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Additions and/or corrections in magenta

**Oct.I:** Database open for CM Applications

**Oct. I:** Deadline for Advanced Contemporary Festival application Chair: Kim Munday

Oct I.: Deadline for Early Level Contemporary Festival application Chair: Mike Preddy

**Oct. 15:** Early Level Contemporary Festival, (HTLC) Chair: Mike Preddy

**Oct.26:** Branch Meeting (HTLC)

**Oct.28-29:** Advanced Contemporary Festival Preliminaries, (HCCA) Chair: Kim Munday

**Oct.31, 11:59pm:** CM Student Application deadline

Oct. 29, I & 3: CVYO Free Family Concert (TOCAP)

Nov.10, 11:59pm: CM Fees Must be paid by parents

**Nov. I 2:** Gold Medal Contemporary Recital, (Forum Theater) Co-Chairs: Ornela Ervin, Kim Munday

**Dec. 2:** Concerto Competition Auditions (Piano at HCCA, strings at home of Joyce Osborn) Chair: Ornela Ervin

**Dec. 7:** Branch Meeting & Brunch (home of Danna Southwell)

#### **Greetings Music Teachers!**

Our first meeting went very well and with Danna's CM presentation we hopefully will handle this year's requirements and website better. Thanks Danna for having us in your home once again! It was a big meeting with a nice assortment of refreshments served after. We thought the CM quiz was a great idea and cleared up a lot of misinformation.



Gloria Hilliard is our new Recording Secretary and has already sent out the minutes to all. Thanks Gloria!

We are looking forward to our Early Level Contemporary Festival Oct. 15 chaired by Mike Preddy. Our Advanced Contemporary Festival will be Oct. 28-29 and will require a lot of help from many teachers as Kim Munday will be out of town at that time. Planning will be thorough and everyone will be notified about required participation. A lot of work has already been done by Kim so stay tuned for more information!

Our next meeting will be Oct. 26 at HTLC Fireside Room.....board meeting 8:30 and general 9am. I'm sure some discussion and last minute planning will take place regarding our Advanced Contemporary Festival.

There will be no meeting in the month of November. Instead we meet December 7 for our Gala Holiday Luncheon. We will be at Danna's house and will meet later in the morning. 9:30 board meeting and 10am general. I am working on some wonderful entertainment to be announced soon. We will have a great luncheon.....usually ordered in from a local restaurant. Teachers volunteer to bring desserts. We love how Danna decorates her house for the holidays.....it really looks fabulous. It has just been confirmed that Mike Preddy's Jazz Trio will entertain at our Christmas Luncheon Dec. 7. This is piano, drums and bass.....they will put on a 30 minute display of jazz styles to dazzle and delight. Don't miss out....save the date!! Please save December 7 for this very special event!

Thank you to everyone who helps make our branch so successful.....our board members who guide our journey, all our chair persons who organize events .....we are off to an auspicious start to a new season!!

Quote of the Month "Many musicians are easily excited into joy and easily depressed into gloom. This comes from their sensitive natures without which they could not be musicians." Percy Scholes from The Great Musicians

Respectfully yours, Carol Lancaster

**Dec. 10:** CVYO Holiday Concert at Reagan Library

**Dec. I 5:** VOCE application due online Chair: Wendy Velasco

Jan.2-15: Database open for CM student schedule request changes

**Jan. 15:** Deadline to enter CM repertoire & evaluation information

Jan.25: Branch Meeting, (HTLC)

Jan 12&14.: T.O. Phil Concerto Performances Opus 50

Jan.20, 10-6: Teacher Recitals, (HTLC) Chair: Brad Gregory

Jan.21, 2-8: Teacher Recitals, (HTLC) Chair: Brad Gregory

Jan. 28: CVYO Performance, T.O Performing Arts Center

Feb. 10, 10:30-5: VOCE Festival, (HTLC) Chair: Wendy Velasco

Feb. 11: Early Level Baroque & Classical Festival (HTLC) Chair: Mike Preddy

Feb. 17-20: JCM Music in the Mountains

**Feb.22:** Branch Meeting (HTLC)

Feb.24: CM Theory (LDS)

March 3: Woodwinds CM Performance Evaluation (Cal Lutheran) Chair: Toby Caplan-Stonefield

