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APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

A Note from the President & Vice-President
Scott Pratt & Phyllis Pan

Happy Spring! To all the teachers who participated at the CM this year, thank you for all your hard work. The Branch Honors recital following was a success.

Here are the names of the CM teachers whose students participated in the Branch Honors Recital. Congratulations!

Keiko Banks, Nina Belskaya, Natasha Borodulin, Esther Chan, Anne Chen, Ronald Gipson, Hui-Chong Kim, Bonnie Knight, Machiko Kobialka, Janis Lee, Dun Yin Liu, Juliet McComas, Phyllis Pan, Kira Plettser, Scott Pratt, Lena Schumann, Millie Siu, Yelena Sonyants, William Wellborn, and Lisa Yasnogorodosky.

Keiko Banks, Millie Siu, and Esther Chan can now breathe a sigh of relief now that CM is over. Also thanks to William Wellborn for organizing the honors recital. Special thanks to them for all their hard work.

Jane Hung, our treasurer, has moved to Taiwan. The board is simultaneously happy for her and very sad to see her go. Our new treasurer is **Melissa Smith**. She has agreed to step up and has worked hard to get up to speed with all those figures! Thank you so much Melissa!

ATTENTION ALL MTAC-SF MEMBERS! ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING RECITALS AS WELL AS ALL OTHER CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE SENT TO: MTAC-SF 450 TARAVAL ST. #213 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94116.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

I. MTAC-SF PIANO COMPETITION: Sunday, April 19, 2009; ALL DAY

The location of the piano competition has been changed to the home of **Ronald Gipson**. His address is 195 Westgate Dr., San Francisco, CA 94127; 415-334-3419.

If you have any questions regarding your students' application, please contact Monica Lee, monica@monicaleepianist.com, 290-4426, or Crystal Wong, talk2crystal@hotmail.com, 731-9562.

II. Sunday, April 26, 2009, 2:00p.m. @ Church of St. Stephen, 601 Eucalyptus Dr., San Francisco, CA 94132 (415) 681-2444

- **Panel Honors Recital**
- **Piano Competition Winner Recital**
- **Student Recital:** For more information, please contact recital chair, Scott Pratt, at 415-317-1245. Please make note of his change of address: 450 Taraval St. #213 San Francisco, CA 94116. Deadline for application is April 13, 2009

III. May 17, 2009, 2:00 p.m. @ Church of St. Stephen,

Location: 601 Eucalyptus Dr., San Francisco, CA 94132 (415) 681-2444.

ASKP/ Adult/Student Recital; Again, please contact recital chair Scott Pratt for more information. Deadline for application is May 4, 2009

IV. Membership News: Phyllis Pan

Thank you to all the members who have updated and verify their contact information with me. If you have not done so, please hurry. The deadline for me to confirm the information to the MTAC State Office is **April 15th.**

Now, you can check if your information is correct by going to www.mtac.org and clicking on the MTAC login link. The member username and password is the same as the one used for CM registration. Remember, the information you see there will be printed on the State Directory. If you do not have a username and password, please email me at phuzzyphil@gmail.com. Let me know ASAP if you made any changes.

I want to extend a warm welcome to a new member who has joined our chapter recently: **Dr. Vanessa Polgar.** She received her undergraduate degree in piano at San Francisco State University and is now back after finishing her doctorate degree from the University of Texas. **WELCOME BACK VANESSA!**

Don't forget to add her into your directory!

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V. Memorial for Zelda Peoples on Saturday, April 4th, 2009.

There was a lovely memorial service for our recently passed member Zelda Peoples. The memorial was a celebration of her life, and was well attended. Several MTAC-SF members who were friends of Zelda attended the memorial and reception and reported that it was very upbeat and full of good music. The MTAC-SF board provided a lovely floral wreath.

(Special thanks to Barbara Bannett who helped edit this newsletter. Thank you Barbara!)

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