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From: gilliansmith2 <gilliansmith2@netscape.net>
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Subject: Greetings in 2015!

Dear MTAC SFEV Colleagues!

2015 is well underway, and due to a trip out of town, I am a little late sending January news to you.

I wish all of you wonderful teaching experiences ahead in 2015!

Gillian

General Recital

Anahit is the chair of our General Recital which takes place January 18th at Keyboard Concepts in Van Nuys. The deadline for registering students was January 5th. I hope everyone who wanted to enter students was able to. There will be two recitals - 26 students performing. Exact starting times for the two recitals will be decided tomorrow. Our chairperson, Anahit Sevoyan, will let teachers and students know this information as soon as she can.

Fundraiser Concert

Our annual Benefit Concert will take place January 25th at the First Presbyterian Church of Encino, at 4PM. Everyone in the branch is invited and enthusiastically encouraged to attend this event which raises scholarship funds for winners of the Scholarship Competition scheduled in May. A flyer for this event will be forthcoming in a separate e-mail. Paul Pitman does a spectacular job chairing this event each year. Many members of our branch perform in this concert. It is a great chance to celebrate music amongst ourselves and with members of the community at large. Please plan to attend!!!

Valeria Danielyan is helping Paul with some of the practical needs for this event. We need volunteers to help with the reception (set-up and clean-up) and to bring food, drinks and supplies (knappkins and plates, etc.) Please contact Valeria if you are willing to help or contribute to the reception - vpiano1221@yahoo.com .

Classical /Romantic Festival

Our third annual Classical / Romantic Festival takes place February 15 and the registration deadline is coming soon - January 26.

Please send entries by regular mail to Kim O'Reilly. **Please send your students' names, and compositions they will be playing - composers, timing, level of advancement, age, carpool needs. etc, to Meg Falk AND to Kim O'Reilly BOTH via E-MAIL!!** This is important!! Their addresses are: kimor77@aol.com, mman1964@sbcglobal.net

Rules have been updated for this festival so please check the website for details. Since changes have been made, please know the following:

There is no time limit for teachers - no limit on the amount of students any teacher may enter.

Students may play any number of pieces from the Romantic or the Classical Eras or any combination of both as long as the time does not exceed 6 minutes.

More advanced students may play one long movement of a Classical or a Romantic piece even if it exceeds 6 minutes.

Please check with chairperson, Kim O'Reilly if you have other questions.

Certificate of Merit

Sharon Shaheed does an excellent job sending out dates and other information about Certificate of Merit, so just look out for it and be sure to read what is sent!!!

Due to our expanded branch membership including quite a few new string teachers, we are required to hold our own String CM this year. It will take place March 1st at Piano Play. Sharon Shaheed will be setting up the schedule for this and will send information as she knows it. Meanwhile, please contact our branch string coordinator, Hillary Smith, if you have questions. hillarysmith27@yahoo.com

Branch Accompanists

We are creating a list of members of our branch who are willing and able to accompany students for various events. The list includes the following people (listed in alphabetical order.) Please let me know if you would like to have your name added.

Laura Halladay
Dilara Khalilova
Thelma Mericle
Paul Pitman
Mark Richman
Gideon Rubin
Anahit Sevoyan