

January 9, 2014

Happy New Year Dear Members of MTAC SFEV!!

The first event for our branch in 2014 is our **General Recital** which takes place **January 26th**. The registration **deadline for this is January 13th**. Thanks to our chairperson, **Anahit Sevoyan**, for her work on this.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE CHANGED THE DATE FOR OUR FUNDRAISING CONCERT TO FEBRUARY 9!! It was recently discovered that the original 2014 date for the concert conflicts with Super Bowl Sunday (February 2). Since attendance was about 1/3 of normal when this conflict occurred a previous year, we have decided to **change the Fundraising Concert date to February 9th**. We apologize for any inconvenience the change might create for any of you. Our thanks to **Paul Pitman**, chairperson of this event, for all the work he is doing on this event. The flyer for this event will be sent out soon.

Kim O'Reilly and **Meg Falk** are working hard on the **Classical / Romantic Festival** dedicated to Ed Grossman. It will take place **February 23** and the **deadline for entries is February 3**.

Sharon Shaheed has the biggest job in this branch! As chairperson, her many responsibilities and tasks related to **Certificate of Merit** start in the summer and end in the summer only to start again! Thank you, Sharon, for handling **Certificate of Merit** for all of us! You do it so well and with such grace! Teachers, please be on the lookout for upcoming dates and rules for CM during the next couple of months.

Please let me know about any concerts or events you wish to announce, and I will be happy to send them out to the general membership. We have so many active musicians in our membership to enjoy!

I have copied the revised list of event dates below for your convenience, and attached a revised calendar for you to print and copy, if you so desire.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2014!

Gillian

January 26 – [General Recital](#) Los Angeles Valley College
Registration Deadline January 13
Chairperson: Anahit Sevoyan

FEBRUARY 9 (changed from February 2) – [Fund-Raiser Concert](#) Encino Presbyterian Church
Chairperson: Paul Pitman
Program Coordinator: Yi-Jin Hsu

February 23 – [Classical / Romantic Festival](#) Los Angeles Valley College
Registration Deadline February 3
Chairperson: Kim O'Reilly
Assistant: Meg Falk

March 9 - [Certificate of Merit \(Winds and Strings\)](#) Los Angeles Valley College
Registration Deadline October 31
Chairpersons: Francine Pancost (Winds)
Rachael Lonergan (Strings)

March 15 and 16 - [Certificate of Merit \(Piano\)](#) Los Angeles Valley College
Registration Deadline October 31
Chairpersons: Sharon Shaheed and Pam Prasarttongosoth

March 30 - [Honors Festival](#) Los Angeles Valley College
Registration Deadline March 19
Chairperson: Roger Eshleman
Assistant: Laura Halladay

April 13 – [Bach Festival](#) Los Angeles Valley College
Registration Deadline March 24
Chairperson: Nobuyo Nishizaka
Assistant: Maya Agasarian

May 18 - [Scholarship Competition](#) Los Angeles Valley College
Registration Deadline April 28
Chairperson: Jean Deutsch
Assistant: Chin Suk Kim

May 25 – [Southern California Junior Bach Regional Festival](#) Steinway Pasadena
Chairperson: Nobuyo Nishizaka
Assistant: Maya Agasarian

June 1 – [General Recital and Scholarship Winners Award Night](#) Valley College
Registration Deadline May 19
Chairperson: Regina Vertheym

June 27th to July 1st – MTAC Convention Hilton Los Angeles Airport

January 27, 2014

Dear MTAC SFEV Members,

Thank you to Anahit Sevoyan for all her work organizing the General Recital which took place this last weekend at Valley College!!

One book-keeping item from Laura Halladay: Contributory Members, please remember that the annual branch fee was raised from \$25.00 to \$30.00.

I also want to remind you of events upcoming.

Our annual Benefit Concert takes place February 9th, at 4PM, at Encino Presbyterian Church. Everyone in the Branch is encouraged to attend, and please invite your friends, students and their families and friends. The program consists of great music and accomplished performers. Proceeds raised will be awarded to 1st and 2nd-place winners in our Scholarship Competition in May. Those of us who attend the Benefit Concert can look forward to spending a joyful couple of hours together! Please see flyer - attached. Checks for suggested donations must be made out to "MTAC Foundation."

February 9 – [Fund-Raiser Concert](#) 4PM Encino Presbyterian Church, 4963 Balboa Boulevard

Chairperson: Paul Pitman

Program Coordinator: Yi-Jin Hsu

Our Classical / Romantic Festival dedicated to Ed Grossman takes place February 23 at Valley College in the afternoon - exact time to be determined by the number of entries. **The deadline for registering students for this event is approaching: February 3rd!** Please find the necessary forms online and send them to Kim O'Reilly, Chairperson. This is a lovely festival. It is non-competitive, but there will be two adjudicators writing comments for each student. It is a great way to prepare Certificate of Merit Repertoire a few weeks before the CM weekend.

February 23 – [Classical / Romantic Festival](#) Afternoon Exact Time TBA Los Angeles Valley College

Registration Deadline February 3

Chairperson: Kim O'Reilly

Assistant: Meg Falk

Certificate of Merit and the Honors Festival take place in March. And the deadline for the Bach Festival is March 24th.

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Registration Deadline October 31

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