



Conejo Valley

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APRIL 2016

MUSIC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WWW.MTAC.ORG

Next Meeting, April 28, 2016

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Fireside Room.

8:30 - 9:00 Board Meeting

9:00 - 10:15 General Business Meeting

10:15 Express Program (when scheduled)



YOUNG ARTIST GUILD AND BRANCH AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday night May 20, 6:30 pm at HTLC

Be sure to check out the photo and bio of our
featured performer, Pianist Athena Tsianos on
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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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CALENDAR

Additions and/or
corrections in magenta

April 1, Festimantic posting
deadline

April 9, 10:30-8: Branch Jr.
Bach Piano Festival (HTLC)
Chair: Cheiko Boman &
Mona DeCesare

April 15: Deadline for
Convention Applications,
\$30 per student, no late
applications

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

April 15-17: T.O. Phil
Concerto Performances
Opus 45

April 17: 50th anniversary
celebration for members
plus one (afternoon,
location TBA)

April 23: Festimantic
Romantic Festival (HTLC)

April 28: Branch Meeting
(HTLC)

May 14 or 15: Coolest
Jazz Festival (Keyboard
Concepts) Chair Mike
Preddy

TBA: Bach Regional
Festival

May 20, 6:30-9: Young
Artist Guild, & Branch
Awards Ceremony (HTLC)

May 21, 10:30-8: Private
Teacher Recitals (HTLC)

May 22, 2:30-8: Private
Teacher Recitals (HTLC)



Featured performer, Pianist Athena Tsianos, is a proud Kovner Fellow and Vergottis Scholarship recipient at The Juilliard School, where she studies under the tutelage of Robert McDonald. Her competition prizes include first place in The Rosalyn Tureck International Bach Competition, where she was also awarded the prize for best performance of a contemporary piece; first place in the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition; finalist in National YoungArts; and first place in

competitions held by The Music Teachers'

Association of California. She has appeared in such venues as Chapman University's Salmon recital hall, Hahn Hall in Santa Barbara, LAMCA's Bing Theater, and the Lincoln Center. As concerto soloist, Athena has appeared with the Young Musicians' Foundation Debut Orchestra and the Bellflower Symphony Orchestra. As a chamber musician, she has been coached by figures such as Donald Weilerstein, Clive Greensmith, and Jerome Lowenthal. She has extensively studied with Bernadene Blaha, and her masterclass teachers have included Kevin Fitz-Gerald, Leon Fleisher, and Jerome Lowenthal. Athena has been a participant in Southeastern Piano Festival, Sejong International Music Festival held at the Curtis Institute of Music, and The Music Academy of the West.

PROCEDURE FOR USE OF THE HILLCREST CENTER FOR THE ARTS

If you would like to schedule a recital using the Hillcrest Center for the Arts please use this procedure.

1. Please e-mail Danna Southwell and let her know that you would like to reserve for a recital.
2. Danna will then submit your name to the administration
3. You will then need to go onto the website – hillcrestarts.org -and go to Facility Rental and see what is available and the cost.
4. You then can call 805-381-2747 and set up your recital. DO NOT CALL THEM BEFORE DANNA HAS SUBMITTED YOUR NAME.

Danna is the MTAC liason for the Hillcrest Center for the Arts. Please follow the above directions and please make sure that we respect their rules so that we may continue our relationship with them.

Danna Southwell
Dannasouthwell@hotmail.com

CALENDAR

May 26: Branch Meeting & MTAC Luncheon, HTLC

June 2: Planning Meeting, Edward Francis' home

June 5: CVYO Performance, T.O Performing Arts Center

July 1-5: Convention in Los Angeles (Airport Hilton)

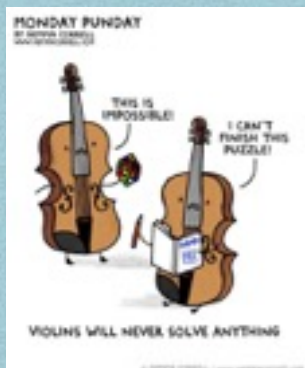
July 15-17: Opus 46 TO Phil Concert

Spring Break:

3/25-4/11

Last Day Class:

all districts out by 6/10



CM News from Toby Caplan-Stonefield

The Wind Evaluation was Sat March 5

All went well. We had 30 students including 5 Guest Flutists from 3 different Branches: Antelope Valley, West Valley, and 3 from Pleasant Valley. 6 teachers from our Branch and 5 guest teachers. And 2 Judges (one Clarinets and Oboes, and the other Clarinets and Flutes) plus 10 students doing make up Theory Exams-- all at Cal Lutheran Zimmerman Hall. It was a very busy day!!! The busiest we've ever had. Whew!!

KCsKoolfest, Saturday May 14, 1:00 p.m.

