

November 25, 2013

Dear MTAC San Fernando East Valley Members,

CONTEMPORARY FESTIVAL

The Contemporary Festival took place Sunday, last weekend. Every year, and this year was not an exception, the judges say that the performance level of the students all afternoon is really impressive. Those of us teachers who heard all the performances or at least 2/3 of them, last weekend, also thought the quality of all the recitals was excellent. Congratulations, teachers and students!! We encourage new members and those of you who haven't entered students in this festival before to try it next year. Here are some tips: choose pieces written after 1920 or any compositions by Bartok, Prokofiev and Stravinsky. Try to select pieces that feature a modern element... quirky rhythms, unusual harmonic content, experimental flavor, lesser known 21st-century composer, etc. Since these pieces can be challenging, you might consider giving them to your students before the summer begins, since students tend to be busy with and distracted by school issues in September and October. Attached is the list of repertoire performed at the CF '13, in case you are interested.

HOLIDAY LUNCH AND YAG PERFORMANCE

December 3rd is our Holiday Lunch featuring a YAG performance! Everyone is welcome! We had a great time, last year, so I really look forward to it. Our celebration will take place at my house - 1550 N. Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles, 90046 323 512-2306 - on Fairfax between Hollywood and Sunset Boulevards. Please try to arrive between 10:15 and 10:30. We will have a very short business meeting at 10:30. At 11AM, Bernadette Mondok, Young Artist Guild soprano, will be performing with accompanist, Aurelien Eulart. Many thanks to Mark Richman, our program coordinator, for arranging this!! We will have lunch at 11:30. If you will be staying two hours or less, you do not need a parking permit. If you plan to stay longer, please get one from me inside and return it before you drive home - thank you. This is a pot-luck affair. It would be really helpful to know if you are coming and what you plan to bring, so that I can coordinate the food items to some extent. But, if you feel like showing up at the last minute, that's OK too!! I will provide coffee, fresh orange juice, tea, water, croissants, butter and jam.

CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

On December 8th, one of our newest branch members, Hillary Smith, cellist, will be performing with her String Quartet LaMi at the Sunday Live Concert Series at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (Bing Theater) at 6PM. They will perform Haydn's Quartet Op. 76, No.1 and Debussy's String Quartet. The concert will be broadcast live on KUSC.

Please let me know if you have an event upcoming that you would like to announce.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Gillian