MTAC Kern Branch

October 2016

Musical Notes

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Upcoming Branch Events, Deadlines

DATE	EVENT
Oct 1	CM online Applications are open
Oct 7	Recital forms due to Natalya Baker Fall Festival forms due to Alix Hawley – one form per student please, $15 per piece.
Oct 13	Branch meeting 9:30 a.m. at Calif Keys, Gail Lew presenting
Oct 14	Teachers' & Friends Recital, 7:30 pm First Presbyterian Church
Oct 16	Recital at Valley Baptist, 1:00 pm
Oct 22	Fall Festival Recitals "Music of the 20th & 21st Centuries" at Valley Baptist
Oct 23	Adult Music Students League, 4:00 pm at the home of Deborah Nystrom,
Oct 31	Last day for CM applications online
Nov 1 - 10	CM online – Parents to pay CM registration
Nov 4	Recital forms due to Bev Carter
Nov 10	CM online Parents pay deadline

September 18th Student Recital

Hosted by Lee Cole

Our new member, Soo-Yeon Park was having fun serving refreshments - her first job in Kern Branch. Teachers (L to R) are Dorothy, Andrea, Soo-Yeon serving punch, Liz, Donna, and Lee.

What was in that punch ??

A fine-looking group of young musicians! Congratulations to teachers and students for being performance-ready at the very start of the school year.

Fall Festival

By Alix

Hello Teachers!

A reminder that our first festival of the year will be Saturday, October 22 from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Previously known as the 'Jazz Pop Festival', this year we have expanded it to include any music written in the 20th and 21st centuries. This can include jazz, classical, movie themes, pop, blues, rags, etc. In addition, a decision over the summer was made to also include improvisations and original compositions written by students. Students will need to bring their music with them to the festival to submit to the adjudicators. If your student is performing an improvisation they have created, let me know who so I can give you more specific instruction on what they should bring with them.

Also, some teachers have asked if a student may perform more than one piece in the festival. The answer is YES, as long as they pay the additional fee. They will, however, be scheduled for 2 different recitals.

Our adjudicators this year are Jim Scully (CSUB music/jazz instructor) and Jeanne Jordan (from Santa Clarita branch, who has frequently judged for our CM).

The deadline to submit forms is Friday, October 7. No forms will be accepted after that date. Make sure to include ONE check for the total fees plus the teacher fee made out to MTAC.

For questions please feel free to email me!

Adult Music Student League Meeting

By Jayne Meacham Wilson

The first Adult Student meeting of the year, an informal potluck and performance opportunity, will take place at the home of Deborah Nystrom.

When: Sunday October 23rd at 4pm
Where: 2420 Beech St. 93301

Deborah will provide a meat dish and a starch. Students are requested to bring salads, veggies or deserts. All adult students are welcome to attend. Performance is not required of first time attendees! Each student is welcome to bring a guest.

Please RSVP via my e-mail by October 15.

Thank you,
Jayne Meacham Wilson

MSSL Recitals September 25

John Calanchini playing a Dave Brubeck piece

Lee with students

MSSL Students with teachers Lee, John, & Dorothy

Teachers's Recital

from Meg Wise

Our Branch teachers' recital this year is on Friday, October 14, at 7:30 pm, at First Presbyterian Church at Truxton and H streets. Remember that you may have a friend participate with you, including on other instruments and voice.

The church's Clipper Club is having us as their program for the month. They are looking to hear an exciting, varied program as we have given them in the past. Please consider joining us as a performer or a supporter!!!!

Here's the program so far:

Dorothy and Alma - Aragonaise - Jules Massenet
Helen, Jayne - Rondo-Allegro Op 13 - Beethoven
Liz - Organ, Ryan - Piano
Liz and Ryan--Piano
Bonnie and Soo-Yeon - Brahms
Hungarian Dances 1, 5, 6
Bonnie and Janice Kim - Dolly Suite - Faure
Bonnie and Dr. Malerich - Mozart
Liz and Meg - Organ

Teachers – please contact Meg or Bev right away if you will be playing. Donations will be accepted for our Kern Branch Scholarship Fund. Invite your students to hear what the teachers are performing!

www.mtacKern.squarespace.com
That's our new branch website – go check it out!!

CM Notes From Marilyn

A Powerpoint presentation and a Teacher Quiz was sent out in late September to all members so that we could all educate ourselves on the ins and outs of the new online CM system. Be sure to check it out and turn in your Quiz to Marilyn as soon as possible!

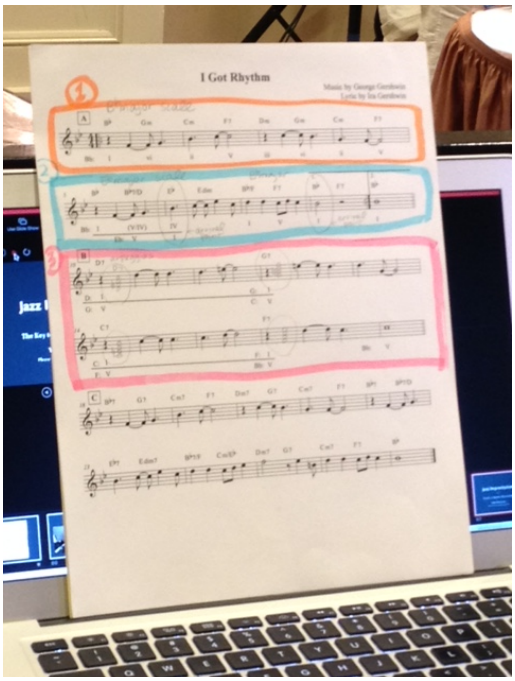
October 1-31 -- migrate your past CM students to newmtac.org by entering the parent email and completing the application. Inform parents that they will receive an email from the MTAC state office. Parents will log in to their parent portal and pay the CM fee online between November 1 and November 10. No late payments will be allowed.

