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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SOCIAL and POTLUCK

Start the year off right by getting acquainted with our members both old and new

Bring a hot dish to share on Sunday, September 17th at the home of Jane Bastien from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

This is a great time to get to meet some of our new members and to start the year off right.

See you there!

SEPTEMBER							
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	
3	4	5	6 Alexander Master Class Online Reg. Deadline	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15 Concerto Application Due		16
17 POTLUCK SOCIAL 2-4 P.M. Board mtg. to follow	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29 Popular Music Festival DEADLINE	30 Alexander MasterClass Auditions 10 A.M. Concerto-Audition	

Dennis Alexander Master Class

Don't miss the deadline for the Dennis Alexander Master Class!

Deadline for online registration: Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Audition date: Saturday, September 30, 2006 beginning at 10 A.M. at Greene Music

Master Class date: Sunday, October 15, 2006, 2 P.M. to 4 P.M., Greene Music

Go to our website at www.sandiegomtac.com, log in, click MTAC Events, read the description, then click on "Register for the Event" at the top of the description. If you have forgotten how to register, click on "Instructions for Registering Students."

If you have any questions please contact
 Jaclyn Summers, ssumm2@cox.net



POPULAR MUSIC FESTIVAL 2006

Now is the time for the teachers to be thinking of the
POPULAR MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Who:.....San Diego Music Teachers Association of California

What:The POPULAR MUSIC FESTIVAL

When:.....The weekend of Saturday, **November 4** & Sunday, **November 5**

Where:**Grossmont College** in rooms 220, and 221.
These rooms are in the MUSIC BUILDING which is just past the Communication Arts Building and the construction on the left side of the Administration building of Grossmont College.

Why?

- To have fun and share our love of music***
- To improvise upon any melody or just to play a special piece***
- To experience playing in front of an audience***
- To expose other musicians to music that they may not be familiar with.***

What to play:

Any music at any level is acceptable including the student's original music.

The music can be popular songs from any time period.

They may invent, improvise, and embellish a basic melody with notes and variations of their own.

If the student has difficulty improvising, just following the notes on the music is fine. For example, the students may use Stephen Foster, Irving Berlin, Boogie Woogie, Blues, Swing, pieces from Pocahontas, and the Lion King and so forth.

DUE DATE:

In order to complete all phases of the Festival, the

DUE DATE MUST BE September 29th

Registration is accepted online.

A check for the amount of **\$20.00 per student** must be mailed to:

Diana Amov
6647 Green Gables Ave.
San Diego, CA 92119

**NO TEACHER OR STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO
REMOVE ANY JUDGES COMMENTS.**

The comments will be MAILED to the teachers.

Volunteers are needed to direct parents and be general gofers. It would be appreciated if someone would volunteer to bring coffee, crème, sugar and some paper cups for the judges and a few other MTAC volunteers.

QUESTIONS? Contact Diana Amov
619 668 0690
kidslovepiano@cox.net

COMPOSER'S TODAY FALL 2006

Greetings from your Composer's Today Branch Chairperson.

This year we had a number of wonderful pieces submitted to our program, and I am proud to announce that two of these works were performed with much grace and panache by their composer's at the annual Composer's Today Recital, which was held at Betty Martin's lovely home on June 4th, 2006. If you missed it this year, plan to be there next year because Betty and Leslie, who shared a bit of their creative process with us, inspired us all. Betty Lea Martochio told us her tap dancing as a little girl often influences her lively rhythmic style, which was evident in her composition, "Dance Party." This piece was honored in the State MTAC Contest with 2nd place, div. 7. Leslie Olson in turn was encouraged by Betty to begin submitting pieces to the program, and her lyrical piece, "Two Hearts, One Love" received 1st place in the State Contest, Div. 7. Division 7 pieces are considered "teaching" pieces, for students to enjoy. I know any of our young pianists would enjoy performing either of these contrasting compositions.

