



MTAC NEWS

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Happy New Year!

I probably say this every year, but it is hard to believe it's a new year! I hope the New Year is off to a great start for you and your Branches. Your State Board is busy working on all of our programs and trying to make them more accessible for all our members. Also, the 2012 annual convention is right around the corner. Please plan now to attend. I hope to see all of you in beautiful San Diego at the Town and Country Hotel.

Change of Membership Deadline

Currently, if a new member wants to join MTAC, he/she must submit his/her completed application on or before July 31 in order to be eligible to participate in Certificate of Merit. The State Board has made a change in the deadline date for all other state programs; Composers Today, Concerto/Solo, VOCE, and Improvisation. **For a new member to participate in these programs completed applications must be into the State Office on or before October 15.** This allows for sufficient time for processing on the state level and also acceptance by the Branch of the member.

Presidents' Yahoo Group

I would like to get the Presidents' Yahoo Group up and running soon. Not all Branch Presidents are registered on the Yahoo Group. I will be sending out invitations for you to join in the next few weeks. This is not only a wonderful place for you to receive information from the State Board and the State Office, but also to chat with other Branch Presidents. If your Branch has an idea they would like to share or a question regarding a problem you might have, this is the place to hear other's ideas. This is for you and your Branch.

Madeline Miller
MTAC State President

2012 Convention Registration

Plan to attend the MTAC Convention June 29- July 3 at the beautiful Town and Country Hotel in San Diego. You will be emailed an invitation through CVENT in late February/early March. If you prefer to register by mail or fax, you can also find the registration form on page 31 in the Winter 2012 California Music Teacher magazine. Early-bird registration savings will be available through May 15.

Free Convention Registration

Each Branch can choose one Branch member who has never attended a convention before to receive a free convention registration. The State Office must receive this application on or before June 15, 2012. This free convention registration application form will be sent to all Branch Presidents in February.

New Member Discount

New Branch members who were approved after August 1, 2011, receive \$40 off of the full convention registration rate. The State Office must receive this discounted convention registration application on or before June 15, 2012. This is a great opportunity for new members to meet and network with members throughout the state.

Convention Attendance Policy

Every teacher needs to register for the convention if he/she attends any part of the convention, for example: Teacher's Performance Recital, CM student recital, evaluator training, or Branch treasurer/membership meeting, etc.

If a teacher attends any part of the convention without registering for convention, his/her students will be ineligible to participate in convention for the following two (2) years.

A payment invoice will be sent to the teacher who attended the convention without registering.

Media and Publication Awards Program

Calling all Branches and Individual Members!

Be sure to enter your Branch or Individual Studio in the Media and Publication Awards for 2012. The Media and Publication Awards Program is designed to recognize outstanding Branches and individual private studios of the MTAC in the following categories:

- Branch Scrapbooks (including digital scrapbooks)
- Branch Yearbooks/Directories

- Branch Newsletters
- Branch Websites
- Branch Recital Programs
- Individual Private Studio Newsletters
- Individual Private Studio Websites
- Individual Private Studio Recital Programs
- Other Published or Digital Materials, including flyers, brochures, and posters

MTAC Branches and individual private studios are invited to submit entries in one or more categories. Postmark deadline for all entries is June 6, 2012. Entries may be sent by regular mail or e-mail to the Media and Publication Awards Program Chair, Arlene Ferrolino, 426 E. Randolph Street, Glendale, CA 91207 or arleneferrolino@gmail.com, except for scrapbooks, which are brought to the State Convention for judging.

All participants and winners receive certificates and ribbons. Winning entries are showcased in a multimedia exhibit at the State Convention. The scrapbook entries and other participants' entries are displayed on tables near the winners' showcase.

Sweepstakes Awards are presented at the State Convention Awards Banquet on Monday evening.

Important Announcement: Be a Judge for the Media and Publication Awards Program! The Scrapbooks and Awards Program is seeking interested individuals to judge entries for 2012.

Availability:

- Be available Sunday, June 10, 2012 to judge yearbooks/directories, newsletters, recital programs, and other published materials at the home of Chair Arlene Ferrolino in Glendale
- Be an online judge to rate individual and Branch websites
- AND/OR
- Attend the 2012 State Convention in San Diego and be available (at your convenience) to judge scrapbooks between June 29 – July 1

Benefits:

- There are two free Monday Night Banquet tickets, one free ticket per judge, to the Awards Banquet held on Monday, July 2, at the 2012 State Convention in San Diego
- Gain insight into the awards process and learn valuable tips on producing a superior entry
- Find inspiration and new ideas to bring to your Branch and individual private studio publications

For more information: Media and Publication Awards Program Chair, Arlene Ferrolino (818) 291-9891 or arleneferrolino@gmail.com.

Composers Today News!

Upcoming Deadlines:

State Contest – March 30, 2012
Symposium – April 15, 2012

State Contest:

The deadline for submissions to the Composers Today State Contest is March 30, 2012. Submissions must be in the Branch CT Chair's hands by this date, not postmarked.

This year, the prize structure is changing, and will resemble more of an Olympic format with first, second, and third place prizes. If there is a tie for first place, there will not be a second place. The money from first and second place will be combined and divided in half.

