



Conejo Valley

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APRIL 2019

MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WWW.MTAC.ORG

Next Meeting April 25, 2019

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Fireside Room

8:30 Board Meeting

9:00 General Meeting to be followed by a sight-reading workshop. In this workshop, "**Play What You See**", Dr. Louise Earhart will share with us new insights on how to successfully teach sight-reading! This is a workshop that should not be missed! Dr. Earhart has served on the MTAC State Board for 10 years and as its President from 2015-2017. We are so grateful for her willingness to join us for our April 25th meeting!

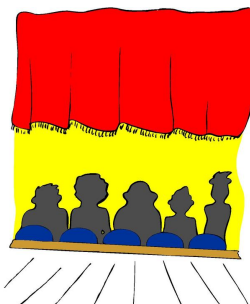


Branch & Private Studio Recitals

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.

- 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 May 18th, June 1st and 2nd.
- sign up and pay for the recitals through the website www.mtacconejovalley.org
- The cost for private recitals is \$100.- for 2 hours



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
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Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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CALENDAR

Additions and/or
corrections in magenta

April 1: Branch CM
Woodwind Honors Recitals,
all levels (HTLC) Chair: Ann
Erwin

April 6: SCJBF -Branch
Piano Bach Festival (HTLC)
Chair: Chieko Boman

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 Chairs:
Nina Kelly & Ornela Ervin

April 25: Branch Meeting
(HTLC)

April 26 & 28: T.O. Phil
Concerto Performances
Opus 54

May 3, 7:30pm: Young
Artist Guild (YAG), &
Branch Awards Ceremony
(HTLC) Chair: Heidi Lyn
Williams

May 5: Festimantic!
Honors Recital Chairs:
Nina Kelly & Ornela Ervin

May 5, noon: Application
Deadline for Koolfest Jazz,
Blues, Pop Festival (HTLC)
Chair Mike Preddy

May 11: SCJBF -Regional
Piano Bach Festival (HTLC)
Chair: Mona DeCesare

May 18: 10am-6pm:
Teacher Recitals, (Hillcrest
Center) Chair: B. Gregory

Dear Teachers:

Happy Spring! How wonderful it was to be treated to a rejuvenating March Express Workshop conducted by our very own Dr. Mark Lybarger-Monson. Thank you, Mark, for your wonderful insights spurring us to incorporate improvisation in our teaching and enjoying improvisation for life!



We also wrapped up a VERY successful month of CM evaluations and Branch Honors Recitals. Everyone is fully in debt to our amazing chairs and co-chairs-Danna Southwell, ShuTing Chen, Nina Kelly and Diana Ray-Goodman. Thank you to each and every teacher who assisted so willingly in all different capacities. Your concerted effort is most encouraging!

We enter the month of April with many opportunities for our students to shine. Thank you, Ann Erwin, for chairing the Woodwind Branch Honors Recital. Thank you, Chieko Boman, for making the Bach Festival possible for all of us. The music community and our branch indeed are losing such a wonderful teacher as you retire. However, we rejoice with you and your family as you “promote” to full-time grand parenting! Thank you, Nina Kelly and Ornela Ervin for co-chairing Festimantic. Our students are privileged to compete from the comforts of their home before a panel of qualified international judges through Youtube!

As teachers, we continually strive to grow. April brings another new opportunity! For our April Workshop, Dr. Louise Earhart (who has served on the MTAC State Board for 10 years and as our state president from 2015-2017) will present an eye-opening talk on sight-reading. Dr. Earhart has so successfully incorporated her unique sight-reading approach in her teaching and is eager to share her invaluable insights! We are humbled that she is willing and exciting to conduct this workshop for us! This is workshop you will not want to miss out on!

As we continue to actively seek out teachers who would be willing to serve as VOCE chair, Newsletter Editor, and Bach Chair, may I borrow from President Kennedy’s famous words: “*Ask not what MTAC Conejo Valley can do for you, ask what you can do for MTAC Conejo Valley.*” Please consider taking on one of these vital positions. We need each of you for the continual success of our branch!

Enjoy Spring to the fullest!

With gratefulness,

Susan Mastrolonardo, Ruth Kuo and Board Members.