## MTAC-Conejo Concerto Competition



#### **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

- an opportunity for excellent students to perform with the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic
- Repertoire must be a standard concerto or a concert piece or aria (for vocalists) for soloist & orchestra. Unusual or questionable repertoire should be cleared in advance with T.O. Phil
- (contact OrnelaErvin@verizon.net)

#### **CONEJO VALLEY SPECIFICS**

- All students auditioning must also be members of the TOPhilharmonic's pre-college conservatory training program called "Appassionata!" The registration fee for "Appassionata!" includes all master classes, lectures, workshops and their highly successful Gold Recital Series, which gives all participating students added performance opportunities throughout the year. The optional audition to be considered for a concerto solo spot is also covered in the registration fee. Enrollment into the Appassionata program is available online at www.tophil.org
- If no masterclasses are offered for a specific instrument (i.e., French horn, clarinet, voice, trumpet, etc) the student will be given the option to simply pay the \$50 audition fee, and then if invited, asked for the same contribution as all other invited soloists.
- Winners and invited soloists get 2 rehearsals and 2 performances with the professional orchestra and conductor.
- Even though the local MTAC branch covers a small amount for winning entrants from the branch, the T.O.Philharmonic performance opportunity is actually valued at more than \$4000. This is a substantial performance award. All invited soloists are asked to contribute \$800 to help with the considerable costs incurred when hiring a professional orchestra. The TOPhil board works tirelessly throughout the year to fundraise and provide additional scholarships to help further reduce this contribution amount. Awards from \$100-\$300 are generously rewarded depending upon the success of annual fundraising activities. In 2016, 22 such awards were given.
- Auditions will take place on Dec. 2
- Location: Piano (home of Edward Francis), All other instruments (Hillcrest Center for the Arts)
- More information: <u>www.tophil.org</u> or email: <u>tophilharmonic@gmail.com</u>
- for more information about the Appassionata program, see page 7 of the newsletter.

March 3: Voice CM Performance Evaluations Chair: Heidi Yost (UMC)

March 3: Strings CM Performance Evaluations (UMC) Chair: Diana Ray-Goodman

March 7: JCM Final Concert, Cal Lutheran Univ.

March 10-11: Piano CM Performance Evaluations Chair: Danna Southwell

March 17-18: Branch CM Honors Recitals, all levels (HTLC) Chairs: Anna Agdaian, Nina Kelly (HTLC)

March 22: Branch Meeting (HTLC)

**April 7:** Branch Piano Bach Festival (HTLC) Chair: Chieko Boman

**April 8:** Koolfest Jazz, Blues, Pop Festival Application Deadline (HTLC) Chair: Mike Preddy

**April 15:** Deadline for parents to pay Convention Application fee

**April 15:** Deadline to apply for Make-up evaluations (High School only)

**April 15:** Festimantic! Posting deadline Chair:

April 20& 22: T.O. Phil Concerto Performances Opus 51

**April 22:** Koolfest Jazz, Blues, Pop Festival (HTLC) Chair Mike Preddy

# **Certificate of Merit**

#### **CONEJO VALLEY**

- Piano Chair: Danna Southwell dannasouthwell@gmail.com
- String Chair: Diana Ray-Goodman diana4343@gmail.com
- Wind Chair: Toby Caplan-Stonefield FlutistToby@gmail.com
- Voice Chair: Heidi Yost heidi@heidiyost.com

Dates:

Online Application Deadline: Oct. 31 Theory Test: (LDS) Feb. 24 Piano Performance: (various locations) March 10-11 Strings Performance: (UMC) March 3 Woodwinds Performance: (CLU) March 3 Voice Performance: (UMC) March 3 CM Honor's Recitals: March 17-18 (all levels)

#### Teachers: I just attended an evaluator session. Please be aware:

#### 6.18 Performance Remain at Level (Fail)

The Remain at Level rating (RAL) is for the student who is clearly not prepared for the Performance Evaluation or receives an Automatic Remain at Level. Students will receive an RAL rating for (1) a weak, unprepared performance, or (2) Automatic RAL situations.

Students shall receive an Automatic RAL rating for the following:

(a) Copyright Restrictions: A student who brings a photocopied score or brings music reproduced from a CD or downloaded from the Internet without an authorized logo or source shall not be heard by the Evaluator and shall receive an automatic RAL rating. MTAC does not accept music scores from public domain websites (e.g. IMSLP/ Petrucci Music Library). The only exceptions are copies to facilitate page turns (an original score must be present) and copies for confirmed out-of-print material. Confirmed out-of-print material must be accompanied by written permission from the publisher.