Those who have been considered in the final selection but did not win shall be given honorable mention and have their names posted on the CT website with the CT winners. Honorable mentions will no longer perform at the convention.

Branch Chairs should send all communications, applications, and compositions to:
Ron Anderson
441 Crestvale Drive
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
[626-355-9240](tel:626-355-9240)
ronjanderson@gmail.com

More information and application forms will be on the website at www.mtac.org.

Symposium:

Deadline is April 15. The applications will be online again this year. More information is on the website at www.mtac.org.

Composer's Today Yahoo Group:

Want more information about these programs or some discussion about how to teach composition to your students? Join our Yahoo Group. We now have thirty-one members. If you wish to receive an "invitation" contact Connie Tyler at connie@deephum.com

MTAC Foundation

The MTAC Foundation thanks the following two foundations, fourteen individuals and six Branches for their donations from August 1, 2011 – January 13, 2012. The donations will go directly to the student awards, scholarships and Music Study Assistance Grant (MSAG).

A Foundation link will be placed on your private teacher home page. Please log in to find the MSAG information and how to donate to the MTAC Foundation to support our excellent student programs.

The Donation Form is also available on page 33 in the Winter 2012 California Music Teacher magazine.

August 1, 2011 – January 13, 2012

Donor List

**Aaron Copland Fund
San Diego Foundation/Beyster Family Fund**

**Verna Balch
Igor Barani
Susan Clark
Sue Hayes-Dearing
Dr. Louise Earhart
Rosemary Hallum
Gail Lew
Amy Chen-Huey Martin
Madeline Miller
Ruth Ann Schwan
Tami (Lien-Tam) Vo
Lowell Webster
Margaret West
Wesley Wong**

**Fresno County Branch
Orange County North Branch
Palo Alto Branch
Santa Clara County Branch
Santa Clarita Valley Branch
West Los Angeles Branch**

We are having a Donation Contest!

With the current economic climate, we have found it a reality to broaden our fundraising effort.

2011 was also the first year that we had to sell some of our investments to pay for the student awards given at the convention.

Our Goal is to raise \$50,000 in the 2012 annual appeal campaign to pay for Student awards, scholarships and grants that only come from the Foundation.

To encourage Branches and members in our fundraising effort, we are holding a donation contest among our Branches and members.

There will be three categories, and each category will have a winner who will receive one (1) Free Friday Night Banquet at the 2012 Convention. The Branch may determine who will receive the banquet ticket.

Category 1: the highest amount donated by a large Branch with 75 members or more

Category 2: the highest amount donated by a small Branch with 74 members or less

Category 3: the highest amount donated by one (1) single donor

Donation from GoodSearch and eScrip will also count towards the total donation amount from a Branch or a donor. Branches are encouraged to ask members to register for GoodSearch and eScrip to support the MTAC Foundation so that their donation can be tracked monthly. Go to www.goodsearch.com, www.escrip.com (enter our eScrip **Group ID #500001198**), and then follow the instructions.

The Branch donation must come from a Branch check to be eligible for contest category 1 or 2.

The donation contest starts now and will end on June 1, 2012. Winners will be announced on June 8, 2012 by email. Winners will be acknowledged at the Friday Night Banquet.

Annual Branch Giving Tree

An Annual Branch Giving Tree will be created on the website. Branch names will be listed on the tree when a donation is pledged or received from the Branch during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. We would like to see 67 Branches on our Annual Branch Giving Tree!

Individual Donors

The MTAC Foundation has established a Leadership Circle and a Benefactor Circle.

Leadership Circle (Annual donation amount)

Founder	\$10,000 and above
Diamond	\$5,000 – \$9,999
Ruby	\$2,500– \$4,999
Emerald	\$2,000– \$2,499
Sapphire	\$1,000– \$1,999
Gold	\$500– \$999

Benefactor Circle (Annual donation amount)

Silver	\$250– \$499
Copper	\$100– \$249
Bronze	\$75– \$99
Brass	\$50– \$74
Pewter	\$25– \$49
Iron	\$24 and below

Incentives for donors in the Leadership Circle

1. Thank you card from the Foundation Chair
2. A Gold sticker placed on the convention registration badge for donations of \$500 and above
3. A red rose presented to donors of \$500 and above at the Friday Night Banquet
4. Name listed on the website, MTAC News and Convention Program Book

Incentives for donors in the Benefactor Circle

1. A Red sticker placed on the convention registration badge for donations of \$100 -\$499
2. A Green sticker placed on the convention registration badge for donations of \$99 or below
3. Name listed on the website and MTAC News

Gold Card

A donation may be made in honor of a teacher, recognition of a student on their achievement in receiving an award of YAG, YCG, VOCE, Piano Solo/Concerto, or performance in a convention recital, or a loved one’s birthday, a celebration of anniversary, graduation, or special occasions.

A Gold card will be mailed to the donor who made the donation of \$25 or more or directly to the person that the donation was made in his/her honor.

Blue Card

A donation may also be made in memory of a loved one, a deceased friend or colleague.

A Blue card will be mailed to the donor who made the donation of \$25 or more or directly to the deceased’s family.