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**Subject:** Calendar update - Minutes from Meeting

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you, Sharon, for hosting both our Certificate of Merit Information Meeting and our first General Meeting of the year at Piano Play, September 14. These meetings were well-attended. Thank you for being there! Thank you, Thelma, for writing the Minutes which are attached.

The first General Recital of the year, our "Beginners and Pops" Recital takes place at Valley College October 18. Please be sure to register by Monday, October 5th. For those of you not familiar with the rules and guidelines for this event and other events to be held later this year. please be sure to check the website. Registration fee is \$15.00. Thank you to Michael Paul for chairing this event.

Mark Richman's Master Class is scheduled for November 1st at Pasadena Steinway from 4 to 6 PM. Please contact Mark directly if you would like one or more of your students to perform at Mark's class. They will learn a lot! All teachers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Those of us who attend always learn a lot, too! The fee to perform at this class is \$30.00.

Our Calendar of Events has been updated and is attached. Several of us have been scrambling behind the scenes to find venues for our events. Please note that the Contemporary Festival will be held January 10th at Valley College. We realize this date is much later in the year than what we are used to, but we hope it will be OK for you. Perhaps having it later in the season will encourage more participation? We hope so!

One of our members suggested that we change the January General Recital to occur in December so that we space out the events a little better. That is perhaps a good idea. Let me know if you have thoughts about that.

More later. Happy teaching to all of you as our year gets underway.

Gillian

Music Teachers' Association of California  
San Fernando East Valley Branch Meeting  
Sept. 14, 2015

**Certificate of Merit - 9AM** - Sharon Shaheed spoke in great detail about all aspects of the Certificate of Merit Program. The registration deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Checks for Certificate of Merit Registration need to be postmarked by Oct. 30. You can also walk over to Piano Play and hand the checks to Sharon by Monday Nov. 2 (open 2 to 8PM on Mondays) at the latest. When CM checks arrive late, many processes are held up, so please make every effort to get checks in on time. Once CM times are assigned, they must be adhered to. Parents should check their sports schedule for March during the weekend of the CM to make sure that they will be in town that weekend. It is very difficult to make any changes to the schedule as each change affects many people. If you have students who are siblings and/or are playing duets, it is imperative that you check the carpool box on the registration form. Sharon recommended that, as much as possible, teachers register their students for CM on Saturday rather than Sunday, since Saturday is much less crowded, and tends to run more smoothly for all involved.

**General Meeting - 10:30AM** - Gillian thanked many members of the branch for stepping up to take on some big jobs. She thanked all the Board Members, Sharon Shaheed for chairing Certificate of merit, Dilara Khalilova for managing our website, and more.

Kathleen Rabun has taken on the Bach Festival. We need to increase participants. Previously there were 50 participants and now only 30. That takes place April 10.

Noboyu Nishizaka is in charge of the Contemporary Festival.

Laura Halladay will be our new liaison with Valley College.

Thank you, Aziza, for taking over as treasurer from Laura Halladay.

Our annual Benefit Concert will be co-chaired by Paul Pitman and Dilara Khalilova. Thelma Mericle volunteered to coordinate the reception and ticket sales. This event raises money for student scholarships (winners of the Scholarship Competition) will take place January 24<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church of Encino.

We are looking for someone to host the December 1<sup>st</sup> Brunch/ Meeting at their home, and our Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Convention is a 5-day process featuring music performances, competitions, lectures and master classes. The 2016 Convention will take place at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton Hotel, July 1 - 5. The theme for this year's "Theme Recitals" is nature. Any pieces which refer to nature in any way will qualify.

The Honors Festival will take place April 3, 2016.

Mark Richman's Master Class is scheduled for Nov. 1 from 4 to 6pm at Pasadena Steinway. Intermediate and advanced literature is acceptable.

Dr. Jeanine Jacobsen would like to do a lecture for several branches, from 1 1/2 to 4 hours. She charges a fee of \$100/hr. She was a pedagogy teacher at CSUN. The dates would be between Feb. 19 and Mar. 8.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

## Tentative MTAC - San Fernando East Valley Branch Event Calendar 2015/16

<u>Meetings</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 14 (Monday)	Certificate of Merit and General Meeting	Piano Play
December 1 (Tuesday)	Holiday Brunch and YAG Concert	TBD
May 10 (Tuesday)	Teachers' Recital/ General/ Nominating Meeting	TBD
June 20 (Monday)	Planning and Installation Meeting	Piano Play

### Recitals, Festivals and Competitions

October 18	<b>General Recital "Pops and Beginners"</b> Registration Deadline October 5 (postmark) Chairperson: Michael Paul Assistant: Teachers of performing students may be asked to assist on the day of the recital	Los Angeles Valley College
November 1	<b>Mark Richman Masterclass</b> 4:00 – 6:00 PM Chairperson: Mark Richman	Pasadena Steinway
Jan. 10	<b>Contemporary Festival</b> Registration Deadline December 21 (postmark) Chairperson: Nobuyo Nishizaka Assistants: Mariko Urushidani and Arjang Heydayati	Valley College
January 17	<b>General Recital</b> to be confirmed Registration Deadline January 4 (postmark) Chairperson: Anahit Sevoyan Assistant: Teachers of performing students may be asked to assist on the day of the recital	Keyboard Concepts Van Nuys
January 24	<b>Fund-Raiser Concert</b> Co-Chairs: Dilara Khalilova and Paul Pitman Assistants:	First Presbyterian Church of Encino
February 21	<b>Classical / Romantic Festival</b> Registration Deadline February 1 (postmark) Chairperson: Kim O'Reilly Assistant: Meg Falk	Los Angeles Valley College

- February 28** Certificate of Merit – String Instruments Piano Play  
 Chairperson: Hillary Smith  
 Assistant: Christopher Ahn
- March 6** Certificate of Merit – Winds Instruments TBD  
 Registration Deadline October 31  
 Chairperson: Denia Bradshaw
- March 12/13** Certificate of Merit - Piano Los Angeles Valley College  
 Registration Deadline October 31  
 Chairperson: Sharon Shaheed  
 Assistant: Pamela Prasarttongosoth
- March 27** Honors Festival Los Angeles Valley College  
 Registration Deadline March 18 (Friday)  
 Co-Chairs: Roger Eshleman, Laura Halladay, and Constance Kuhne
- April 10** Bach Festival 12 - 3PM “to be confirmed” Steinway Beverly Hills  
 Registration Deadline March 21 (postmark)  
 Chairperson: Kathleen Rabun  
 Assistant: Aziza Syed
- May 8** Southern California Junior Bach Regional Festival Pasadena Steinway  
 Chairperson: Kathleen Rabun will organize two assistants to help with the regional festival from those teachers who have students participating. If participating teachers are unwilling to assist at the regional, if asked, their students may not participate.
- May 15** Scholarship Competition to be confirmed Keyboard Concepts  
 Registration Deadline April 25 (postmark)  
 Chairperson: Mark Richman  
 Assistant: Tamara Gyulnazarova
- May 29** Spring Festival - General Recital/Scholarship Winners Award Performance  
 TBD  
 Registration Deadline May 16 (postmark)  
 Chairperson: Regina Vertheym  
 Assistant: Nicole Nale
- July 1 - July 5** MTAC Convention Los Angeles Airport Hilton

General Recital registration/fee postmark deadline is the Monday 13 days before the Event. Festival and Competition registration/fee postmark deadline is the Monday 20 days before the event.