**April 22:** S.C. Regional Strings Junior Bach Festival (El Camino College)

**April 26:** Branch Meeting (HTLC)

**April 29, 2-6:** Young Artist Guild, & Branch Awards Ceremony (HTLC) Chair: Heidi Lyn Williams

**May 5:** S.C. Regional Piano Junior Bach Festival (United Methodist, Ventura) Chair: Mona DeCesare

May 6: Festimantic! Honors Recital (HTLC) Chair: Nina Kelly

May 24: Branch Meeting & MTAC Luncheon (TBA)

**May 31:** Planning Meeting, (TBA)

June 2, 10-6: Teacher Recitals, (HTLC) Chair: Brad Gregory

June 3, 2-6: Teacher Recitals, (HTLC) Chair: Brad Gregory

June 3: CVYO Performance, T.O Performing Arts Center

June 9, 2-6: Teacher Recitals, (HTLC) Chair: Brad Gregory

June 10, 2-8: Teacher Recitals, (HTLC) Chair: Brad Gregory

June 29-July 3 Hyatt Regency, Orange County

July 20&22.: T.O. Phil Concerto Performances Opus 52

# **V.O.C.E.**

Vocalists, Orchestral instrumentalists, Chamber music, Ensembles



#### GENERAL OVERVIEW

- an opportunity for advanced student performances in solos and chamber music
- Branch first place winners will advance to the State Finals competition in late March at Chapman University
- First place winners of the State Finals competition will be asked to perform on the VOCE Recital at the MTAC State Convention in July, where they will receive their cash awards.
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Guidelines, eligibility and applications can be found on the website

#### **CONEJO VALLEY'S AUDITIONS**

- Branch Audition Date: Feb 10., 2018
- Elocation: HTLC
- Entry Due Date:, Dec. 15 State application on line at mtac.org -Branch application will be available in November and should be sent to CelloVelasco@gmail.com
- Questions should be addressed to Wendy Velasco at (562) 903-0010 or <CelloVelasco@gmail.com>

#### \*\*2017/18 "BRANCH ONLY" EVENTS\*\*

- "Branch Only Competition" events do NOT advance to the State level
- Each instrument competes separately instead of all strings and all winds
- Voice categories offer the option of classical or musical theater/pop
- Ensemble category will allow for piano 4-hands
- VOCE Instrument Masterclasses when 4 or more students of the same instrument express willingness to participate
- Only ONE solo piece is required with no level requirement, may perform 2-3 selections with a time limit of up to 9 minutes
- Entry Due Date:, December 15th, 2017
- Application and Questions should be addressed to Wendy Velasco at (562) 903-0010 or <CelloVelasco@gmail.com>



# 11/20-26

12/22-1/5(Conejo) 12/20-1/2(Westlake) 12/18-1/1 (Las Virgenes) 12/22-1/6 (Pleasant Valley) 12/23-1/4 (Oak Park) 12/22-1/8 (Simi) 12/22- 1/5(Moorpark

1/15

President's Day Weekend:

2/16-2/19

#### Spring Break

3/30-4/6 (Westlake, Las Virgenes, Moorpark) 3/30-4/8 (Simi) 3/24-4/1 (Conejo, Oak Park, Pleasant Valley

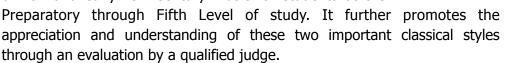
#### Last Day Class

6/1 (Oak Park) 6/1 (Conejo) 6/6 (Simi) 6/14 (Las Virgenes) 6/15 (Pleasant Valley, Moorpark)

# **Early Level Classics Festival**

#### **SYNOPSIS**

**The Early Level Baroque and Classics Festival (ELBCF)** provides an encouraging performance experience of 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> Century music for students at the



#### **CONEJO VALLEY EVENT DETAILS**

Date: Feb. 11, 2018 Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Levels: Preparatory through level five Fees: \$12.00 per performer Entry Deadline: tba information about the event will be published later in the year

Mike Preddy, Chair michaelpreddy@hotmail.com

## **Bach Festival**

#### **SYNOPSIS**

**Southern California Junior Bach Festival (SCJBF)** provides an opportunity for students to perform works by Bach (no Anna Magdalena pieces). Students may be selected to advance to the Regional Festival in May.

