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from Pamela Worcester PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings OCC branch members! This is my last newsletter message to you as president. My term will not end for another couple of months, but I wanted to tell you what a pleasure it has been to be your president over the last 3 years. This is truly one of the finest MTAC branches in the state. We have had a wonderful 40 years and our new president, Nancy Lau, will help lead us into the next era! You are very fortunate to have such a warm, caring, creative, and intelligent (not to mention famous) person taking over as your president. Nancy, thank you so much for accepting this job!

I want to thank the MTAC OCC board for their outstanding work. They have spent countless hours discussing pertinent branch issues at board meetings and are always ready to vote on urgent e-motions. I really appreciate their wisdom and generosity!

Please attend the May 13th branch meeting to see the new board officially installed by one of our past presidents, Carol Sporleder. I hope you heard Rudolph Stein's beautiful performance of two J.S. Bach Cello Suites at our last branch meeting. This month our featured artists will be our own Marina Sakach (voice) and Victoria Rubinchik (piano).

Our Contemporary Music Festival was a great success thanks to Julie Nakamura and her many helpers: Deborah Glass, Donna Evans, Katrina Querriera, Goly Lessani, and Jamie Park. I really appreciate the way everyone worked to make this run so effectively. I especially want to thank Julie for chairing two festivals this year (Theme & Contemporary)! Just a reminder: If you want your festival packet back sooner than the upcoming branch meeting, please pay the postage fee. I am very sorry to say that it is no longer safe to leave the BBE's on teachers' porches. Please do not harass the chairperson just because you cannot get your envelope back fast enough. This behavior will not be tolerated next year!

Thank you to one of our esteemed past presidents, Laurie Meinhold, for chairing the CM Honors Recitals again. This is a huge job that required her to stay the entire day to make sure each recital ran smoothly. I also want to thank Lisa Iwaki for creating such a professional looking branch newsletter. She has helped tremendously by looking at everything with a fresh eye and efficiently chairing our branch festivals.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help this past year. Your efforts make this branch a real winner. See you all very soon!

~Pam

CALENDAR

2015 MTAC OCC Branch Dates

MAY

- 3 Sunday, 2:00 PM. COMPOSERS TODAY
COMPOSITION RECITAL, LHCC.
- 13 Wednesday, 10:00 AM. BRANCH MEETING, LHCC.
*Installation of Officers; voice and piano recital
by Dr. Marina Sakach and Victoria Rubinchik.*
- 17 Sunday, 2:00 PM. BRANCH SENIOR RECITAL, LHCC.
(Nilou Sarraf, Chair)
- 17 Sunday, BACH REGIONAL FESTIVAL,
Saddleback College
(Pam Worcester, Bach Region V Chair)

JUNE

*No branch meeting. Newsletters will resume in September.
Happy summer!*

JULY

- 3-7 MTAC CONVENTION, Fairmont San Jose.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

- **after May 1:** Convention Recitals Preliminary Student List will be posted mtac.org/events-information/convention/. Complete list will be posted June 1 (same web URL).
- **by May 15th:** CM Evaluation makeups must be completed.
- **May 15:** Last day that any corrections can be made to CM testing results. Contact Anne Prestridge, anneprestridge@gmail.com.
- **June 30:** Submit branch membership renewal forms to Nancy Lau, mandatory for all OCC branch members. See p.4.

MVCC = Mission Viejo Civic Center
LHCC = Laguna Hills Community Center
For maps and directions to branch venues:
<http://mtacocc.org/maps.htm>



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BRANCH MEETING PREVIEW

Wednesday, May 13th at 10 AM
Heritage Room C, Laguna Hills Community Center

Installation of Branch Officers

With your vote, we now have our new branch officers for the upcoming year:

ORANGE COAST CITIES BRANCH OFFICERS 2015-2016

President.....Nancy Lau
First Vice President (Programs).....Angela Leu
Second Vice President (Membership)..... Lisa Iwaki
Treasurer..... Laura Combs
Recording Secretary.....Annette Pumphrey
Corresponding Secretary.....Abra West

Directors

Past President/Festival Administrator.....Pamela Worcester
Certificate of Merit.....Anne Prestridge
Web Site Coordinator.....Sarah Jay
Director, CM Strings.....Gloria Liu Traullé
Director, CM Voice.....Kathleen Martin
Director.....Ana de Vries
Director..... Jo Ellen Vandruff
Director.....Valerie Radlick
Director.....Lillian Cunningham

Special guest and former president of the Orange Coast Cities Branch, Carol Sporleder, will be joining us to install the new board. Please come!

From Baroque Aria to Broadway:

Featuring music by Conti, Mozart, Mascagni, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Willson, Wright, Loewe and Gershwin.

