

## February 2019 MTAC Newsletter, Kern Branch

Please notify Dorothy with additional news.

Hello Members,

*It's already a week into February!*

**Our monthly meeting for February will be on Valentine's Day at California Keyboards, 9:30. This will be our last meeting before CM. I'm sure Marilyn will have details about CM Day.**

### **The Romantic Festival**

Alicia and Meg along with their committee have done all the planning for the **Festival on Saturday, February 9**. There were only enough students for one recital. It is scheduled at **2:30**. Even if you don't have students participating, you are welcome to attend --- it's at Beale Library. Thanks to Jayne and Marla for judging this Festival.

### **AMSL**

Jayne has planned an **adult-student recital on Sunday, February 10 at 4:00**. It will be at the home of Ed and Debi Besenfelder (Andrea's parents). The address is 13700 Cedar Creek Avenue, Bakersfield. Students and Teachers – please **bring a main dish, a side dish, or a dessert**. Contact Jayne to let her know how many from your studio will attend so there will be enough chairs!

### **February Recital Deadline**

**Registrations and fees are due to Liz Cervantes Saturday, February 16**. Include student name, title of piece, composer, level, and length of piece in minutes and seconds. Remember, all music must be memorized (except duets). The recital host will add some extra time for walking to and from the piano.

**The Recital will be Sunday, February 24 at Valley Baptist Choir Room**. Liz will host, with Kathy Kelly bringing refreshments. The start time will be 1:00 or 1:30 depending on how many recitals will follow that afternoon to accommodate all students who have registered.

### **Master Class at CSUB**

Our Branch member, Soo-Yeon Park, will be presenting a free **Master Class** featuring Kern Branch students on **Saturday, February 16 from 10:00-12:00**. This will be at **Cal State Bakersfield**. We presented this date at the January meeting and sent out information to all teachers. Those teachers who have a student who is prepared to play a memorized piece in a Master Class sent in student names and repertoire of those students. Dr. Park just completed selection of the repertoire (and students) she would like to work with. **This is a special presentation for our Branch so we can learn the techniques and process Dr. Park, as an accomplished pianist and professor at CSUB, uses in teaching piano**. I hope many will come! She will also invite her college students to attend. **There will be free parking on February 16**. Mark your calendars!! This is a wonderful event for our teachers. Of course, you do not need to have a student participating in the Master Class to attend. Come and we'll learn some new things to consider in our teaching.

### **Composers Today Symposium and State Contest Deadlines**

Students who submitted a composition for Evaluation and received a high score can apply for the **State Symposium Recital** at the Convention. The **Application window opens February 20**.

Any student who composed a piece (whether submitted to the Evaluation or not) can perfect it and submit it to the **State Contest** for Evaluation. **The window opens February 15 and closes March 8**. Winners will be featured in the State Contest Winners Recital at the Convention.

### **Looking back...**

**Our January Brunch Meeting was delicious!**

Thanks to Donna for hosting!

### **Recitals**

There were three recitals on January 27, held at Mill Creek Christian Church. Thanks to everyone who helped, and to Sally for being a very welcoming refreshment host!

***Here's a Heads-Up for March 1, 7:00. Mark your calendar! An internationally renowned Father/Son duo will perform at First Presbyterian Church. You will hear organ music, piano music, and organ and piano duets!***

***What a treat!!! Bring students and their families for this Friday night event. Donations are welcome.***

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Thanks,  
Dorothy Burgess  
Kern Branch President