



# MTAC NEWS

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## Greeting from your State President

Happy March!

I sometimes wonder what other people outside of MTAC think about in March. They might think of St. Patrick's Day, Spring flowers, and Spring showers. Inside of MTAC we tend to only think of Certificate of Merit. By the time this publication comes out, my CM will be finished. My students are a little nervous but excited. We will be all glad when it's over, though, and that wonderful feeling of accomplishment is felt by all. I hope all your students do well and I hope to see some of them at the Convention in Santa Clara in June.

MTAC News

We are very pleased to announce that the May issue of the MTAC News will be sent electronically to all members with an email address on the Teacher Home Page. The newsletter will also be posted on the Teacher Home Page. Previously we have just been able to send the newsletter to Branch Presidents and State Program Chairs. We have recently entered into an agreement with a company, Informz, that will make it possible for us to send emails to every member. That includes the sending of the MTAC News. It is important that members only receive emails from people they know and trust and we hope that you find the news we send informative. We hope that you all enjoy this new service to keep you abreast of what is happening in your MTAC.

Madeline Miller  
State President

## Membership Application

The State Office is starting the peak application season. This is the time of year that a new member may join or a former member may reinstate and his or her membership dues are paid through July 31, 2014.

If you know anyone who you feel would be a great addition to our organization, this is a wonderful time for this person to apply. You may refer any interested applicant to the State Office. We will gladly explain all the qualifications and deadlines.

Please keep in mind that July 31 is the deadline for CM eligibility and to be listed in the MTAC State Directory for new and reinstating members.

If you need any assistance, please contact Melanie Doyle our Members Service Associate at [melanied@mtac.org](mailto:melanied@mtac.org) or Alicia Montgomery, our Members Service Assistant at [aliciam@mtac.org](mailto:aliciam@mtac.org).

## Branch History Update Deadline – June 30

The June 30 deadline for completing your Branch history update is fast approaching. I have received histories from just two Branches--Sacramento County Branch and South Coast Branch. That leaves sixty-five more Branches to complete their history update. I plan to display all of the Branch histories at convention for everyone to enjoy reading so don't be the only Branch that does not have an updated history!

Beat the last minute rush and get your Branch history update completed now. When your update is complete, please send a hard copy to Irene Brown at 5133 Moddison Ave., Sacramento 95819 and an electronic copy to [irenesmusicstudio@gmail.com](mailto:irenesmusicstudio@gmail.com).

Irene Brown  
State Historian

## Music Study Assistance Grant

Do you have student families who have been struggling with the tuition payments for their children's instrumental lessons in recent years?

If so, MTAC has a brand new program which may be able to help with such families in need.

The program is called **Music Study Assistance Grant**.

The Grant is designed to help students of MTAC members whose families are financially unable to continue music study with our members. The detailed information about this program and the application process will be posted on the Teacher Home Page on March 25, 2013. Please login as a member to the [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org) website and select the MTAC Foundation link.

**This newly launched Music Study Assistance Grant would also like to encourage everyone – members or non-members – to donate to this unique program**, so it will continue to thrive and benefit financially – challenged MTAC student families.

Tax-deductable donations are very easy to make. You may donate with your favorite credit cards by going to [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org) website and select Shopping Link, or simply call the State Office at 1-800-834-3340 and make the donation over the phone with one of our friendly Office Associates.

Thank you very much,

Kent Tchii  
Chair of the Music Study Assistance Grant Committee

## Adult Performance South

Nineteen pianists have enrolled in the Adult Performance South 2013 program.

The pianists are from three categories:

1. Avocational – studying with an MTAC teacher and at least Intermediate level.
2. Vocational – college music majors.
3. MTAC teachers.

They will be heard by three distinguished adjudicators:

1. Craig Richey – pianist, composer and faculty member at CSULB.
2. James Bonn – pianist and Professor Emeritus of USC.
3. Dr. Stewart Gordon – pianist and professor at USC and Claremont Colleges.

Thirteen of the pianists have elected to perform in recital and compete to perform at the MTAC State Convention in Santa Clara. Teachers of the enrolled students are Anli Lin Tong (South Bay), Lisa Michiko Kato (Long Beach), Danae Vlasse (Diamond Bar), Dr. Janice Park (Orange County), Diane Sears (Orange Coast Cities), Dr. Anna Gliadkovskaya (Orange County), Mark Richman (San Fernando East Valley), and Jane Jonaitis (West Los Angeles).

