

## **Kern Branch MTAC Newsletter**

**March 2022**

**REVISED**

**NEXT DEADLINE -- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS -- DUE APRIL 1 (FRIDAY) TO ALICIA**  
Scholarship Applications must reach Alicia Ellsworth no later than next Friday, April 1 (no fooling!)  
You will find the Scholarship Forms on our Branch's Public Site (mtackern.com). At the top right of the page, click on Scholarships. All Scholarship points are based on participation from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. The types of Scholarships are as follows.

- **Youth Awards – grades K-12.**  
Students earn points for performances in 2021-2022 MTAC Convention, Kern Branch Recitals and Festivals, school, and community events.
  - Grades K-6 must earn at least 3 points
  - Grades 7-12 must earn at least 5 points

### **MTAC Events, Kern Branch:**

Honors Recital 2021  
Showcase and Awards Recital 2021  
Convention Performances 2021  
Jazz/Pop Festival 2021  
MSSL Halloween Recital 2021  
MSSL Holiday Recital 2021  
Jazz/Pop Festival 2021  
Winter Festival 2022  
Kern Branch Baroque Festival 2022

- **Vaughn Malquist Memorial Scholarship – grades 9-12**  
The Award is based on points and the student's musical goals.  
The recipient will perform at the Awards Recital on Saturday, May 7.
- **Helen Rummelsburg Scholarship – grades 11-12**  
The Award is based on a completed application and an in-person audition on Saturday, April 23.  
The recipient will perform at the Awards Recital on Saturday, May 7.
- **Carol Rodgers Memorial Scholarship – grades 11-12**  
The Award is based on a completed application and an in-person audition on Saturday, April 23.  
The recipient will perform at the Awards Recital on Saturday, May 7.

### **MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING – First Thursday due to Spring Break**

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for the **FIRST THURSDAY IN APRIL, April 7**, since the second Thursday is during Spring break. The meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on April 7 on Zoom. An Agenda will be emailed to each member the day before the meeting. The Zoom ID and Passcode will be at the top of the Agenda

## NEW MEMBER

Our new member, Andy Ng, is heading up a new program to inspire our students to practice. Every 3 months, students can work toward a goal of memorizing one CM piece and playing the Technique across the chart in one key. At the March meeting several teachers were interested in doing this. When students successfully memorize a piece, polish it, and have it performance-ready, and play the Technique one key well, you can verify that they have earned a wristband with a musical term embossed on it, as well as a receiving a beautiful certificate. Every three months, the bracelet has a new musical word on it for the next level.

Andy has ordered the bracelets and certificates and has them available now. The cost is \$1.00 for bracelet and certificate from now through April 15. After April 15, the cost will go up by .25. You can email Andy at [andyng4@icloud.com](mailto:andyng4@icloud.com) to place your order, write a check for \$1.00 per student to mail to his home, and he will have the bracelets set out at California Keyboards for you to pick up.

I plan to use this system to get students to memorize their CM pieces sooner rather than later!

## NEXT EVENTS

There will not be a Select Student Recital because there was only one applicant.

## HONORS RECITAL ENTRY FORM – DUE APRIL 9 (SATURDAY) TO ALMA

Teachers who want to register students for the MTAC Kern Branch Honors Recital must fill in the Entry Form (found on the member page at [mtackern.com](http://mtackern.com) — the login is “member”) for those students who qualify and would like to perform. There is no fee. Send the form to Alma to be received by April 9.

## STUDENT EVENT

Our next Branch Event for students will be the **Honors Recital on Saturday, April 23**, location to be determined. Students who were winners in Jazz/Pop Festival, Winter Festival, or Bach Festival may apply. Students who earned Honorable Mention in Bach Festival are included, as well Bach Winners. **STUDENTS WHO EARNED STATE HONORS IN CM ARE INCLUDED IN THE HONORS RECITAL.** Students chosen to play at the upcoming State Conventions (selected for CM piece with the rating of 5+, 5, or 5-, as well as students selected to play at Convention in the Composers Today Recital or Improvisation Recital may also play.) Students who qualify with more than one piece must choose only one piece to play.

## CT State Contest Winners Recital -- Results will be available on April 5, 2022.

Winners who are awarded first, second, or third place must perform/screen their winning composition/film score at the MTAC State Convention Winners Recital, where they will also be presented with awards. Those awaiting results who are non-winners will play in the CT Symposium Recital.

## BACH-BAROQUE FESTIVAL

### SCJBF Regional Festival

Winners of J.S. Bach music (BWV) in our Branch Festival have been selected to play in the

Bach Regional Festival.

Students who are winners in the Regional Festival may proceed to the next level of competition, ***provided you have selected a piece from the 2022 Complete Works list for the Branch Festival.*** Those students then would learn the accompanying piece in the same category of their winning piece and play in the Complete Works Audition 2022 where another round of winners is chosen.

This Complete Works Audition takes place the following Fall.

### **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

**The State Office is preparing certificates for the students who passed Certificate of Merit. The Certificates will be mailed to each teacher when they are ready.**

For Your Information for future Years:

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.

### **TEACHERS RECITAL**

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

The following forms are on the Branch website ([mtackern.com](http://mtackern.com)).

[Bakersfield Symphony Voucher](#)

[Honors Recital Entry Form](#)

[\\*Performance Dress Code](#)

[\\* Media Release Form](#)

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## **Bach Festival Info**

[Complete Works Audition List](#)

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## **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.

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

**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 April 7 at 9:30. All members are welcome!

Dorothy Burgess  
Newsletter Chair