

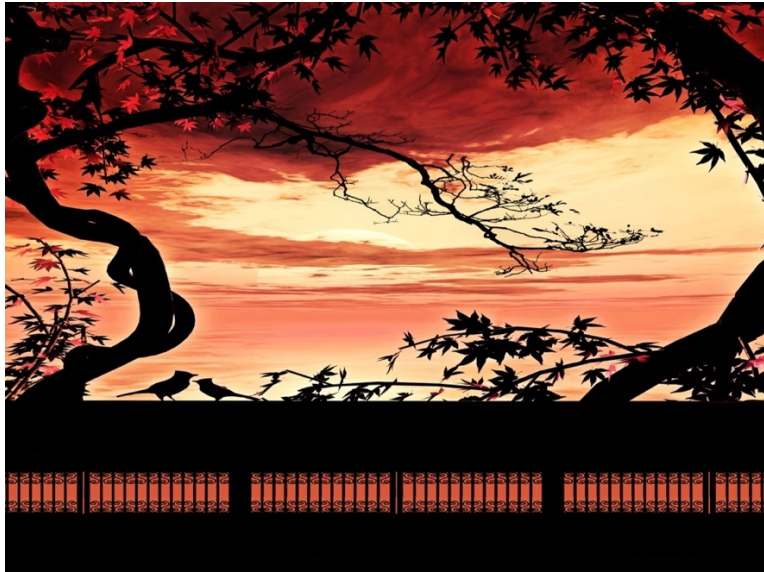


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## October Newsletter 2022



*Dear Members,*

*Happy October! This month usually starts the accelerando toward the end of the year. Whosh and December will be over. It's a hard time to balance personal time with teaching. Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year) was this past week. I wish you a belated Shana Tova....and Yom Kippur is this coming week. Sonata Contest is on the way. Deadlines are coming up for entering CM students, Sonata Contest students. Thanksgiving break and Christmas and holiday break. Somewhere in here, we hope to be able to arrange a Holiday Party. Stay tuned for this date.*

*This summer at Neighborhood Night Out, I met a new friend, a pianist friend. She has been sharing some her favorite videos with me. I am going to share a trailer to the 2011 Steinway movie from 2011 called Pianomania. If you have never seen it, you should! I think the movie can be viewed on Prime (?!?!)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2TX9KYIKpA>

*I am sharing the information from the State. You should already have received this.*

### *Communications from the State:*

The September 2022 MTAC News was sent via email to all members on Thursday, 9/15/22. Look at this communication to review the information about the upcoming year and the updates to the MTAC Teacher Portal.

The CM Teacher Training Video and Quiz are now available in the CM Resources section of your Teacher Portal. You should have received this on Friday, 9/16/22, about the CM Teacher Training.

Mark your calendars! The 2023 State Convention, *California Dreamin'*, will be held June 30 - July 4 in Santa Clara.

The PCS Fund provides the cash prizes for the winners of the Piano Concerto & Solo Final Competitions. The cash prizes aid these students in their musical pursuits. During this campaign, the Foundation aims to raise \$3000, which will fund the 4 Concerto competition awards. This fund needs your help! Fewer donations may mean lessening the awards in the future for student winners.

Though the campaign ends on the 20th, donations are always welcome to support these students. Here is the link to the short video about the PCS Fund Drive: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LAmrKVRWdnc>

*Once again, I am sharing the link to the Fresh Air interview with Jeremy Denk. I understand he will be a Cal Performances in 2023.* <https://www.npr.org/2022/04/22/1094283417/pianist-jeremy-denk>

Warmly, Norma Bristol



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### **OUR DIRECTORY IS NOW ON-LINE: (repeat from last month)**

80) Printable Membership Directory:

This year's membership directory will be found only online. All the information for the year can be found online at [ccmtac.com](http://ccmtac.com). To view member contact info, login at [https://www.ccmtac.com/member\\_login12.php](https://www.ccmtac.com/member_login12.php). You will come to a page which looks like this:

The screenshot shows the website for the Contra Costa Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California. The header includes the logo and the text "CONTRA COSTA BRANCH MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION of CALIFORNIA". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Find A Teacher, Calendar, Branch Events, State MTAC Events, Newsletters, Branch Info, and Log Out. The main content area is titled "Member's Home" and contains several buttons: Membership Directory, Printable Directory, Search for Teachers, My Students, My Profile, Programs, and Chairperson's Page. A footer at the bottom of the page contains the copyright notice: "© Copyright 2011 - 2022 MTAC Contra Costa Branch - All rights reserved worldwide" and a link for "Member Help".

Of course, you will need to have your username and password available. This is good practice as you will need it all year. So get used to logging in.

From there, you can view the directory online. You will find an option for a Printable Directory, if you would like to print member contact info for yourself. If you would like assistance with printing the directory or have any other concerns, please contact Julie Rieth, Norma Bristol or Satoko Fogarty.