Dr. Joseph Matthews  
Adult Performance Chair South

## Composers Today

### Crucial dates:

State Contest registration and uploading deadline: March 30, 2013 (online)

Symposium registration deadline: April 15, 2013 (online)

### Some information on the Composers Today Symposium, 2013:

- Composers who participated in the 2013 Evaluations program, may apply to the MTAC Convention Symposium Concerts.
- Only students who apply to the Symposium and are accepted will be able to perform at the Symposium Convention Concerts.
- Application is done online by the teacher on the MTAC website: <https://www.mtac.org/programs/ct/index.shtml>
- Students with higher grades (usually an average of at least four), who have applied for symposium, will be invited (by e-mail) to perform at the Symposium.
- Instructions and communication will be done mostly by e-mail.

- All students who win a first, second or third prize at the State Contest will be removed from the Symposium Convention Concert as they will be performing at the State Contest Concert.
- Last year all Symposium applicants were invited to perform.

Thank you.

Ana Contreras

MTAC Symposium Chair

[anapianolesson@gmail.com](mailto:anapianolesson@gmail.com)


### Evaluations have been completed:

Now is the time to sit down with your students and review the comments from the evaluators. This is a great teaching time, since there are bound to be concepts on the forms and in the comments that are new to your students. You can also help the students decide if they want to make any of the changes suggested by the evaluators. Some of those changes are absolutes, like a notation that is incorrect, but others are a matter of creative taste. If your students intend to send their compositions to the State Contest, they should be encouraged to "fine tune" their compositions using the evaluations as a guide.

Connie Tyler

CT Information and Publicity Chair

## Musical Bridges Around the World



### Place your Branch Ad in the 2013 Convention Program Book

Are you interested in showcasing the exceptional qualities of your Branch? You can do this by placing an ad in the Convention Program Book. **Ads will be accepted any time before April 30, 2013.**

Branch Presidents should have already received an email and order form to make your advertising request.

You may submit your ad in one of the following ways:

1. **Print quality PDF emailed to [rhondaw@mtac.org](mailto:rhondaw@mtac.org) or sent on CD:** Images must be at 300 dpi or higher with the fonts embedded.

2. **Laser Printed Hard Copy** – on clean stark white paper at 600 or 300 dpi (dots per inch). Please do not fold the hard copy.

Payment is due by **April 30, 2013**. You may submit a check payable to MTAC to the MTAC State Office at the following address:

MTAC

Attn: Advertising Manager

833 Market Street, Suite 900

San Francisco, CA 94103

## 2013 Convention Registration

Early-bird convention registration is available to members until May 15 at \$180. After that date, pre registration pricing is available until June 15 at \$220. After June 15 the full convention is \$260. We also offer reduced prices on the registration form for a spouse/relative, or college students.

**All teachers attending the convention for any reason are required to register and will be mailed a registration invoice if they do attend but fail to register.** Single day registrations are available on site for \$130. Members have already received an email invitation to register. Alternatively you may use the registration form in the upcoming California Music Teacher Magazine or access registration from the MTAC website.

To obtain the necessary amount of meeting, recital and exhibit space at the hotel, MTAC must commit to a minimum number of guest rooms at the hotel. If that commitment is not met, MTAC would incur significant financial penalties and have difficulty obtaining sufficient meeting space in the future.

The MTAC has negotiated a favorable room rate of \$99 for single/Double/Triple/Quadruple occupancy at the **Santa Clara Hyatt Regency**. Go to <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/MTAC13> or call 408-200-1234 or 800-233-1234, 888-421-1442 for your hotel reservation.

Please note: All guest rooms paid at the Group rate will include complimentary hard-wired high speed internet connection. Rollaways are not allowed in 2 Double Beds rooms.

You may upgrade to Regency Club for \$139 up to 2 people, \$25 per additional person up to 3 persons maximum. Regency Club is a comfortable private lounge on the Lobby Level offers daily Continental breakfast, evening hors d'oeuvres and an honor bar.

We continue to offer to our Branches free registration for one member who has never attended convention before. The form is sent to the Branches and is to be filled out by the Branch President. The complete form must be received by the State Office before June 15, 2013.