KCsKoolfest has evolved into our very own MTAC Branch Jazz/Pop Festival, and I'm happy to report that the new manager at Keyboard Concepts is looking forward to hosting it this year.

I hope to meet with him in the near future to iron out details, but I do know that our format this year is a Festival Recital. Please encourage your students to enter with any jazz, pop, ragtime, Broadway, new age, or other popular-style solo. All disciplines at all levels (from Prep thru 10) may enter. Solos must be memorized. Deadline to enter, Sunday May 1. Students will receive a certificate.

Fee is \$11.00. I will notify everyone as soon as I put up an entry form.

Thank you,
Michael Preddy
michaelpreddy@hotmail.com

Message from Carol Lancaster, co-President and Debbie Siemer, Treasurer

Please use the form on the next page for requesting reimbursement of expenses on MTAC events.



Conejo Valley Branch of the MTAC, Requisition Form

Debbie Siemer, Treasurer, 618 Twin Peaks Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065

Request for Payment Form:

1. Your name _____
2. The payee _____
3. Amount of check _____
4. Address to mail the check _____
5. Description of expenditure _____
6. Program _____
7. Signature of program chair _____

Request for Deposit Form:

1. Your name _____
2. Description of income _____
3. Total amount of money to be deposited _____
4. Program _____
4. Signature of program chair _____



Happy 50th Anniversary MTAC-Conejo Valley Branch!

It was in April of 1966 when 12 music teachers banded together and formed the Conejo Valley Branch of the Music Teachers' Assn. of California. We are celebrating our 50th year of charter in 2016 and a major celebration is in order.

All branch members are invited to a special day of events on April 17, 2016. The celebration committee is made up of co-presidents Carol Lancaster and Edward Francis, as well as VP Ornela Ervin. This gala celebration committee knows exactly what it takes to arrange an enjoyable celebration. You will want to join your fellow members and enjoy some grand events.

At 2:30 in the afternoon, the Thousand Oaks Philharmonic will be performing its OPUS 45 concert at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. All seven featured soloists are students of branch members! The TOPhil is offering 2 free tickets to the concert to every member of the branch. All you need to do is reserve your tickets by using this invitation rsvp (by email).

Immediately after the concert, at the home of co-president Edward Francis, the branch will host a delicious dinner for members and their guests. There is room for quite a few members and their guests, but there is a limit, so please rsvp as soon as possible. If we get close to being full, an update will be sent via email so that the last seats can be reserved. We don't want anybody to be disappointed.

Members can choose to attend both concert and dinner, or individual events.
Please RSVP by April 10.

Yes, please reserve 1 ticket _____ U or 1 + guest _____ for the April 17, 2:30 concert at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza-Forum Theatre

Yes, please reserve 1 place _____ or 1+ guest places _____ for dinner, after the concert at 5:00pm at the home of Edward Francis. 1304 Marian Ave., Thousand Oaks 91360

Name(s) of concert goers:

_____ Limit of 2 total

Name(s) _____ dinner
reservations: _____ Limit of 2 total

You can send an email with your choices and reservations to
edwardfrancis@roadrunner.com

Be sure to put in the subject area: MTAC-Conejo Valley 50 Anniversary rsvp

Looking forward to hearing from all members! Your Gala 50th Year Celebration team!



Shared Notes

Announcement

Flute Students and the Conejo Valley Flute Society presented in
Recital

by Toby Caplan-Stonefield
(assisted by Paul Switzler, Pianist)

at Keyboard Concepts, Sun May 22, 2016- at 1:30 PM.

All are invited- refreshments served

-----Donations accepted--

From the Studio of Marlene Feldman:

Student of Marlene Feldman and past VOCE winner, Maggie
Valdman has received the news that she was accepted to Juilliard.

Congratulations!



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NEW WEST SYMPHONY

MARCELO LEHNINGER, MUSIC DIRECTOR



Chopin Piano Concerto with Ko-Eun Yi,
Friday April 1, Oxnard, Saturday April 2, Thousand Oaks



Shared Notes

A poster for a choral performance. The background is a light green border with a white center. The top left corner features a branch with green leaves. The text is arranged in a vertical flow, starting with a quote, followed by the organization's name, the title of the performance, the director and accompanist, the dates and times, the venue, and ticket information. The bottom right corner features a single green leaf.

*I see trees
of green, I see red **roses**
TOO, I see them bloom for
me AND you, And I
think to myself...*

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**What a
Wonderful
World**

Gloria Hilliard, Director
Christine DeKlotz, Accompanist

Fri. June 3, 8:00pm
Sat. June 4, 2:30pm

Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza
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Tickets \$25 Call Village Voices (818) 889-7150
Theatre Box Office (805) 449-2787
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Visit our website at www.villagevoices.org



Shared Notes



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