

SAN DIEGO MTAC NEWSLETTER

April 2003

CALENDAR

April 1, 2003 - Tuesday

Board Meeting @ Piano Exchange
Time: 10:00 AM

April 6 - Sunday

Constance Channon, Concert pianist Kensington
Concert Series

April 4-6, 2003 – Friday, Saturday, Sunday CM Keyboard State Panel Finals

Where: Cal Poly in Pomona
Regional Panel Auditions for Woodwinds will still be held at the Branch Level and must be completed before March 16. Please contact Vivian Bergova for more information.

Strings Regional Panel Auditions dates and locations will not be known until after registration is complete and we know how many Panel students are entered. Please contact Lillian Chen for additional information. Lillian Chen: 858-693-6278

April 12 Saturday

Constance Channon Master class at the piano exchange from 2-4 PM and will be open to intermediate and advanced students

April 13, Sunday

5th Annual Music Scholarship auditions
Where: Piano Warehouse in San Marcos

April 18, Friday

7:00 p.m., Brad Ellingboe's *Requiem*, Chancel Choir directed by James Miles and accompanied on the organ by Lea Schmidt-Rogers

April 25, 2003, Friday

7:30 pm- Recital of Trumpet and Organ Music, Jonathan Ingber and Lea Schmidt-Rogers
First Church of Christ, Scientist 8262 Allison Ave., La Mesa, CA 91941, (619)466-1963

Upcoming Performances of 2003 concerto winners (page 8)

April 24 Thursday @ 7:00 PM
April 25 Friday @ 8:00 PM
April 27 Sunday @ 2:00PM

April 26, 2003 Saturday

Duet Festival -

where: Point Loma Nazarene College
Begin to train your students for this very worthwhile event!

Contact: Jacqueline Watson 619-421-9446
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May 6, 2003 - Tuesday

Board Meeting @ Piano Exchange
Time: 10:00 AM

May 10, Saturday, 7:00 pm- *Homegrown, a concert by La Mesa First staff and members*, mezzo soprano Elizabeth Saunders, flutist James Miles, and pianist Lea Schmidt-Rogers will play and sing selections from Bizet's *Carmen*, Scarlatti, Bolcom, Ravel, Margaret Bonds, Saint-Saëns, and Taktakishvili

Both of the concerts above are at La Mesa First United Methodist Church 4690 Palm Ave., La Mesa, CA 91941-5595

Fax: 619-466-8698 Phone: 619-466-4163
www.gbmg-umc.org/firstca001

May 10-11, 2003 Saturday, Sunday

H.B. Goodlin Scholarship Auditions
E-mail/Contact: Rose Scozzaro
Scozzaro@webtv.net

May 17 - Saturday

2003 region V Festival
Where: Saddleback College in Mission Viejo

May 31, 2003 - Saturday

Spring Music Festival
Where: Point Loma College, Choral Room
Deadline: May 3, 2003
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STATE OFFICE INFORMATION

Please be informed that some of MTAC's official program application forms and pamphlets, which have previously been available through the state office, are now accessible through the mtac website (www.mtac.org) . The list of new on- line is as follows:

- Adult Performance application/Teacher Performance application
- CM Policy
- CM Panel Information
- CM Panel Audition- Teacher application
- CM Make-up application
- CMT Journal Advertising Rates
- Piano Solo and Concerto application
- YAG Audition Program List

THESE FORMS WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE STATE OFFICE. PLEASE CONTACT MTAC WEBSITE (www.mtac.org).

Message From The President

Dear members,

During the past two months, most teachers in the MTACSD used to have hectic days to prepare their students for the two big events, Southern California Bach Festival and Certificate of Merits program.

Bach Festival was held on February 22, 2003 at La Mesa First Methodist Church. Students at this festival were divided to two groups. The first group, those students who played certain selected compositions, had great opportunity to demonstrate their performances on a decent grand piano. Every one among audience seemed to enjoy listening to the beautiful playing of the students. In the Second group, Annamagdalen group, students played well, but the piano was not that good. Hopefully next year we Will be able offer these hard working students a better piano. We appreciate the efforts of our Bach Festival Director connie Almond. Her hard works made this festival a successful event for MTAC San Diego Branch.