Heidi Lyn Williams  
Convention Registrar

## Call for Past Participants of the Radio Show, *From the Top* Hosted by Christopher O'Riley

Hosted by acclaimed pianist [Christopher O'Riley](#), *From the Top* celebrates the amazing performances and captivating stories of extraordinary young classical musicians.

Broadcast on 250 stations nationwide to an audience of more than 700,000 listeners, *From the Top* is one of the most popular classical [music programs](#) on radio. Each one hour episode presents five high-caliber performances along with interviews, sketches and games, revealing the heart and soul behind extraordinary young musicians. Now in its thirteenth year on air, *From the Top* is taped before live audiences in concert halls from Boston to Honolulu and is distributed by NPR.

We are looking for students of MTAC teachers who have performed on this show to join us in a session on Tuesday, July 2, morning of the Convention. Share your experience playing on the show, how you prepared for it, and what you have done since the broadcast. Teachers and students are welcome to join in on the discussion and stay for the master class with Christopher O'Riley immediately following the session. If you performed on *From the Top*, are interested in sharing your experience and re-connecting with Mr. O'Riley, please contact Suzanne Wong at [swong@mtac.org](mailto:swong@mtac.org) for more information.

Suzanne Wong  
Convention Program Chair

## Save the Date: June 28 through July 2, 2013

Dear MTAC Conventioneers:

On behalf of the Music Teachers' Association of California, founded in 1897, it is my distinct privilege to request the honor of your presence at our one hundred and third State Convention at the luxurious and amenable Hyatt Regency Hotel, Santa Clara, California, from June 28 through July 2, 2013, where the culmination of one year's worth of hard work comes to completion and propels you forward to new vistas!

With world-class music, professional development opportunities hosted by sought after lectures, vendors of distinction from across America providing you with music and goods to secure immediately, you'll 'dance with delight' throughout the night! Have you given thought to such possibilities?!!!

Early registration secures your lowest rates possible and provides world-class accommodations for your pleasure. Our entire MTAC awaits your decision. With the click of



your mouse, enter the world of MTAC. With 24/7 access, visit [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org) and register. Act now – registration is accessible and ready - now!

Take action!

Register! Anticipate! Be part of history and most of all – be true to yourself. Your performing students shine like the stars at night! This is the showcase to experience! Whether you register for one day or better yet, stay the week, you'll want to hear all the performances – satisfaction will be all prevailing. What else can be said?!!!

Remember all roads lead to Santa Clara! Even the Appian Way! So whether you walk via the El Camino Real, or take an excursion over the blue Pacific Ocean to stunning Silicon Valley, or take to the skies and fly, a place in the hearts of your students and families awaits your presence. Hear the call? Your presence is requested! Save the Date!

All for convention,

William “Bill” Becker  
Convention Chair

**Convention Pages needed! Please help!**

Dear MTAC Teacher:

The 2013 MTAC Convention in Santa Clara (Friday, June 28 through Tuesday, July 2) at The Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara, CA needs over **200** (yes, two hundred!) responsible high school (or mature junior high) students to be pages during the convention. Each page may serve at least one 4 hour shift and may invite a friend (who need not be a music student) to page with them. Teachers and parents are also encouraged to be pages, especially for evening events (including banquets and receptions) and the practice rooms. Please help! We will need all the pages we can get. This is an excellent opportunity for your students to be an essential part of all the wonderful events at the convention. One incentive for your students to become a page would be the possibility of receiving (upon request) a letter of recommendation, which could be added to any college scholarship or job application. Students will also receive community service credit for paging.

There are several kinds of pages, each of them have specific duties:

**Host Page:** stationed at the convention registration desk and throughout the hotel; direct/escort conventioners to their destinations within convention, answer questions and smile.

**Event Page:** pick up programs for event (concert, recital master class, lecture or banquet) 30 minutes ahead of the event; check event attendees' badges; pass out programs and greet event attendees; supervise entry to event while it is in progress; open doors at end of event; answer questions of attendees and smile.

**Practice Room Page:** supervise practice rooms and enforce practice room schedules (Adults only)

**Exhibit Page:** make rounds amongst the exhibitors in the exhibit rooms; answer questions and attend any needs of attendees or exhibitors (man their booth temporarily while exhibitor uses restroom, phone, etc); get them coffee.