#### CONEJO VALLEY EVENT DETAILS (FOR PIANO ONLY)

Date: April. 7
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Levels:
Fees: \$32.00 per performer
Entry Deadline: March 7
information about the event will be published later in the year

Chair: Chieko Boman chieko4piano@gmail.com



## YouTube Festimantic Festival

#### **SYNOPSIS**

**Festimantic** provides an opportunity for students to perform repertoire from the Romantic and Impressionistic period. Students upload their performance on a private youtube channel where they receive comments from a judge. Some students are selected to perform for the honors recital on May 6.

#### **CONEJO VALLEY EVENT DETAILS**

Date: May 6 Honors recital
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Levels: Piano and other instruments: Level 5 and up. Voice: Level 3 and up.
Fees: last year the fee was \$25.00 per performer
Entry Deadline: April 15th Registration of videos deadline



## Koolfest

#### **SYNOPSIS**

This exciting festival gives teachers the opportunity to present students in an excellent venue where they may perform jazz, ragtime, Latin, and other types of popular music. They will be heard by a music professional who will offer them informed, constructive and beneficial ideas about their performance. April 22, 2018

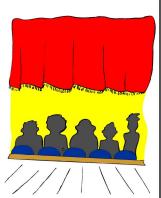
Mike Preddy, Chair michaelpreddy@hotmail.com

# **Branch & Private Studio Recitals**

#### **SYNOPSIS**

Teachers in the branch may host private studio recitals on the days that have been reserved by the branch. Space is limited and times fill up fast. Student Showcase recitals are an opportunity for a teacher to have a few students participate in a Branch recital. Sometimes there is a theme, other times it is "Anything Goes."

- Branch Recitals (Student Showcase) & Private Studio Recitals at Holy Trinity can start no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays and no earlier than 2:00 p.m. on Sundays
- Private Studio Recital dates have been set up for January 20, 21, June 2 & 3, and June 9& 10.
- sign up and pay for the recitals through the website www.mtacconejovalley.org
- Fine cost for private recitals is \$100.- for 2 hours



## Thousand Oaks Philharmonic's "Appassionata!" program

Registration for the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic's "Appassionata!" program is up and running on the organization's website: <u>www.tophil.org</u>

This year, the registration cost has been standardized for each discipline. String students have a yearly tuition of \$250, and for all pianists: \$300.

Master classes for strings are held 2-3 times for the session, and pianists meet each month. Occasional lectures and the Gold Recital Series are all important parts of the program. All students are encouraged to volunteer for the recitals which take place at various retirement communities (you do earn community service hours), libraries and other suitable locations where adequate instruments are available. The TOPhil covers the cost of an accompanist for instrumentalists at the performances. The audition for solo concerto opportunities is also covered in the tuition cost, and this year, the auditions will take place on December 3. Vocalists and instrumentalists are encouraged to audition as well. Interest from students in these categories has not been as strong as violin and piano, so no classes are scheduled until they register in sufficient numbers, but they may audition on Dec. 3 and register with an audition fee of \$50. Master classes for pianists are part of the "Hammered! Honors Master Class Seminar," which usually take place at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts in Thousand Oaks. The schedule is being worked on now, hoping to alternate between Saturday/Sunday to mitigate the conflict of religious Sabbath observations. We are even trying to schedule some Saturday evening classes to avoid conflict.

For more information and registration, please visit www.tophil.org



# **Shared Notes**

Classical Concerts on the Hill HILLCREST CENTER MARTS Featuring The Channel Island's String Quartet in: An Afternoon of Beethoven, a Princess and a Waltz with a West Coast Premiere of Whirlaway! 2:00 pm, Sunday, November 5, 2017 Enjoy an afternoon of classical favorites performed in an intimate setting. A concert at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts is like attending a Mozart Concert in the Hall of Mirrors at the Schloss Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna! (Well, it has mirrors & is about the same size, less the artwork and history, but you can just close your eyes and imagine you are there!) HillcrestArts.com General Admission Seating: Adults \$15.00, Students & Seniors \$12.00 805.381.1246

Beethoven, a Princess and a Waltz with a West Coast Premiere of Whirlaway! 2:00 pm, Sunday, November 5, 2017

> Irving Weinstein, Violin Ruth Kay, Violin Diana Ray-Goodman, Viola Ervin Klinkon, Cello

Featuring the music of: Beethoven, Ravel, Lucas & Strauss, Jr. www.Hillcrestarts.com http://www.hillcrestarts.com/show\_info.php?show\_id=103

Featuring the Music of:



Ludwig van Beethoven



Maurice Ravel



Ted Lucas



Johann Strauss, Fr.



