

MTAC CONEJO

Music Teachers Association of California, Conejo Valley Branch

**Our next meeting
is September 23, at
Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church,
1 W. Avenida de los
Arboles, Thousand
Oaks.**

**Board meeting 8:15
AM. General
meeting 9:00 AM.**



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**Music Teachers, welcome to
the new school year! We look
forward to serving our
students and their families
together!**

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Year Calendar

MTAC Conejo Valley Meetings:

September 23, October 28, December 2, January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26

(Meetings are the fourth Thursday, except in December. Meetings are usually held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.)

Women Composers Festival September 26 HTLC

Advanced Contemporary Music Festival Oct 23-24 Hillcrest

Early Level Contemporary Festival October 30 HTLC

TO PHIL November 13 auditions for Opus

Gold Medal Festival Nov. 14 at TOCAP

Prima Vista Festival February 6 -to be confirmed

VOCE February 12 CLU Chapel 3 PM

Early Level Baroque/Classical Festival February 20 -to be confirmed

Winds Festival Feb 26 -to be confirmed

CM Honors April 2, 3 -to be confirmed

Winds Honors April 4 -to be confirmed

Festimantic! April 1 -videos due

SoCal Jr. Bach Festival April 9 or 10 -to be confirmed

Festimantic Honors April 24

Young Artist Recital/Branch Awards May 13 or 15, Hillcrest

Bach Regional May 14 at United Methodist Church, Ventura

Koolfest Jazz, Blues, Pop Festival - May 21 or 22

Planning Meeting June 2

Convention July 1-5, Hyatt Orange County

President's Greeting by Debbie Siemer

It is such a privilege to serve with such talented and dedicated teachers. I do appreciate each of you. I hope you each had a restful, rejuvenating summer, filled with happy family times and much re-creating! Sometimes a break in routine provides the refreshment that enables us to look at our vocations and our lives with fresh eyes and a new perspective. May we enter this new school year focused and ready to serve those around us.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate COVID restrictions. You will note that many of our events say "to be confirmed." I will let you know as soon I receive confirmation.

Welcome to our new member, pianist, **Anna Avalyan**! We are so glad you joined us! Congratulations to **Katya Solovskaya** for completing the CalPlan program and gaining full membership in MTAC. We are so proud of you for your diligence and hard work! Thank you to **Kim Munday** for her many hours of work on the application for the grant with our Gold Medal Festival.

Several reminders as we start the new school year:

- * The deadline to submit items on the meeting agenda is the Monday before the Thursday meeting - this month being September 20. The deadline to put items in this newsletter is the 25th of the previous month. Send your agenda and newsletter items to Debbie.
- * Throughout the year, continue to send your recital programs to Caitlin so our wonderful composers get paid through ASCAP.
- * Please send items for the website to Tachell.
- * Please send items for distribution to the membership to Kyung. If the item is not urgent, please consider placing your news in the newsletter or on the website.



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News from our host venue, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has confirmed our meetings and recitals dates for fall, 2021. Here are the guidelines they sent for us to follow:

For recitals:

- We ask that your group require masks for those while inside the sanctuary
- We ask that you require people to sign-in upon arrival with a current telephone number and that you keep those records for contact tracing.
- We ask that you limit the number of people in the room at one time to 100 people, so you are able to practice social distancing.

For the monthly meeting:

- You will be required to set-up your own tables and chairs for each meeting which will now be in the Fellowship Hall. (*This is the big room located next door to the Fireside Room where we formerly met.*)
- The tables and chairs will be in the Fellowship Hall, and you are welcome to use them. You would need to have your own volunteers arrive early to set them up.
- Your volunteers would need to take the tables and chairs down after each meeting and clean the meeting room.
- We are not allowing food inside the buildings. If your group has food to share, we ask that you place the tables outside and that all food is served and eaten outside.

Upcoming Events:

September 23 - Meeting MTAC Conejo - All members are welcome!

September 26 - Women Composers Festival

October 23, 24 Advanced Contemporary Festival

October 30 Early Level Contemporary Festival