The convention is packed with events and exhibits, many of which may be of great interest to your students. Those whom you select as a page may attend any convention concert, recital, exhibit, lecture, or master class (including their accompanying parent) free of charge during the whole convention. The pages will be assigned to specific days, shifts and stations at the convention. Please select as many students as you feel would be reliable and responsible for these important jobs. Students who have applied to perform at convention will receive notification about performing with enough advance notice so that they could be encouraged to volunteer to page following their performance for even one shift. An orientation will be held Thursday evening, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency.

Attached with this letter is the Page Availability Form. Please make copies for your students/parents and have them e-mail the completed form. This is the preferred format. If they would rather mail it, my address is:

Deborah Sanfilippo, 3244 Woody Ln., San Jose, CA 95132.

Your support of this event by encouraging your students to participate is one of the best things you can do to help them interact with adults in a helpful and respectful manner, the opportunity to see how things are done “in the real world,” and to broaden their horizons.

Thank you for valuing this request and acting soon. Students are making summer plans now and our desire is that convention paging be a top priority for them!

Deborah Sanfilippo,  
Page Chair, Santa Clara County Branch  
Email: [debsanfilippo@yahoo.com](mailto:debsanfilippo@yahoo.com) Phone: 408-309-4372

**2013 MTAC Convention Page Availability Form**

We look forward to having you serve as a Page at the 2013 MTAC Convention in Santa Clara. Your responsibility, courteousness and alertness will help make the convention a success. Please fill out, scan, and e-mail this form back to Deb Sanfilippo, Page Chair, MTAC Santa Clara County Branch, email: [debsanfilippo@yahoo.com](mailto:debsanfilippo@yahoo.com) , at your earliest convenience and preferably by June 1st. For questions, please contact Deb Sanfilippo by e-mail or at 408-309-4372. (If you are not able to scan this form, you are welcome to compose an email which includes the same personal information asked for on the form, and your available times.) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Ph. \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_ MTAC Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Name of page partner (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your calendar to avoid conflicts with other activities you or your page partner may have scheduled. Changing schedules and reassigning page times is extremely difficult. Check [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org) for the schedule of daily Convention events that will be of interest to you. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences, but cannot make any guarantees. Please note that if you are assigned to a concert, master class or lecture you may be required to sit OUTSIDE the door to control late arrival during the program. You may therefore wish to be a page at a time which does not pose a conflict with an event that you wish to attend.

There will be an Orientation Meeting on Thursday evening, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency. If you cannot attend, you will need to arrive 20 minutes before your shift starts to find out what your job entails.

Below please mark all of the dates and times you will be available to serve as a page.

Mark those shifts you strongly prefer with a plus (+).

Day	Morning 8AM-12:00 PM	Mid Day 12:00PM-4:00PM	Early Evening 4:00-7:30PM	Night 7:30-10:30PM
Friday June 28	_____	_____	_____	_____
Saturday June 29	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sunday June 30	_____	_____	_____	_____
Monday July 1	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tuesday July 2	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: Parking at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency is free.

What is the total number of shifts (3 to 4 hours) you would like to serve? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have some specific preferences (like specific hours, type of page duty, etc.), let us know. We'll do our best to consider them:

Please make a copy of this form for yourself and then e-mail this form to Deb Sanfilippo at [debsanfilippo@yahoo.com](mailto:debsanfilippo@yahoo.com) or mail it to Deb Sanfilippo at 3244 Woody Ln, San Jose, CA 95132.

Thank you so much. We look forward to having you share your talent and expertise at the Convention.



# *Music Teachers' Association of California*

## F O U N D A T I O N

Dear Foundation Friends:

State Programs are in full swing. Many dedicated students are participating in VOCE, Piano Concerto and Solo, YAG and YCG competitions. The winners will perform at the State Convention to receive their cash awards. The MTAC Foundation needs your generous support to continue funding the award monies.

Please make a tax deductible donation to the MTAC Foundation and support these aspiring young musicians. The State Board of Directors has established a Music Study Assistance Grant to help needy students who are dedicated to music study. Your generous donations will help these students to continue their music study.

To make a donation, login to your Teacher Home Page, click on Shopping and Donations will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> drop down option.

If you make a donation on or before March 31, 2013, your name will be printed in the 2013 convention program book.

Please make a donation today!

Thank you

Amy Martin  
MTAC Foundation Chair

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