She graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University (2006) with a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, where she studied piano with Dr. Victor Labenske.

Angelina has taught private piano lessons for the past 20 years out of her private studio. She is a member of Music Teacher Association California (MTAC). Her students participate in several competitions, festivals and special music events put on by MTAC as well as in her own studio recitals. Her students do extremely well in the state program Certificate of Merit each year and have been chosen to participate in Branch Honors Recitals. She has a high percentage of students selected each year to perform at the State MTAC Convention. She has had students receive the



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Senior Medallion Award in CM multiple times and perform at the Senior Honors Recital. Her students have gone on to major in music in college, have received Music Scholarships and were accepted into great Universities, like Stanford, Yale, Duke, and several UC and private schools. She enjoys inspiring students to become musical artists and to enjoy playing the piano. Angelina attends meetings, conventions, and seminars in order to be up to date with teaching techniques. She served on the MTAC San Diego Branch board of directors.

So please join us and watch for the Zoom RSVP link in your MailChimp. Search for: treasurer@CCMTAC.com

See you at the Zoom Event!
Cynthia Ley and Amy Zheng, Co-Program Directors

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Remember: November 5th is the deadline for payment of CM exams. Check the website and remind your parents!!

MONTHLY STUDENT RECITALS

November Student Monthly Recital will be held on Nov. 13th at 2 P.M. at the Orinda Community Church. Registrations will close by the end of Friday, Nov.4th. We strongly recommend the wearing of masks during the recitals as well as the use of hand sanitizer. Students may remove their mask during the performance. We are continuing to clean the keys between performances to reduce any chance of transmission of colds or flu or you-know-what.

Monthly Recital Dates: 11/13/22, 1/8/23 (student & adult), 2/5/23, 3/5/23, 4/2/23, and 5/7/23 (student & adult). The database will close 8 days before the recital.

Anne Russell, Recital Chair

TEACHERS' PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

Our next Teacher Performance Workshop is Thursday, November 10 at 10:00 A.M. at my house. Hope to see you all then. There is no workshop in December. Please let me know if you plan to attend the November session.

CONTESTS AND FESTIVALS

SONATA CONTEST: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, ORINDA COMMUNITY CHURCH.

This year our Sonata Contest is going to be open to public. Teachers and parents are welcome to attend. Masks are not required but strongly recommended. Masks for performers are optional. Here is the schedule of all the auditions:

FELLOWSHIP HALL: L.1A - 8:30	SANCTUARY: L. 2A - 8:30
L. 1B - 9:00	L. 2B - 9:20
L. 3A - 9:40	L. 4A - 10:15
L. 3B - 10:30	L. 4B - 11:00
L. 5A - 11:15	L.5B - 11:55
L.6B - 1:30	L. 6A - 1:30
L. 7A - 2:20	L. 8A - 3:00
L.7B - 3:40	L. 8B - 3:45
L.9A - 4:10	L. 10A - 4:35
L.9B - 5:15	L. 10B - 5:50



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BAROQUE FESTIVAL:

Students wishing to take part in celebrating the spirit of Baroque Music can participate in our annual Baroque Music Festival January 27-28, 2023. The informational flyer for Baroque Festival 2023 has been posted to the CCMTAC website. It can be found under the “Branch Events” tab or after logging in and selecting the “Programs” button. Registration will be open **December 1 – 20**. Step-by-step instructions for how to register can also be found in the same locations as the flyer. Please note an **IMPORTANT CHANGE** in the 2023 Baroque Festival. Due to cost-prohibitive increases for the piano we traditionally rent for the Fellowship Hall, ***the upcoming Festival will be a dual-venue event held simultaneously at both Orinda Community Church (10 Irwin Way, Orinda) and Grace Presbyterian Church (2100 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek).*** The Baroque Festival Committee members are: Patti Lim, Angela Prickett, Amy Zheng, Kirsten West and Jeanette Dreifuerst.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASK HANS: In the periodical you receive from MTAC, ‘The Music Teacher’, is a column called “Ask Hans”. We are very lucky to have a Dear-Abby-type forum to ask questions. Questions should be sent to cmt@mtac.org.

OUR DIRECTORY IS NOW ON-LINE: This year’s membership directory will be found only online. All the information for the year can be found online at ccmtac.com.

MUSICIANS WANTED!

Who We Are

We are the Music Students Service League (MSSL), a student-run, non-profit organization established in 2013 under the Music Teachers Association of California (MTAC). We serve the underprivileged and support local organizations such as Children’s Hospital through corporate partnerships and performances in the Bay Area.

JOIN.
All instruments and skill levels are welcome!

VOLUNTEER.
Participate in regular volunteer opportunities and earn volunteer service hours for your dedication and involvement in MSSL!

GIVE BACK.
Help our community better appreciate the powers of music and support local foundations!

Scan me to access our website (msslmusic.org)

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

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