# **Shared Notes**

Our own member, Debbie Seimer wrote a wonderful article about Edward Francis in the September State Newsletter. In case you missed it, you can find it here:

https://mtac.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/pub/bWFpbGluZ0luc3RhbmNISWQ9NjM3NzE5Nw==

Volunteer/student musicians are sought for an event that benefits the homeless population. Dec. 2nd & 3rd for 1 hr. shifts between 11:00 & 4:00 . Location: Camarillo at Padre Sierra Church Contact: Mary Ann Marx at (805) 490-9332.

Toby Caplan-Stonefield and students and the Conejo Valley Flute Society (celebrating their 15th season) just before their recital Sunday Sept 17 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

# **Conejo Valley Youth Preparatory Orchestra**

Bill Benson, Artistic Director Karen Sanchez, Associate Artistic Director



# INVASION FROM OUTER SPACE!

Free Children's and Community Concerts

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Sunday, October 29, 2017 Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza Scherr Forum Theatre Concerts at 12 & 3pm Children's activities 1-3pm Email contact@cvyo.org for FREE tickets!

no charge community concerts, costumes encouraged!

- Costume Parade and play along with the orchestra
- Conduct and Trick-or-Treat the Orchestra
- Halloween crafts

**Union**Bank<sup>•</sup>

- Instrument petting zoo provided by the New West Symphony
- Fun filled Halloween themed concert for children and families More information at cvyo.org or email: contact@cvyo.org



# IN THE COMMUNITY

# The Search for a New Music Director Continues!



Celebrating Leonard Bernstein's Centennial in partnership with the Valley Performing Arts Center

Bernstein:

Selections from On the Town, Trouble in Tahiti, Wonderful Town, Candide, West Side Story, Mass, and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

John Mauceri, conductor

Saturday, November 18 7, 2017, 8 pm Thousand Oaks Civics Arts Plaza Sunday, November 19, 2017, 3:00 pm Oxnard Performing Arts Center Suzanna Guzman, mezzo-soprano Davis Gaines, baritone Gay Mens Chorus Los Angeles, Joe Nadeau, conductor The Cal Lutheran University Choral Ensembles, Wyant Morton, conductor

# www.newwestsymphony.org

#### **Connect Club:**

You can have 2 subscriptions to the New West Symphony's 2017/2018 Masterpiece Series for just **\$60**. With six concerts in the season, that's **\$5 per ticket** -- *less than a night at the movies!* 

You won't want to miss our season, with some amazing highlights:

• Music legend John Mauceri will conduct a program celebrating the **100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Leonard** Bernstein.

• Violin virtuoso **Pinchas Zukerman** will conduct our orchestra, as well as perform with his wife, cellist **Amanda Forsyth**.

• Our concertmaster, **Alyssa Park**, and her ensemble, the **Lyris Quartet**, will join our orchestra for a world premier commission.

• We finish our season with Van Cliburn Competition winner **Haochen Zhang** performing a vibrant piano concerto by Liszt.

We hope you'll take advantage of this great offer to experience firsthand the excitement and beauty of a professional orchestra with the New West Symphony.

To redeem this offer, visit<u>http://www.newwestsymphony.org/education/CONNECT!Club.php</u> to purchase your tickets.



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# **GUEST ARTIST RECITAL**

# TIMOTHY EHLEN, piano

CHAIR OF PIANO, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



Saturday, October 7, 2017 7:30pm Cypress Recital Hall

# Masterclass (Free Admission)

Friday, October 6, 2017 3:00pm Cypress Recital Hall

\$15-Adult Tickets; \$10-Senior/Faculty/Staff Tickets; \$7-Student Tickets To purchase tickets, please call (818) 677-2488 www.csun.edu/music



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# **PIANO MASTERCLASS ENRICO ELISI** FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



Monday, October 9, 2017 2:00pm **Cypress Recital Hall** 

For more information: Contact Dmitry Rachmanov | dmitry.rachmanov@csun.edu