More from San Jose Convention

The Piano Marvel Guy, Sean Slade, with his son Gabe, and Ellen Lohneiss

A student volunteers to take the Sight-reading assessment test in front of the entire audience!

If you would like information about or help with setting up Piano Marvel in your studio, Ellen will be happy to assist!



Jazz improv ideas on a Gershwin tune

A wonderful flute master class with Viviana Guzman

Central CA Baroque Festival

from Carol Oaks

Dear Kern County Members of MTAC:

The Fresno Branch is excited to invite you to attend and participate in the 2017 Central California Baroque Festival. The CCBF continues to grow and to be a great performance opportunity and educational tool for students and teachers of the Central Valley. We hope to see both returning studios and new ones as well from the Kern Branch. Please do not hesitate to email me if any questions may arise.

Check your email for the following attachments:

- Invitational Flyer
- CCBF Guidelines for Teachers
- Application forms
- Other updated documents

With Best Wishes to the Kern Branch,
Carol Oaks & Laurel Ridgway, Co-Chairs

October Branch Meeting Program

Presented by Gail Lew

Gail Lew is a piano teacher, clinician, author, editor, arranger, and nationally-respected leader in the field of piano pedagogy.

She serves as New Music Reviewer for the *California Music Teacher* magazine, is a frequent contributor to *Clavier Companion* magazine, and is Chairman of the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy Committee on Independent Music Teachers.

Gail received her bachelor of music degree in piano performance, master of music degree in music history, and a Lifetime California State Teaching Credential with specialization in music education. Her master's thesis garnered a coveted award for best master's thesis at California State University East Bay.

In 2011 she won first place for her pedagogy research paper at the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy.

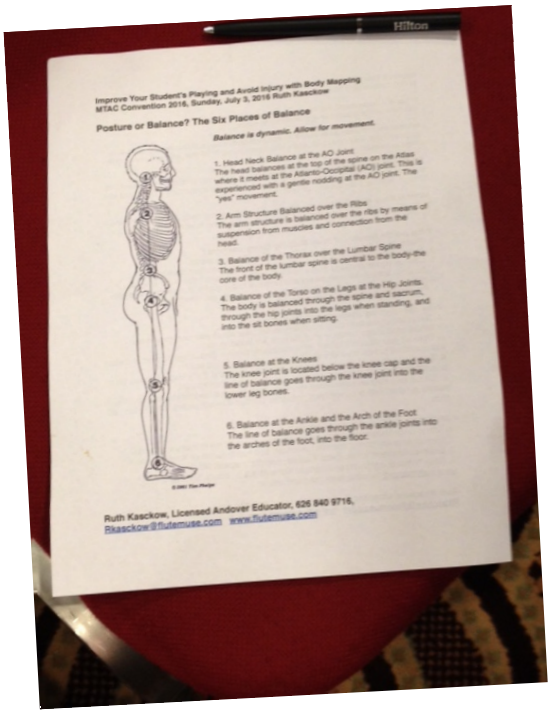
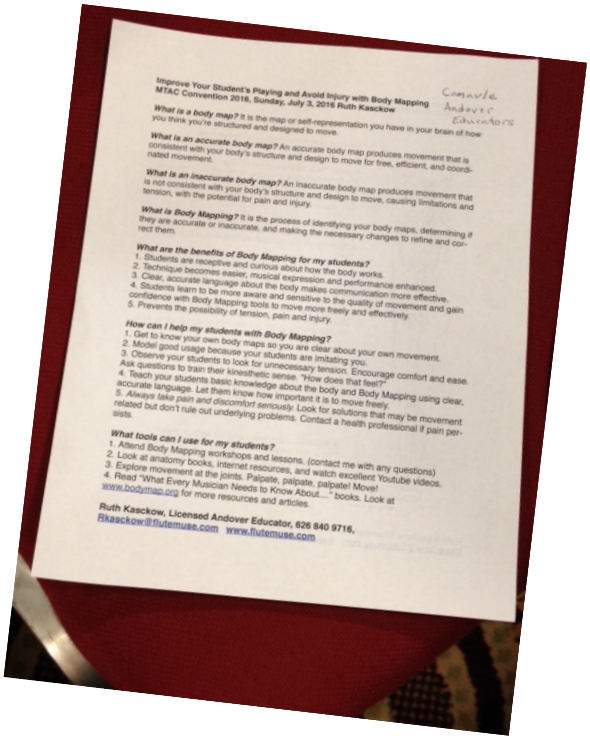
Highlights of her 30-year career in music included tenure as senior piano editor for Kjos Music and director of keyboard publications for Warner Bros. Music.

In addition to teaching, Gail judges piano competitions at state, national, and international events. Please also see the flyer, sent in the email along with this newsletter.

Next Month's Newsletter

When sending articles, info, photos in for the Newsletter, send them via email to Ellen, at elohneiss@sbcglobal.net

Photos can be sent several per email, no need to send each photo in a separate email. Captions are good! Please remember to reduce the resolution of each photo before sending. You can send emails right up until the end of the month, but if it's a time-critical submission, you'll want to send it a few days before. Call Ellen Lohneiss if you have questions (559) 853-4100 or (310) 968-1773.

Playing Without Strain

Handouts from the Convention session – hopefully you can expand them with your viewer!