But, more to the point and looking ahead for our Composer's Today program is the impetus for you and your students to begin to "noodle around" and "improvise" and then write ideas now so they will be ready to submit for the Feb. 15th evaluations. Teachers, don't be afraid to help your students to get the ideas started on paper. Each piece is an adventure in learning, theory and raw creativity. Let ideas "percolate" and develop over the weeks. Perhaps start with a poem, a fall or Halloween theme, or my favorite, make a melody of the musical letters in their name. (first, middle and last if need be!) Please make sure all of your families are aware of all aspects of this important program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Kathy Shoemaker, Composer's Today Branch Chair (619) 596-7983 promusikat@yahoo.com

Deadlines

**Young
Composer's
Guild-**
Feb. 15th, 2007

Evaluations-
Feb. 15th, 2007

State Contest
March 30th,
2007

Symposium-
April 15th, 2007

Composer's Today Information and Forms can be found on the MTAC State Website. Forms will no longer be sent out to you. Click on Composer's Today and it will lead you through all the information for the upcoming year for all programs. All the forms will be there to print out.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT WEBSITE TEACHER REFERRALS

The website offers an up to date list of all members in good standing and makes available to the public each teacher's email address so that they may be contacted about lessons, pricing, etc. We have seen a huge increase in the number of website referrals from the public as we now receive more emails than phone calls. However, I have received comments from parents trying to find teachers that they do not receive responses to their emails. Please be sure to check your email on a regular basis and respond to all inquiries even if you can't take the student. This will help our organization to retain a professional image and will reflect on the teachers professionalism. Remember, parents talk and they may tell their friends that their emails to a certain teacher were not replied to and you'll lose more prospective students. Also, please notify the Membership Secretary and the Communications Secretary immediately if your email address changes or if you are not receiving any emails from MTAC.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Kathleen Kranz, NCTM, has been offered membership in the College of Examiners of the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, Canada. Her apprenticeship entailed approximately two years of initial week-long seminar and three sessions including six days of full-time mentoring with Royal Examiners in Canada.

Kathleen has also been the San Diego RACE (Royal American Conservatory Examinations) Centre Representative for the past two years; Dr. Scott McBride, President. RACE has expanded into 65 centers in 27 states. Please visit the websites www.rcmexaminations.org, and www.royalamericanconservatory.org for more information. Spring Exam sessions are May 14-26, 2007 for Practical Exams and May 11-12 for Theory Exams held at Point Loma Nazarene University

Please Welcome One of Our New Members!

Anna Rapagnani, pianist and teacher, earned her BA degree from the University of Montana in piano and music history. She also holds a Master's in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas, where she obtained the Piano Pedagogy Teaching Certificate. Ms. Rapagnani is an active performing pianist and has been teaching private piano lessons for 11 years. She also served on the faculty at Stephen F. Austin State University as part of the graduate assistant award where she taught college level class piano for three years. While at SFA, she also taught private lessons to children in the community under their Preparatory Division. A member of MTNA, MTAC and the College Music Society, Ms. Rapagnani keeps her students active in festivals and recitals if they wish to do so. She also is committed to striving for excellence not only in piano but also in all forms of the arts educating our children and communities by making it available to everyone.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2006

Wednesday Sep. 6, 2006
Dennis Alexander Master Class
Online Registration Deadline
(NO EXCEPTIONS)
Contact: Jacki Summers
ssumm2@cox.net

Friday Sep. 15, 2006
Certificate of Merit Registration Opens
Computer becomes available
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@leegalloway.com

Sunday Sep.17, 2006
Opening Potluck Social
2-4 P.M. At the home of Jane Bastien
Contact: Tracy Lovley
lovleyspianostudio@sbcglobal.net

Friday Sep. 29, 2006
Popular Music Festival Deadline
Contact: Diana Amov
kidslovepiano@cox.net

Saturday Sep.30,2006
Dennis Alexander Master Class Audition
at Greene Music at 10 A.M.
Contact: Jacki Summers
ssumm2@cox.net

OCTOBER 2006

Monday Oct. 2, 2006
Board Meeting at 9 A.M.
at the Piano Exchange
Contact: Tracy Lovley
lovleyspianostudio@sbcglobal.net

Monday Oct. 2, 2006
Certificate of Merit Meeting
at the Piano Exchange at 10:30 A.M.
(following the Board Meeting)
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@LeeGalloway.com

Sunday Sep. 16, 2006
Dennis Alexander Master Class
2 –4 P.M. at Greene Music
Contact: Jacki Summers
ssumm2@cox.net

NOVEMBER 2006

Saturday-Sunday Nov. 4-5, 2006
Popular Music Festival
Grossmont College
Contact: Diana Amov
kidslovepiano@cox.net