Certificate of Merit exams, took three weekends. Students had theory tests on 22nd and 23rd of February, performance evaluation on March 8th and 9th, Honor Recitals and Senior recital on March 15th and 16th at Grossmont College. It was a pleasure to listen to the students at the honor recital and to notice how much progress they made through preparation for C.M exams. At the Senior Recital, presided by Carol Salazar, each student received the MTAC medal and an award check from Goodlin foundation. Thanks to Carol for her nice presentation and to Dorothy Winnard for preparing the awards. All through evaluation and recital time, the MTAC teachers were diligently net working and cooperating in various areas such as; in grading and testing rooms, at the registration tables and at the food serving table .As you noticed, every year the number of C.M participants increases significantly. This has caused an urgent demand for teachers' help and cooperation. On behalf of MTAC San Diego Branch I would like to give my gratitude to our C.M chair person; Tracy Lovley for her breath taking efforts, to Lee Galloway for scheduling students for honor recitals and to all other participating teachers.

With best wishes to all,

Homa Massih

Bach Festival

This year's Southern California Junior Bach Festival, held on February 22nd at La Mesa First United Methodist Church, was indeed a full day, but also a very successful one. 176 applications were received - 59 for Anna Magdalena selections, and 117 for more advanced works. In the main Sanctuary six programs were heard and two recitals of shorter pieces took place in the Social Hall.

We wish to publically thank our five excellent adjudicators - Ronald Morebello, Frederick Bacon-Shone, Diane Snodgrass, Shirley Case, and Sylvia Barton - for their positive and encouraging comments. Also, as we all know, it is impossible to undertake a large project without relying on superb volunteer help. This year was no different than the previous ones in the willing response of all those who contributed to the day's success in the following ways: Announcers: Dorothy Winnard, Mei-Fang Yu, Magdolna Bornemisza, Doris Koppelman, Laura Davidovich, and Yuko Tanigami. Check in helpers: Beverly Shaffer, Dee Snyder, Jan Rochon, Doris Koppelman. Food: Mitzi Kolar, Cherylyn Charfauros. Programs: Beverly Shaffer, and of course, Lea Schmidt -Rogers who graciously arranged for the use of the church, with it's excellent instruments.

You will find the final student results on the SD MTAC web page. The 2003 Region V Festival will take place on Saturday, May 17th at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo. Once again, thank you all for a most successful event..

Sincerely,

Connie Almond, Bach Chair

Constance Channon-Douglass, a prominent Juilliard-trained concert pianist and teacher from Rome, Italy, will be in San Diego to give a concert on the Kensington Concert Series on April 6, at 3PM. While here, she has agreed to conduct a master class for our San Diego branch- this will be at the Piano Exchange, on Saturday, April 12, from 2-4 PM. This will be open to intermediate and advanced students- five total. Please contact Ronald Morebello if you would like your student to play. The fee will be \$25 per entrant, payable to the MTAC, San Diego. Please contact Ronald Morebello to enroll your student(s), or for further information about this announcement.

rmorebello@cts.com, or (619) 280-1489

THE DUO FESTIVAL

The deadline for the Branch Duo Festival which will be held on Saturday, April 26, at Point Loma Nazarene College, is April 1, 2003. Please use generic application form. Entry fee is \$15/student, \$30/team. The categories are as follows:

Category 1 (ages 5-9) - limit 3 minutes

Category 2 (ages 10-12) - limit 4 minutes

Category 3 (ages 13-15) - limit 5 minutes

Category 4 (ages 16-high school) - limit 10 minutes.

Prizes in addition to certificates will be given to deserving teams. Music must be original for 4 hands or two pianos. Younger students must enter in the higher age category if paired with an older student.

I look forward to working with all of you and to having a most successful festival. This event offers expanded enjoyment to all who enter. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (619) 421-9446.

Jackie Watson

Pipe Organ Encounter July 20-26, 2003

A week-long summer program in Southern California for young keyboard players (ages 13-18) to learn how to play the pipe organ. Sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, students will be given organ lessons in the mornings, then visit the great pipe organs of Southern California. Guest artists perform, as well as hands-on for the students. Housing - dormitories at the University of San Diego. \$250. Scholarships available. Contact Registrar Ruth Sayre for more information or download the application from

www.agosd.org

SAYRER@aol.com, Ph. 619-276-4108

OUR 2003 GRADS NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Please contribute to a separate Goodlin CM fund, which has been set up solely for Certificate of Merit Graduating Senior Awards.

