



**Music Teachers' Association of California  
SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH**

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**January 12, 2009**

Hello Everyone. Welcome to 2009.

Enclosed is our new branch directory. Thanks to Phyllis Pan and Keiko Banks for putting the directory together.

As Certificate of Merit (CM) approaches please remember that the deadline for entering your students information is January 31, 11:59 pm. CM co-chair, Esther Chan sent an email on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Here it is again:

*The database for entering your students' information is now open. Please go to the MTAC.org website, click on Certificate of Merit, click on CM Information, click on 2009 Online Evaluation Information Form Instruction for directions on how to enter the information. When you choose the day of evaluation- Day 1 is Sunday, March 15; Day 2 is Sunday, March 22. AM is before lunch, usually before 12:30 pm; PM is after lunch. The computer will schedule on a first come first serve basis and your request is not guaranteed. Once the schedule is published, NO RESCHEDULING IS ALLOWED FOR ANY REASON. Remember, you are responsible for the content on the evaluation form so please type in the information carefully. If your student is applying for convention, please time the piece accurately. If your student is applying for Branch Honors, check the appropriate box, but do not enter a piece. The deadline for entering information is January 31, 11:59 pm. You may change your student to Path B or drop the student before that date. After that date you must inform Esther Chan by email if there are any changes. No student will be allowed to switch to Path B after January 31.*

*The next communication from us will be around the end of February when we email the CM schedule. We will also email you regarding your work schedule. You will need to check online to see what your duties will be.*

*Some of you have not updated your teachers' homepage. If you changed any information since last year, especially your email, you must update that on your teacher homepage immediately. Your students' schedule will be sent out using the email from the teacher's homepage, not our record. Be sure the email address on your teacher's homepage is correct and that we have it in our record.*

*Thank you for your attention to these matters. Good luck in your students' preparation for CM 2009.  
Esther Chan, CM Co Chair*

**Here is the schedule for the of our branch events for the rest of the year.**

This information can all be found at our website [mtac-sf.org](http://mtac-sf.org)

Event: **Young Artist Guild Recital** with pianist **Kenric Tam**

Location: Foster City Community Center, Wind Room 1000 East Hilldale Blvd. in Foster City

Date: Jan. 25, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Event: **Master Class** with pianist **Gwendolyn Mok**  
Location: San Francisco State University, Knuth Hall, College of Creative Arts  
Date: Feb. 8, 2009  
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm  
Application Deadline: January 26, 2009  
Send Applications and a check for \$35.00 payable to MTAC-SF to Scott Pratt  
927 Taraval St. #1 S.F. 94116

Event: **Student Recital**  
Location: St. Stephen Church Eucalyptus Ave near 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave Look for the **MTAC** sign  
Date: Feb. 22, 2009  
Time: 2:00 pm (1<sup>st</sup> recital)  
Application Deadline: February 9, 2009  
Send Applications to Scott Pratt- same address as above

Event: **Certificate of Merit, Day One**  
Location: S. F. State University, College of Creative Arts  
Date: March 15, 2009  
Time: 8:00 am- 5:00 pm

Event: **Certificate of Merit, Day Two**  
Location: S. F. State Univ.  
Date: March 22, 2009  
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Event: **Certificate of Merit Honors Recital**  
Location: Presidio Chapel  
Date: March 29, 2009  
Time: Recitals 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Event: **Piano Solo Competition**  
Location: The Home of **Zelda Peoples** 668 Church St. S.F. 94114  
Date: April 19, 2009  
Time: 10 am – 5:00 pm  
Application Deadline: April 4, 2009  
Send Applications to Monica Lee 351 King St. #637 S.F. 94158

Event: **Panel Honors and Competition Winners' Recital, Possible Student Recital**  
Location: St. Stephen Church Eucalyptus Ave. near 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave look for **MTAC** sign  
Date: April 26, 2009  
Time: 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm  
Application Deadline for student recital: April 13, 2009  
Send Applications to Scott Pratt

Event: **After School Keyboard Program Recital, Student Recital, Adult Recital**  
Location: St. Stephen Church Eucalyptus Ave. near 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave Look for **MTAC** sign  
Date: May 17, 2009  
Time: First Recital 2:00 pm  
Application Deadline for Student and Adult recital: May 4, 2009

Send Applications to Scott Pratt

Event: **MTAC-SF Board of Directors Installation Dinner**

Location: TBA

Date: May 31, 2009

Time: 5:00 pm

Event: **MTAC State Convention**

Location: Santa Clara Marriott Hotel

Dates: July 3 - 7

FROM KARL GOLDSTEIN, CHAIR of the ADULT PERFORMANCE PROGRAM NORTH:

I would like to encourage all teachers with serious adult students (Level 6 and above) to consider getting involved in this program. While the ultimate aim is to accommodate performers, it is possible to come to the annual event and play all three pieces in a private session with a master teacher. Memorization is optional.. Auditing is also an option for students who wish only to observe.

I have several serious adult students who have participated in this program for years. One of my students did all three of her pieces in private sessions the first year. The next year she played one in a master class. The following year she played in the recital, was accepted to perform at the State Convention, but waited for her fourth year to actually go to the Convention and perform.

My students find preparing for the Adult Performance day a great motivator and enjoy attending the master classes and recitals. Please have any interested teachers contact me. Also please know that this program is open to teachers as well, and several MTAC teachers attend this program every year.

This year the Adult Performance Program will take place at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill on Sunday, March 29, 2009. So far the master teachers are Diane Hidy and Robert Schwartz. For more information and application forms go to the MTAC website and click on Adult Performance. Or you can contact the North California Chair, Karl Goldstein, at 510 848-3422 or [kgoldstein@juno.com](mailto:kgoldstein@juno.com)

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