Wednesday Nov. 15, 2006
Certificate of Merit Registration
Closes
Computer Shuts Down
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@leegalloway.com

Friday Nov. 17, 2006
Sonata Contest Entry Deadline
Contact: Jane Bastien
JBASTIEN@aol.com

DECEMBER 2006

Saturday Dec. 9, 2006
Sonata Contest at
San Diego State University
Contact: Jane Bastien
JSBASTIEN@aol.com

FEBRUARY 2007

Saturday-Sunday, Feb.3-4,2007
Branch Concerto Competition
University of San Diego -
Shiley Theatre
Contact: Kay Etheridge
kayetheridge@earthlink.net

Thursday Feb. 15 2007
Young Composer's Guild
Composer's Today Evaluations
Contact: Kathy Shoemaker
promusikat@yahoo.com

Sunday Feb. 17, 2007
Winter Recital (tentative)
Contact: Dorothy Winnard
winnardmusic@sbcglobal.net

Saturday and Sunday
February 17& 18th 2007
NO CM THEORY EVALUATIONS
ON THIS WEEKEND
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@leegalloway.com

Saturday, Sunday
February 17, 18, 2007
Tentative CM Theory Weekend
At Grossmont College
Contact: Lee Galloway
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Sunday February 25
NO CM THEORY TESTING ON
THIS EVALUATION DAY

Saturday, Sunday
February 24, 25, 2007
CM Regional Panel Auditions
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@leegalloway.com

Sunday February 25, 2007
(tentative) CM Keyboard evaluations
at Grossmont College
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@leegalloway.com

MARCH 2007

Saturday, Sunday March 4, 5, 2007
CM Regional Panel Auditions
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@leegalloway.com

Saturday, Sunday March 4,5, 2007
(tentative) CM Keyboard evaluations
at Grossmont College
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@leegalloway.com

Saturday/Sunday March 3-4, 2007
No CM Theory Testing on
This Evaluation Day
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@leegalloway.com

Saturday, Sunday March 18, 19, 2007
(tentative) CM Honors Recitals
at Grossmont College
Contact: Lee Galloway
Lee@leegalloway.com

Friday March 30 2007
State Composer's Today Contest
Contact: Kathy Shoemaker
promusikat@yahoo.com

APRIL 2007

Sunday April15, 2007
Composer's Today Symposium
Contact: Kathy Shoemaker
promusikat@yahoo.com

MAY 2007

Saturday May 19, 2007
Duo Festival
Contact: Lin Chu
hlinchu@yahoo.com

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the 20TH of each month.
PLEASE NO LATE SUBMISSIONS! Thank You!

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Concerto Contest

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Festival/Recital

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Certificate of Merit

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Duo Festival

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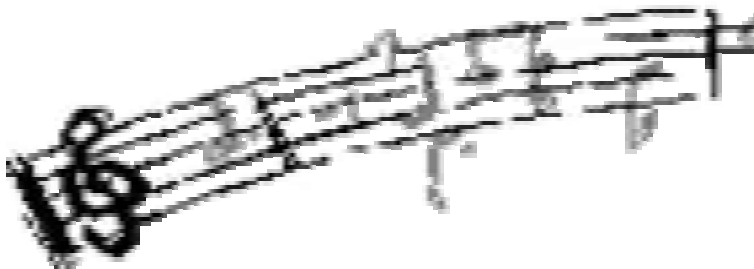
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The San Diego Children's Choir, a non-profit choral organization for children ages 6-18, is in need of accompanists for two of our branches:

Southwest (Chula Vista) branch rehearses Thursdays, beginning Sept. 28, 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Southeast (Lomita Village) branch rehearses Fridays, beginning Sept. 29, 3:15-6:00 p.m.

Plus 4-6 possible concert performances each academic year.

Compensation TBD.

Contact:

San Diego Children's Choir Office

6635 Flanders Dr, Suite H

San Diego, CA 92121

(858) 587-1087

info@sdccchoir.org

Chinese Community Church
(United Church of Christ) is
looking for a pianist to accompany
the choir on

Sunday 9:30 service with 9:00
warm up and Friday night 7:30-
9:30 rehearsals at Tierrasanta
location.

Salary is \$100-\$150/wk,
depending on skill and
experience.

Email resumes to
seidfamily@san.rr.com and
mbornemisza@san.rr.com