An annual donation from CM teachers of \$25 is suggested, beginning this year. Send your tax-deductible contributions to the Goodlin Foundation Treasurer, Susan Dersnah-Fee, 3317 1st Ave, San Diego, CA 92103 and make your check out to: The H.B.Goodlin Scholarship Foundation

Use the tear- off sheet below: Please give generously, Thank you.

FUNDS COLLECTED WILL BE MATCHED BY THE FOUNDATION AND MTACSD. TOGETHER WE CAN RAISE THE FUNDS TO GIVE THESE STUDENTS THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE!

My contribution to the CM GRADS. MTACSD/GOODLIN FUND

\$25 _____ **Other** _____

Name _____ **Address** _____

H.B.Goodlin Scholarship Auditions

The Goodlin Scholarship Auditions will be held on May 10th & 11th, 2003. The auditions will be open to the public. The new application form and pertinent information will be on the mtac website by the time you receive this newsletter.

Questions should be addressed to:

Scozzaro@webtv.net.

Ilana was a terrific chairperson and her expertise will be sorely missed. I will do my best to make the auditions a success and I hope I can count on the cooperation of all of you.

Rose Scozzaro

Rose Maria (Scozzaro) Martin

scozzaro@webtv.net

Another Successful CM!!

Tracy Lovley

CM has gotten to be such a large program that every year I wonder how we will pull it off without a major catastrophe. But every year it does work because so many teachers give so graciously of their time, talent, and support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every teacher that worked each day at CM and who came with positive and supportive 'can do' attitudes to make each day run smoother.

Thank you to Mei-Fang Yu, Leslie Olson, and Kay Etheridge for keeping us fed – A VERY IMPORTANT JOB!!

Thanks to Lee Galloway for helping put together and run the Honors and Senior Recitals. The recitals ran very smoothly and each was followed by a nice reception, which was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Steve Baker of Grossmont College for his many early morning hours, calm support and positive 'don't panic' attitude, not to mention the use of all the music facilities at Grossmont College.

Thanks to Greene Music for their donation of 4 pianos and their prompt and friendly service.

Below are some CM facts:

- 79 teachers registered students
- 1017 students registered
- 34 students dropped, 49 were No-Shows on eval day
- 28 qualified for the Senior Award, 16 played in the recital
- 94 students qualified for Honors, 76 played in 5 recitals, 34 additional students qualified for Honors but were not registered by their teachers for Honors
- 12 evaluators were used on Saturday, 17 on Sunday
- 16 students received 100% on the theory exam, 20 failed (compared to 49 – 100% 's last year and 17 fails)

While we realize that no program is perfect, and that there will always be someone who is unhappy, we do strive to make improvements every year and to accommodate every teacher and we hope that you will be patient with us and continue to give us your suggestions and support.

Spring Music Festival - Saturday, May 31, 2003 at The point loma college Choral Room

3535 Camino del Rio West
San Diego, CA 92110

Deadline is May 3, 2003.
the generic application form. Entry fee is \$15.00.

Use

Spring is here! It is time to prepare students to enter the Spring Festival. The theme this year: The Great Composers' Music Inspired by Nature. An example might be; The Swan by Saint-Saens, Evening in The Country by Bartok.

This year we must limit the number of students entering by each teacher to five students. Please type carefully the way you would like the selection to appear on the program. Please type the students name clearly.

If you have questions please don't hesitate to call me at 858-488-6683.

Betty Martocchio

MORE CM FUND DONATIONS !! BRAVO MTACSD MEMBERS !!!!!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CM FUND.

The following people have donated since the last newsletter list:

Tracy Lovley, Sue Jung, Inessa Litvin, Evelyn McNeil, Yelena Babayan,

Sharon Halverson, Matilda Chou, Doris Koppleman, Jacqueline Watson, Betty Martin, Lori Vickers and Carol Salazar.

Thanks to your response to the appeal, \$3400 has been raised towards the CM Seniors Awards. With matching funds from MTACSD and the Goodlin Foundation

that makes a total of \$6800 !!! We can meet this year's needs and even set aside a little in anticipation of the increased demand for next year's awards !!! Your enthusiasm and dedicated teaching have made this program a huge success !

GIVE YOURSELVES A PAT ON THE BACK !!!!

