

EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MTAC

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Greetings to all of our friends and colleagues at the ESFV MTAC. We're excited to have you with us as we look forward to many wonderful events in the upcoming year. We had a successful Installation of Officers and Planning Meeting back in September (and thanks to all of you who showed up) and the first event on our calendar is this month's General Recital, being held at Gianelli Square on October 16th (details below). The minutes of our meeting will also be found below. Also, changes are being made to the fee structure for CM so please take note. Meanwhile, as usual if you'd like me to post anything in the newsletter, feel free to send it to me (as you'd like it to appear) to ah9653@aol.com.

All my best,
Arjang Hedayati
Recording Secretary

OUR 2011 OFFICERS:

Dilara Khalilova - President

Mark Richman - 1st Vice, programs

Kim Newman - 2nd Vice, Membership

Laura Halladay - Treasurer

Arjang Hedayati - Recording and Correspondence Secretary

Directors - Rita Hovanesian, Anahit Sevoyan, Zhanna Gyulnazarova.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Grossman is going to chair the Classical and Romantic Festival (instead of He-Lyun). Thank you ED!

October General Recital will take place on October 16 at Gianelli Square, 19451 Londelius St. Northridge, 91324

Applications were due to Michael Paul by Monday, October 3rd; 5960 White Oak Ave., Encino, 91316

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The following letter concerning CM fees was sent by Sharon Shaheed to all members of the branch, and I have included it below. It concerns the changes (and reasons for such changes) to the CM fees:

Dear CM Teachers;

I was informed that it is necessary that we raise our CM Branch fees for Path A and Path B due to the building increase, we now have incurred in order for us to rent space at the Valley College. Last year, because of this new price increase the cost of running CM at the Valley College put us as a branch in a financial bind. Though our branch is financially okay, we cannot afford to take this loss this year. To help us adjust financially, it is only fair that our parents help us. As you know it is very difficult for us to relocate at this time our CM program to another facility.

Diliara has also asked me to ask everyone to contribute an additional \$5.00 per teacher to help the branch with the printing and food cost that is necessary to make CM successful. Last year, the food expense for the branch ran about \$120 for (2) days (Piano only) and the printing of certificates and additional forms for judges and teacher ran (Phoebe & me) about \$76.00, which we did not charge the branch last year.

Here are the new **Branch fees** that you must add per student in "Total":

PATH A: \$7.00 per student. (an increase of \$3.00)

PATH B: \$4.00 per student. (an increase of \$2.00)

TEACHER SUPPLEMENTAL FEE: \$5.00 per CM teacher

Please note this will be a great support to help us make CM as successful as it has been in the past.

Also please forgive the lateness of this new information. I wish it had been discussed earlier on.

-Sharon Shaheed

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 19TH INSTALLATION AND PLANNING MEETING

9:30 am

Discussion lasting almost an hour about a possible new format for our Scholarship Competition. After much debate, four categories were created (PIANO ONLY) : category 1 is for ages 7-9, category 2 is for ages 10-12, category 3 is for ages 13-15, and category 4 is for ages 16-18. Motion was made for these new divisions, and motion was passed.

10:25

Our president Dilara Khalilova announced that Los Angeles Valley College will only be available for CM this year and not for any other programs. She has been looking for a new venue. Keyboard Concepts of Sherman Oaks is a near-future possibility but until their new hall is completed, our best option may be Gianelli Square in Northridge. Very likely the Contemporary Festival will be held there.

The new date for the Contemporary Festival is November 13th, with fees due (postmarked) by October 24th.

The Bach Festival will be held on April 15th, 2012. Dues are to postmarked by March 26th. Online registration begins on November 1st. Please go to www.SCJBF.org to sign up.

10:35

Discussion concerning how much our branch could afford to donate to the Bach Festival. In light of our current finances, it was deemed best to donate \$25.00. Motion was made for such a donation, and motion was passed.

10:45

Long discussion about the format and details of our branch's new festival, the Classical and Romantic Festival. After much debate, it was motioned that the new festival would be structured in the same manner as the Contemporary Festival, with the following differences: 1. There will be 2 evaluators, not judges; 2. Students can play only 1 piece, either from the Classical or Romantic periods; and 3. There is a 6 minute time limit. Motion was passed.

11:15

Dr. Paul Pitman proceeded with the Installation of the Officers.

11:30

Meeting adjourned.