*Dr. Marina Abramova Sakach, voice
Victoria Rubinchik, piano*

*Pianist and singer **Dr. Marina Abramova Sakach** holds her Masters degree in Piano Pedagogy, Classical Voice, and Theory from the Art University, Cheboksary, Russia and Doctorate in Classical Music from Canterbury University, England. Miss Abramova Sakach is an award-winning solo and chamber musician who has performed throughout the United States, as well as Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany, Turkey, England, Russia. She has also performed at the Kennedy Center and New Sacramento arena with Boston Pops. She captivated audiences with "Beautiful, sensitive tone".*

At age 21 she became a youngest professor at the Art University in Russia and youngest ever head of its Music Department. Over the years, Dr. Sakach's students have won prestigious competitions throughout Europe and the United states in piano and voice. Miss Sakach made radio and TV recordings of chamber and solo voice music in Russia. In addition to her teaching and performing, Dr. Abramova Sakach has been frequently invited as an adjudicator in many music competitions throughout Southern California. She currently teaches piano and voice in her private studio.

***Victoria Rubinchik** received her Master of Music Degree in Solo Piano Performing, Piano Teaching, and Accompaniment from the Russian Gnessin's Academy of Music in Moscow. She performed as a soloist at the State University New York and broadcast WBFO "Classic Live." Victoria worked at the Department of Music at the University of New Mexico, and UCI, Irvine. She is an active member of the MTAC.*

REMINDER: Contemporary Festival Envelopes

Please come to the branch meeting to pick up your Contemporary Festival envelopes from Julie Nakamura.

MTAC Orange Coast Cities BRANCH MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

**Please complete this form & mail to: Nancy Lau, 23 Via Empanada, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688.
(Or scan and email to nancylau@cox.net)**

DUE BY JUNE 30, 2015 (Every branch member needs to submit this form!)

Member Name: _____

Please check here if your personal information has not changed since last year _____

Type of membership _____ Instrument(s) _____
(active, provisional, student, business affiliate, contributory*, absentee)

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

****All other checks (Active, Provisional, & Student members) are sent directly to the State Office.****

_____ I plan to renew my membership in MTAC this year. Dues invoice will be sent from the MTAC State Office.
Please list me in the Orange Coast Cities Directory as indicated above.
(Please note: This is our only source of information for the branch directory)

_____ I would like to be listed as a Mentor teacher who would be willing to help explain our programs to new teachers.

_____ I wish to be listed on our Web Site.
If so, your name, phone number, city, zip code, and instrument will be listed. You may also
include any special information or focus of your studio, as you indicate below.

Are you willing to travel to student's homes to teach? _____
If yes, list cities _____

Are you available to play for parties and weddings? _____

Are you open to receiving referrals for new students? _____

Are you willing to host Certificate of Merit auditions in your home? _____

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION: Please check ONE or more activities you would be willing to help with.

Continue in my present position as _____

- _____ Chair or co-chair a festival or committee
- _____ Festival "Trainee" (work with current chair and co-chair)
- _____ Computer-type/input data, provide programs
- _____ Member of committee
- _____ Provide refreshments at meetings or festivals (hospitality)
- _____ Provide a program for our branch meetings (specify topic below)

Please list suggestions for future topics or speakers for meetings:

Which programs did you especially enjoy this year?

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS FROM THE MTAC STATE OFFICE

Applications for the upcoming membership term are accepted after March 1st. While you may apply at any time, please note that MTAC does not pro-rate fees and dues and deadlines for program eligibility are final.

Active Membership Application or Renewal: July 31st deadline. No exceptions made for late renewals and applications.

Application or Reinstatement: October 15th deadline.

Provisional Membership Extension Application: May 31st deadline.

New Member Dues: New members who join March 1st or later can enjoy the benefit of free months of membership until the new fiscal year begins August 1st.

Branch Transfer Requests: April 16th – August 31st. Please contact the State Office during these dates only.

OCC BRANCH WINNERS

MTAC 2015 Concerto-Solo Competition Winners South, Solo 1 Division

2nd Alternate: Andre Nguyen,
student of He-Lyun Chung

Honorable Mention: Chloe Nelson,
student of Pamela Worcester

Panel Finals 2015

Voice Master Class: Jason Risdana,
student of Kathleen Martin

Piano Master Class: Tiffany Lu,
student of Angela Leu

Piano Panel Honors: Annelise Bui,
student of Sochun Wong

Congratulations to these Orange Coast Cities Branch students & teachers!

VOCE STATE FINALS WINNERS

Ryan Melosini – 1st Place, Intermediate Voice

Sydney Dardis – Alternate, Intermediate Voice

Both are students of Kathleen Martin.

CONGRATULATIONS!

UPCOMING SADDLEBACK COLLEGE CONCERTS & EVENTS

PIANO MASTER CLASS WITH IRENE PEERY-FOX

Concert Pianist and Professor of Piano at Brigham Young University

Saturday, May 16, 2015- 2:30 PM

FA 101

THEME FESTIVAL 2015

This year's theme will be Songs and Dances from the Classical & Romantic Periods.

MTAC OCC 2015 Anniversary Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Emily Wood, student of Dr. Kirill Gliadkovsky! She is the recipient of this year's \$500 scholarship given to a deserving Saddleback College music student.