..... Dorothy Winnard (Goodlin chair)

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES OF 2003 CONCERTO WINNERS

Crystal Chen, Concerto Winner-Division III, will be performing the Mendelssohn Piano Concerto in G minor, First movement, with the University of San Diego Symphony (Dr. Angela Yeung, conductor) at USD's Shiley Theatre on the following dates:

Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 pm

Friday, April 25 at 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 pm

\$8 general admission; \$6 students and seniors.

Jessica Chang (Division I winner) will be performing with the New City Sinfonia (Dan Ratelle, conductor) on Friday evening, June 6th at the First Unitarian-Universalist Church of San Diego.

Shannon Olson (Division II winner) and Sally Yeh, violinist (Division V winner) will be performing with the Civic Youth Orchestra (Robert Gilson, conductor) on Saturday evening, June 14 in Copley Symphony Hall.

Attending one or more of these concerts is the best way for MTAC members to express their gratitude to the orchestras and their conductors for granting this opportunity to our young students. -

Kay Etheridge Chair,

Concerto Competition

The Masterclasses of Saint Malo

Conservatory of Saint Malo—Saint Malo, France

July 16-27

Dr. William Wellborn and Adam Wibrowski

The 12 day program in beautiful Saint Malo, France features private lessons, masterclasses, and performances opportunities for pianists. For more information and a brochure please contact Dr. William Wellborn—tel: 415-759-3400 ext. 3518; fax: 415-759-3499; email: pianoleg@aol.com

The World of Franz Liszt- II- Paris and Italy

Exploring the musical world of Liszt in Paris during the 1830s, and discovering the important Italian influences on Liszt's life and music

Concerts, Lectures, and Rare Excursions

July 30- August 14, 2003

Highlights of this exciting tour will include

- “ Paris- Musée Carnavalet; Palais Garnier; a concert of Paganini and Liszt
- “ Bellagio, Como, and the breathtaking scenery of the Italian lakes region
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- “ A driving tour of the picturesque Italian regions of Tuscany and Umbria
- “ Florence- Uffizi Gallery; Il Duomo; San Lorenzo chapel; Dante's house
- “ Rome- Villa d'Este gardens; St. Peter's Basilica; Liszt residences in Rome
- “ Specially-arranged concerts of Liszt's music; optional outdoor opera

Price of \$3895 USD includes round-trip airfare from New York City*, four star hotels & two meals per day; *round-trip travel from San Francisco also available for an additional \$220 USD

Tour limited to 35 participants

For information, brochure, and reservations contact directors William Wellborn and Adam Wibrowski

TELEPHONE: (415) 759-3400 ext. 3518; FAX: (415) 759-3499; EMAIL: LisztTour@aol.com

North County Music Scholarship Foundation

announces their 5th Annual Music Scholarship auditions to be held on Sunday, April 13 at the piano warehouse in San Marcos. A total of \$8,000.00 in individual awards will be distributed. Applicants must be 2003 graduating seniors from San Diego county High Schools and residents of Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, San Marcos, vista or Fallbrook. Instrumentalists, vocalists, and pianists are eligible.

Guidelines and application forms are available from the new chairman, Connie Roberts, By calling (760)598-1235. The deadline for submission of forms is March 15. Teachers may also call Charla Edgar at (949)723-1803 for additional information.

!!!ATTENTION !!!

If you are having any problems receiving a newsletter or you are receiving a newsletter that is getting to you with the wrong/mispriated address information (or know someone who is) please e-mail the newsletter editor Arian Teymoorian at Arian_Teymoorian@hotmail.com to correct the problem. Also If you would like to have an advertisement printed in the next months newsletter, please contact [Arian Teymoorian@hotmail.com](mailto:Arian_Teymoorian@hotmail.com) and then AFTER APPROVAL send your checks to: Arian Teymoorian

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VIRUS ALERT!

If you receive an attachment on an e-mail, even if you know the person who sent it to you, please verify that the person actually sent you an e-mail first.

Viruses are programmed to “look” as though they are from someone you know, and once they infect your computer aside from wreaking havoc they also send themselves out to anyone in your e-mail address book.

If you have any questions or feel that your computer has been affected by a virus, please contact your tech, support person as soon as possible to avoid loosing important information or spreading the virus any further. Please make sure your virus protection is up to date on a regular basis.

About the Website:

Teachers please Visit your website at www.sdiegomtac.com

This website is here for your convenience and to answer any questions or post any information that does not get into the newsletter.

The website needs your input!

Do you have something to post?
Would you like something posted?

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