

Kern Branch MTAC Newsletter

January 4, 2022

Post-Holiday Greetings Members,

MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be next week, Thursday, January 13 at 9:30 on Zoom. An Agenda will be emailed to each member a couple days before the meeting. The Zoom ID and Passcode will be at the top of the Agenda.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** -- Repertoire Deadline

As you know, CM is coming sooner than usual – about a month earlier! You can post or change the repertoire until **January 15**. If it's already posted, but if there has been a change in repertoire, be sure to make the change in the Teacher Portal. **If repertoire is not listed, the student will be deleted from CM.** If you have successfully completed the repertoire section, the orange box on the CM List will show Media Required. If it still shows Incomplete, you may have not listed which is the Syllabus piece. Or if you selected one of the pieces to be judged for Convention, you may need to add the timing of the piece. The videos and scanned music may be added anytime starting now through the CM window of February 12-21.

Students will make a video of each piece when it is memorized (2 must be memorized) and polished. The CM Council recommends that the teachers view each video to be sure it is a good performance. Parents can then post the video in the Parent Portal. Parents/Students will post separate videos of each of their pieces as well as the Technique Chart (using only the “clean” technique chart during the videotaping [the chart only with no printing at the bottom] -- available in the Parent Portal or in the Teacher Portal). Music will need to be scanned to upload to the CM page as well. Be sure to scan the front cover of the book or sheet music AND the printed music with all pages in one pdf scan. PHOTOS OF THE PAGES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE – THEY DO NOT SHOW THE CLEARLY. USE AN APP THAT SCANS WITH YOUR PHONE. **Be sure to number the first measure of each line on all music before it is scanned.**

IF YOUR STUDENT WANTS TO PERFORM AT THE 2022 CONVENTION...

The teacher must indicate online in the CM application which piece is to be rated for possible Convention performance **by January 15.**

There are 4 recital choices for Convention performance:

1. The Convention Theme Recitals will be music by composers born in the last 125 years (since 1897). The time limit for the Theme Recital is 7 minutes. This is for Level 3 and above.
2. The Convention Festival Recitals will be the piece that is listed on their application as the Syllabus piece for level 3 and above.

3. The Convention New Materials Recitals is for the contemporary piece that was published in the last 10 years. This is for Level 1 and above.
4. The Convention Ensemble Recitals are for students Level 3 and above who played a piece with 2 or more performers.

MORE CM INFO...

Teachers, did you know you can click on “reports,” just above your list of CM students to print a list of your students, either with or without their repertoire?

This year there are **Practice Tests** available online in the Parent Portal for all students enrolled in CM. The Tests are available for Theory and Sightreading. Students will take PRACTICE TESTS in the Parent Portal and get Immediate scores. These are available now. Students may take one Theory Test and one Sightreading Test per day. The parent (or teacher) can click on the box that says “Send Link to Student”. Teacher can click on “Details” after each test to see what the student missed. If you need help, you are welcome to contact Dorothy.

Our next Branch Event will be the **Winter Festival on January 29**, to be held at California Keyboards. Students may play any “classical”-type music from any time period. The Google Application Forms are on our Branch Website – mtackern.com. Forms must be completed by January 15. The student fee is \$20. Teachers should make one PayPal payment of the total fees for your students. Soo-Yeon Park is the Chair.

The following forms are on the Branch website (mtackern.com).

[Winter “Classical” Festival Form](#) – For Teacher Use to record Information
[Winter “Classical:” Festival ONLINE Form](#) – This is the Application Form
[Select Student Application](#)
[Bakersfield Symphony Voucher](#)

[Honors Recital Entry Form](#)
[*Performance Dress Code](#)
[* Media Release Form](#)
[MTAC Event Summary](#)
[MTAC Reimbursement Request](#)

Bach Festival Info

[Rules](#)
[Guidelines for Teachers](#)
[Bach Registration Worksheet](#)
[Complete Works Audition List](#)

TEACHERS RECITAL

We have decided to postpone the Teachers' Recital until April so we can find an audience who will enjoy it. Teachers, keep practicing so you are prepared in the Spring to participate. Let Meg know if you are planning to play in the Recital.

SELECT STUDENT RECITAL

Applications are due March 4 to Tasha McJunkin. The Select Student Recital will be held March 26 at California Keyboards.

BACH FESTIVAL

Our Bach/Baroque Festival is scheduled on March 12, 2022. Registration opened December 1, 2021 on scjbf.org. Deadline for registration of student pieces is February 19, on the SCJBF website. There is a \$10 teacher fee each year in SCJBF for use of this website.

CONGRATS!!!

Congratulations to these students who were Winners at the last year's Regional Bach Festival and qualified to perform in the Complete Works Audition on October 3, 2021:

- Casey Canton, Colin Park, Elizabeth Plank, Jared Tan (students of Natalya Rufino)
- Benjamin Pegram, Maya Roberts, Jason Yang, Kendrick Hsu, Julianne Hsu (students of Carol Oaks)

Congratulations to Coral Rose Chapman who was awarded 2nd place in the California Community Colleges Music Theory Contest!!!



Branch Scholarship Applications are due to Alicia Ellsworth on Friday, April 1.
The Branch Scholarship Auditions will be held Saturday, April 9.

BRANCH BUSINESS

We are still looking for a “Treasurer-in-Training” to work with Alicia. Alicia is willing to be President in a future year, but we have not found a member who knows about accounting and all the necessary skills to be a Treasurer. If you have an interest in this, let Dorothy know.

Many of you are aware that Donna, who was our Co-President, resigned from that position due to stress and health problems. We all wish her the best of health and a peaceful life as she begins teaching in 2022.

Be sure to have your students and parents sign the Media Release and the Branch Dress Code, both available on the Branch Website. Keep the signed copy in your studio.

If you have openings in your studio for additional students, let Donna know. Please keep her updated each month so she can refer students who are looking for a teacher to you.

The Symphony Voucher is on our Branch website. Students will receive a discounted price to attend the Bakersfield Symphony performances by showing their Voucher at the ticket window.

The 2022 MTAC Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Orange County on July 1-5, 2022 in Garden Grove, CA. The MTAC Convention 2022 Theme will be Voices of the World! The music will be from a variety of instruments, different languages, and different genres of music.

Hope to see you at the next monthly meeting on Zoom on January 13 at 9:30.

Dorothy Burgess
Newsletter Chair