



Conejo Valley

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NOVEMBER 2017

MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WWW.MTAC.ORG

Next Meeting Dec. 7, 2017

The Home of Danna Southwell

1421 Feather Ave., T.O., CA 91360

8:30 - 9:00 Board Meeting

9:00 - General Business Meeting



"Oh no, I've got my bagpipes in the oven!"

LOCATIONS

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1 W. Avenida de los Arboles
Thousand Oaks 91360

United Methodist Church
1049 South Westlake Blvd.
Westlake Village 91361
T.O. Civic Arts Plaza

- Scherr Forum Theatre
2100 T. O. Blvd
Thousand Oaks

LDS Church
3645 N. Moorpark Rd.
Thousand Oaks, 91360

Cal Lutheran
60 W Olsen Rd,
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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Thousand Oaks, 91360

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CALENDAR

Additions and/or
corrections in magenta

Nov. 10, 11:59pm: CM

Fees Must be paid by
parents

Nov. 12: 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)

Dec. 10: CVYO Holiday
Concert at Reagan Library

Dec. 15: 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

GREETINGS BUSY TEACHERS!

Our MTAC meeting went very well with a nice attendance of 20 including new and rarely seen members! Lovely refreshments!

It's been a busy month with 3 big events. Special thanks to Ann Erwin for her Women's Music Festival.....to Mike Preddy for his Early Level Contemporary Festival and to Kim Munday for planning our Advanced Contemporary Festival this past weekend. Many hands make light work and we are grateful to all the teachers who took on special duties and assisted at each recital. Kyung Lee, Susan Mastrolonardo and Ornela Ervin and a few others helped enormously...ABOVE AND BEYOND.

We are looking forward to the Gold Medal Honors Recitals on Sunday Nov. 12 with Ornela Ervin in charge.

Please teachers.....talk to your students and mothers.....older girl's especiallyabout proper dress on stage. Dresses and skirts to the knee while standing and seated. Boys we love to see you in dress shirts and ties....matching dark shoes and socks....shirts always tucked in. It's a gala dressy dress occasion. Let the parents know about our dress code. Everyone look their best on stage in this professional setting at the Forum Theater.

We do not have a meeting in November. Our next meeting is December 7 at Danna Southwell's home. Save the date for our very special HOLIDAY PARTY with amazing entertainment from Mike Preddy and his Jazz Combo followed by a delicious lunch brought in from local restaurants. Did anyone mention dessert?? We need several teachers who love to bake to bring us a variety of desserts. Lori Morefield has already promised lovely goodies from her kitchen. Please let me know if you would also like to bring something to serve. THANK YOU DANNA FROM ALL OF US....WE LOVE HOW YOU DECORATE YOUR HOUSE MAKING IT SO FESTIVE FOR THE SEASON!! Board meeting 9:30 and General 10am. SAVE THE DATE DEC. 7!

Our board wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Holiday blessings,
Carol Lancaster



CALENDAR

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

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

Early Level Contemporary Festival Wrap-up

This year's ELCF was the best yet with over a hundred students participating! Tom Gerou was gracious, efficient and insightful in his role as our judge. We will most certainly have him back with us soon. The Church was ready to go well ahead of the 2:30 p.m. start time, so perhaps we could renegotiate that. I realize more every year how just lucky we are to have such a great performance venue. Many thanks to our wonderful teachers and their budding young students, and look for upcoming information on the 2018 Early Level Baroque and Classics Festival!

Mike Preddy

V.O.C.E.

Vocalists, Orchestral instrumentalists,
Chamber music, Ensembles



CONEJO VALLEY'S AUDITIONS

- Branch Audition Date: Feb 10., 2018
- Location: HTLC
- Entry Due Date:, Dec. 15
- State application is on line at newmtac.org
- Branch-Only application is online at www.mtaccconejovalley.org or <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zSmgwCXAUNlyHKyeeFEb5vD6P6pUW5aem3T3LD0Evv0/edit?usp=sharing>
- Branch-Only Fees will be due Dec. 20th State Fees are due on Dec. 15th.
- Questions should be addressed to **Wendy Velasco** at (562) 903-0010 or [<CelloVelasco@gmail.com>](mailto:CelloVelasco@gmail.com)

I am having trouble getting on the State site to update our VOCE information. I am hoping to have access soon. If you are planning to enter a student at the State level, please send me an email so that I have an idea what instruments will be entered.

CALENDAR

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

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)

Southern California Junior Bach Festival

PIANO ONLY

Chair: Chieko Boman

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Place: Holy Trinity Church

Registration Deadline: March 1 at 11:59 PM, 2018

Fee: \$32

Registration, rules and guidelines: Go to SCJBF.org

New Rules!

1. Each teacher will be asked to pay a \$10 teacher fee the first time she accesses the scjbf.org student registration system. This \$10 fee will cover all students of that teacher. This money will be used to defray costs for programming, website hosting and software upgrades required for the maintenance of the scjbf.org website. The teacher fee for CWA is being eliminated.

2. Beginning with the 2018 Branch Festivals, judges will be asked to select 50% of students playing eligible repertoire to advance to the regional festival, **under the condition that the student has a cumulative score of at least 270.** (270 represents an average of 90 from each judge.) Please begin to publicize this at all of your branch events.

Branch rules:

- 1) No Anna Magdalena pieces.
- 2) Requests are limited to AM or PM with valid reasons.
- 3) Students who fail to attend their assigned recitals are subject to disqualification.
- 4) Teachers who enter students are expected to work on the festival day. If you cannot work on the festival day, you will need to send in a substitute.