2) Printable "Cheat Sheet" For Events Of The Year: Julie is in the process of preparing a summary of events which will be able to be viewed in two ways: one by date/month and the other by event. A link to this will also be included in the newsletter as soon as it is up and running.

This was prepared by Julie Rieth. Thank you, Julie, for all you do for us.



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### MEETINGS, PROGRAMS AND RECITALS

#### GENERAL MEETING:

Put the following two dates in your calendars now!!

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.

#### PLEASE TELL YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT MSSL. IT IS STARTING UP AGAIN AND WANTS NEW MEMBERS. (repeat from last month)

MSSL has a new president this year, Peter Zheng.

Tell your students about this wonderful club where they can meet other young musicians, share their music with others and, best of all, satisfy their school's volunteer hour requirements!

Peter has already set up the first MSSL recital: Sunday November 6 at 3PM at the Reitlinger Community Center. Below is a flyer he has prepared.

**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!

If you have any questions, please contact us at:

@contracostamssl peter.zheng@msslmusic.org



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### FROM OUR PROGRAMS DIRECTORS:

Happy October everyone! Just a quick reminder that programs for the upcoming year have been set. For those that need a reminder, this is the list of programs for this year:

November 17, 2022 at 10 AM will be Angelina Hardy presenting on Zoom about “Anxieties in Kids and Teens”. She was one of the presenters at this past 2022 MTAC Convention who had an extremely popular seminar and so I’ve decided to have her bring that same popular seminar to CCMTAC. I’ve found this to be an extremely informative seminar so I hope everyone can attend.

Our second program will be on January 19, 2023 at 10 AM at Orinda Community Church with Betty Woo. Her presentation on pieces suitable for students that are by “minorities” in the US will be following the membership meeting. This should help everyone with expanding our repertoire lists so I do hope everyone can attend and hear Dr. Woo not only discuss these pieces, but perform these pieces as well. Pieces will be by African-Americans, Chinese-American, Arabian-American, Argentinian-American, etc.

And finally, we have our March 16, 2023 program at 10 AM on Zoom by Grant Kondo. He will be discussing the differences between exams like the RCM vs ABRSM vs CM. Given the recent changes to the MTAC’s future format of CM, I’ve realized some teachers have been asking about different exam formats. So this has been tailored for those who may want to venture into different exam routes.

So with that said, we have a variety of different programs this year, all that are very informative. I hope to see everyone at these events. Otherwise, have a safe and fun Halloween!

Cynthia Ley and Amy Zhang, Co-Program Directors

### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

We are all awaiting information from the state on how to proceed with sign-ups. Stay tuned for further information.

### MONTHLY STUDENT RECITALS

This year, we have four wonderful volunteers to host the monthly recitals. Two teachers will be present for each recital. Many thanks to Marcia Berryman, Sara Harris, Maggie Seuis and Chun Mei Wilson for offering their assistance and to Lorraine Phillips for her extra help when needed.

The first Monthly Recital of the year will be held on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 P.M. at the Orinda Community Church. This recital will be hosted by Lorraine Phillips and Maggie Seuis. We are continuing with the covid safety protocols of wearing a mask in the church as well as cleaning the keys between performers.

Monthly Recital Dates: 10/2/22, 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

The first Music Teachers’ Performance Workshop is Thursday, October 13 at my house at 10:00 a.m. Work in progress is OK. It doesn’t have to be perfect. Hope to see you all. Please let me know if you can attend.

Barbara Anderson [banderson@gmail.com](mailto:banderson@gmail.com); 925-254-5049



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### CONTESTS AND FESTIVALS

#### SONATA CONTEST

Sonata Contest 2022 – Saturday, November 12

Registration for the 2022 Sonata Contest opens on September 1 and closes at 11:59 p.m. on October 1.

Application fees: Levels 1-5 \$40

Levels 6-10 \$45

After completing your students' registration, please send the following items to Nadia:

1. A printout of your registration confirmation with students' names and levels;
2. ONE check with the sum of ALL students' fees made out to CCMTAC;
3. Your preferred work time, i.e. A.M. or P.M. on the day of the contest, OR helping out before the contest.
4. Must be postmarked by October 1.

Here is the link to the CCMTAC programs page: <https://www.ccmtac.com/programs12.php>

Mail your checks with the above information to:

Sonata Contest  
c/o Nadia Koliha  
80 Los Balcones  
Alamo, CA 94507

#### BAROQUE FESTIVAL:

*The Baroque Festival will be a dual-venue event held on January 27 – 28, 2023. The event will be held simultaneously at both Orinda Community Church (10 Irwin Way, Orinda) and Grace Presbyterian Church (2100 Tice Valley Blvd, Walnut Creek). Please keep an eye out for forthcoming event details to be available on the CCMTAC website by November 1.*

### 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](mailto:cmt@mtac.org).

**HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN  
WITH YOUR FAMILY AND  
STUDENTS. WE NEED THE FUN!!**

