

KERN BRANCH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2, 2022 – REVISED & CORRECTED

Happy April! (*April showers bring May flowers!*)

Hello Kern Branch Members.

Here are the upcoming deadlines and events in April.

- **Kern Branch Monthly Meeting** -- this Thursday, April 7, 9:30 a.m., on Zoom. (The second Thursday is during Spring break so we are meeting one week early.) **Send agenda items to Dorothy by tomorrow -- Tuesday, April 5.** Join us on Thursday!
- **Honors Recital paper Entry Forms are due to Alma this weekend, Saturday, April 9.** You will find the form on the member page at mtackern.com (the login is *member*). It is listed under Downloadable Documents as **Honors Recital Entry Form**. Fill in the form, scan it, and email to Alma at gutalme1@yahoo.com by Saturday. Students who received Honors and are eligible to participate are Winners in the Fall Festival, Winners in the Winter Festival, Winners and Honorable Mention in the Bach/Baroque Festival, students who received State Honors in CM, students who received a rating of 5+, 5, 5- on one of their CM pieces, and students who have been selected for Convention with high ratings in Composers Today or Improvisation. The Honors Recital will be Saturday, April 23. There is no fee for the Honors Recital.
- **Students who qualify in more than one area must choose only one piece to perform in the Honors Recital.**
- Students who have applied for a Scholarship that requires an **Audition will be assigned a time on Saturday, April 9 to arrive at Alicia Ellsworth's home to play their selected pieces in a live audition before the judges.**

APRIL 15 (DURING SPRING BREAK) – DEADLINE for Students TO PAY the \$50 participation fee if they PLAN TO PLAY IN A CM RECITAL AT CONVENTION. Composers Today fee due date is also April 15; Improvisation fee due date is April 5.

- **HOLIDAYS:**
 - Sunday, April 10 -- Palm Sunday
 - Sunday, April 17 – Easter
- **The Honors Recital will be Saturday, April 23.** Participants and their teachers will be notified of the time of the recital. Read above

for information regarding sending your Entry Form to Alma by the April 9 deadline.

- **Showcase Recital Registrations** are due from teachers to Alicia Ellsworth by **Saturday, April 30** for the Showcase Recital in May.
 - For the Showcase Recital, In addition to the Scholarship winners, each teacher may submit one student of your choice from your Studio to play in the Showcase Recital (one who did not win one of the Awards). The criteria for choosing a student is entirely up to the teacher -- such as youngest student, student who did not have the opportunity to play in a recital this year, a student who received no other honors this year but has made tremendous progress, or anything for which you want to honor the student. There is no fee. REGISTER by April 30.
- **The Adult Student Recital (AMSL) will be May 1 at Deborah Nystrom's home.**
- **The Showcase Recital will be Saturday, May 7. Winners of auditioned Scholarships will perform. Winners of the Gift Certificate Scholarships are invited and encouraged to play one memorized piece. One student from each Studio can be selected by the teacher to perform a memorized piece.**
- **Awards will be presented to the Scholarship Winners at the Showcase Recital.**

The Spring Luncheon for members will be held at The Guild House on **Thursday, May 5** (the menu theme is **Cinco de Mayo**). **Luncheon Reservations must be made with Alix by April 28.** The Branch pays for this Luncheon for members who make a reservation with Alix (alidoremi@me.com).

Dorothy