Reminders:

- PRINT OUT YOUR STUDENT LIST. Check that all students were successfully registered. If any of your students' names do not appear on this list, their registrations are not complete.
- Delete all students who are not participating this year.
- The Regional Festival is in May 19, 2018. Each performer will pay \$11 to cover the cost of regional registration.
- If you have questions, please email Chieko Boman.
Chieko4piano@gmail.com

CALENDAR

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

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)



Nov. 10, 11:59pm:

**CM Fees and consent forms Must be
completed by parents**

Thanksgiving:

11/20-26

Winter Recess:

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)

MLK:

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 18th and early 19th Century music for students at the Preparatory through Fifth Level of study. It further promotes the appreciation and understanding of these two important classical styles through an evaluation by a qualified judge.



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

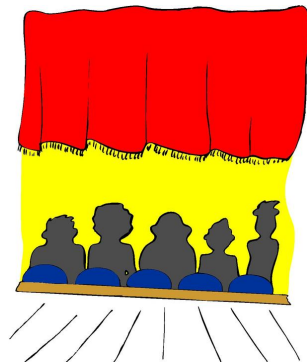
Teachers in the branch may host private studio recitals on the days that have been reserved by the branch. Space is limited and times fill up fast. Student Showcase recitals are an opportunity for a teacher to have a few students participate in a Branch recital. Sometimes there is a theme, other times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

🎧 The cost for private recitals is \$100.- for 2 hours



Shared Notes

WINTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOP INVITATION

All Flutists and Prospective Flutists are invited to a Winter Holiday Workshop on Saturday December 9, 2017 from 1:30-4:30 PM at a private home in West Hills presented by Toby Caplan-Stonefield. There will be a program presented by the Conejo Valley Flute Society and some solo flutists, a Pot-luck Meal, a Gift Exchange (bring a gift under \$10. to participate), and Sight Reading Holiday Music with Guest Flutists and the Flute Choir. Guest Flutists are asked to bring a music stand. To RSVP and get Directions – please email FlutistToby@gmail.com



Shared Notes

FOR SALE

Kawai 6' Conservatory Black Lacquer Grand
Piano

Series KG-3C

Built in the 80's

Excellent Condition Recently Tuned

Asking \$3800.00

Contact-Debbie Sabag

818-577-9430 cell





In the Community

The concerts, directed by Gloria Hilliard and accompanied by Christine DeKlotz, open with the exciting "Gloria in Excelsis Deo!" by Berkey. Reminisce with traditional carols, like "O Holy Night" and familiar holiday classics, such as "That's Christmas to Me" arranged by Pentatonix and enjoy festive Chanukah songs. These and others round out an iconic blend of music for all tastes. Invite your family and friends to enjoy the 60-voice chorale with the **Holiday Magic** of live music.

VILLAGE VOICES CHORALE

Presents

Holiday Magic



GLORIA HILLIARD, DIRECTOR

CHRISTINE DEKLOTZ, ACCOMPANIST

Friday, Dec 1, 2017, 8:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 2, 2017, 2:30 pm

Scherr Forum Theatre, T.O. Civic Arts Plaza

Tickets \$25. Call Village Voices (818) 889-7150

Theater Box Office (805) 449-2787

Ticketmaster (800) 745-3000

Visit our website at www.villagevoices.org



In the Community



Greetings Friends and Donors

The great news of the day is that the concert schedule for the 2018 Thousand Oaks Philharmonic Concert Season is set and will be as follows:

Concerts at the Camarillo United Methodist Church are again Fridays at 7:30 pm on January 12, April 20, and July 20. Concerts at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza, Scherr Forum Theatre will again be Sundays at 2:30 pm on January 14, April 22, and July 22.

Put these dates on your calendar so you won't miss them. John Roscigno continues to be our Music Director/Conductor which promises exciting concerts.

"Non-Event Fundraiser"

We are announcing our "Non-Event Fundraiser" with hopes that all of our friends and donors will participate to make it successful.

Our goal is \$50,000 to be raised by December 29, 2017.

Where? In your own home

When? October 23 – December 29, 2017

Why? To fund our concerts and support the training of our young musicians

Perks for you

Spend no money on gas.

No need to buy a new festive outfit.

Feed your artistic soul.

Take part in a 100% tax-deductible Non-Event Fundraiser.

It is so easy to join the party!

Go to our website at tophil.org

You will see MAKE A DONATION

DIRECT ACCESS TO DONATION PAGE:

Click on HERE

Fill out the form and click "make my donation" button,
or make out a check to TO Philharmonic and send it to:

TO Phil – PO Box 4195 – Thousand Oaks CA 91359

Write "Non-Event Fundraiser" in the bottom left corner of your check.

If you wish to help us continue the Edward Francis Scholarship Fund,
you can write that in the Comment Box. All other donations go to the General Fund.

Be aware that no donation is too small, nor too large. All is appreciated.

If you know a business that will provide matching grants,
put that in the comment box and we will contact you.

Please consider giving us a generous donation and know that it is 100% tax-deductible.

Our goal is \$50,000.

You are the angels who keep the arts alive. We graciously invite your participation.

All the young musicians of the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic say

"Thank you!"

IN THE COMMUNITY

The Search for a New Music Director Continues!



John Mauceri, conductor

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*.

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 **100th 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 <http://www.newwestsymphony.org/education/CONNECT!Club.php> to purchase your tickets.