

Our next big event is the Baroque Festival on Saturday, April 6. **THIS IS THE FINAL WEEK TO REGISTER YOUR STUDENTS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE!!** Online registrations are due on SCJBF.org no later than Saturday, March 23. Recitals will be 11:00, 1:15, and 2:30 on April 6 at Beale Library. The fee is \$25.00 for J.S. Bach pieces (BWV numbers), and \$20.00 for Anna Magdalena Notebook (Anh. numbers) as well as music of any other Baroque Composers. Students will receive written evaluations from three adjudicators. Top-rated students will be invited to play in the Regional Bach Festival in May. You may contact Liz to request a time for your student who has a conflict during part of the day on April 6. Notify her with time requests preferably by this Friday, but no later than Saturday, March 23 when all entries must be completed online. Please mail a check to Liz written to Kern Branch MTAC, or pay using PayPal.

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Hello Kern Branch members,

During the busy time preparing for CM, I did not write a newsletter. I trust you all have been referring to your Yearbook Calendar for deadlines and upcoming events.

**CM** was a big success with several judges and others commenting to Marilyn that the event was very well organized. A ***special thank you to Marilyn*** for all she does to prepare for CM to cause it to run smoothly. The pianos were tuned, tables and chairs were set up, the food arrived ready for the hungry judges and teachers (Luigi's was delicious, as well as Pastor Mike's gift of a big pot of soup—yummy on a cold day). Thanks to all for fulfilling your jobs—so Marilyn's plan could come to life! It was a day full of energy!

**CM results** will be on your Teacher Portal by March 24, or possibly sooner. The results will go to the Parent Portal a week later.

The State **Composers Today (CT)** Applications went through Evaluations and came back with results **to the teacher**.

The **Improvisation** Applications were a challenge since the State had not included all the information on the website, but as of the last day to submit applications, our recommendations were taken into account, and the correct information was added to the website.

The **Nominating Committee** has been selected and will meet this week. The slate of nominees for next year's officers will be announced 10 days before our April meeting (in accordance with our bylaws), and we will vote at the April meeting.


Natalya has received recital registrations for the **March 24 Recital at Valley Baptist**.

Margo and her committee have completed auditions for the **Select Student Recital**. Three students will perform on April 13. **Scholarship Applications** are due April 11, the day of our next monthly meeting.

Students chosen with **Honors from CM**, as well as **winners from all three Festivals**, are invited to play in the **Honors Recital the Sunday after Easter, April 28**—there is **no fee** for these students, but their teacher must register those students by Saturday, April 13. Other students with memorized pieces may play in another recital on the same day -- the **regular monthly recital on April 28, with a \$5.00 fee** and registration by their teacher by April 13.

Reminder for April: Students chosen at **CM** to play at Convention must have the parent pay the fee in the Parent Portal no later than Monday, April 15 (**Monday of Spring Break**). **CT** Convention Recital fees are due April 19. **Improvisation** Convention Recital fees are due April 25.

Musically,

Dorothy Burgess   
President, Kern Branch