CALENDAR

May 19: Koolfest Jazz,
Blues, Pop Festival (**United
Methodist, Alton Hall**) Chair
Mike Preddy

May 23: Branch Meeting &
MTAC Luncheon (TBA)

May 30, 9:30am: Planning
Meeting, (home of Ornela
Ervin)

June 1, 10am-6pm:
Teacher Recitals,
(Hillcrest Center)
Chair: Brad Gregory

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

June 2: CVYO
Performance, T.O
Performing Arts Center
June 28-July 2 Hyatt
Regency, Santa Clara

July 12 & 14: T.O. Phil
Concerto Performances
Opus 55

Spring Break:

3/24-4/1 (Pleasant
Valley)
4/13-4/22 (Conejo, Las
Virgenes, Oak Park)
4/23-4/1 (Simi,
Moorpark)

Last Day Class:

5/24 (Oak Park)
6/7 (Conejo)
6/7 (Simi)
6/12 (Las Virgenes)
6/14 (Moorpark)
6/15 (Pleasant Valley)

Southern California Junior Bach Festival (SCJBF) -PIANO



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. 6

Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Levels:

Fees: \$32.00 per performer

Entry Deadline: March 1 at 11:59 PM, 2019

Registration, rules, and guidelines: Go to SCJBF.org

Chair: Chieko Boman chieko4piano@gmail.com

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. 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 - only 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. 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 on May 11, 2019. Each performer will pay \$12
to cover the cost of regional registration.
- If you have questions, please email 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 \$26.00 per performer

Entry Deadline: April 15th Registration of videos deadline

Young Artist Guild Recital

May 3 7:30 PM Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The Young Artist Guild is a group of the most gifted musicians in the Certificate of Merit program. Acceptance to YAG is one of the highest honors for Certificate of Merit® students.

An accepted student is granted membership in the Guild for five years upon recommendation by a panel of evaluators. During this five-year tenure, the student member may be offered semi-professional paid performance opportunities through MTAC branch-sponsored concerts.

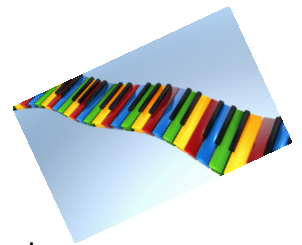
Please encourage your teaching studio families to mark their calendar and attend our recital where we also recognize and present awards for CM Honors, Bach Festival Honors, and Festimatic winners

Our performer Noah Simon was so well received last year that he has been asked back to perform for this branch fundraiser. Tickets are only \$20 for family or \$5 for individuals.

Koolfest

SYNOPSIS

This exciting festival gives teachers the opportunity to present students in an excellent v e n u e 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.



May 19: Koolfest Jazz, Blues, Pop Festival (United Methodist, Alton Hall)

 Mike Preddy, Chair mikepreddymusic@gmail.com

It is time to think about **KOOLFEST** and assigning those pieces your kids say they *really* want to play---the jazz, the popular song, the ragtime, you know what I mean! Even original compositions are allowed. Accompany yourself on your original hit song! I give the widest latitude to the student for this event. They can even wear those jeans and tennis shoes just to be **KOOL**. Details: May 19 beginning at 2:00 p.m., United Methodist Church, Alton Hall. Deadline is May 5. FEE is \$12.00. Go to Event Registration page, click on the Application Link and fill in the form (beginning in April). Go back to the Event Registration page and click on the number of students you entered and pay online. It's that easy. BE THERE!!!

Mike Preddy, Chairman

IN THE COMMUNITY

Savor the joy of spring and live music with *A Musical Bouquet* performed by the Village Voices Chorale on Friday, May 31 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 1 at 2:30 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza Scherr Forum Theatre. Delight in the cheerful "Salmo 150" and the sweet "Esto Les Digo". Enjoy the familiar refrains of "Georgia on My Mind", "Good Vibrations" and "Gershwin! A Concert Panorama". This time of year always brings out the Beatles' "Here Comes the Sun". With these songs and more, we know "It Might As Well Be Spring". Please join us for an uplifting concert with this 60-voice chorale and receive *A Musical Bouquet*. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling the Village Voices at [818-889-7150](tel:818-889-7150). Tickets are also available at the Theatre Box Office 805-449-2787 and through Ticketmaster [800-745-3000](tel:800-745-3000). Additional information can be obtained at www.villagevoices.org

VILLAGE VOICES CHORALE *PRESENTS*



Gloria Hilliard, Director
Christine DeKlotz, Accompanist

Friday, May 31, 2019 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, June 1, 2019 - 2:30 pm

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Visit our website at www.VillageVoices.org



IN THE COMMUNITY

Music so beautiful, it defies description.

Indescribable *Beauty*

Michael Christie Yulianna Avdeeva
MUSIC DIRECTOR PIANO

Chopin's mesmerizing Piano Concerto No. 2 performed by Yulianna Aveeva, Chopin Competition First Prize Winner. Plus, Maestro Michael Christie's Music Director debut.



APRIL

4th Santa Monica
6th Thousand Oaks
7th Oxnard

TICKETS ON SALE NOW



Michael Christie, conductor

Yulianna Avdeeva, piano

Bates: Garages of the Valley

Chopin: Piano Concerto No. 2

Schumann: Symphony 4



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