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September, 2008

Greetings fellow members of MTAC-SF! We hope you all had a restful summer.

Mark your calendars for our **General Meeting!**

It will take place **October 19 at 3:30 pm at the home of Maya Gorodetsky 1238 39th Ave.** in SF near the corner of Lincoln Ave. Plan on arriving 15 minutes early. **The meeting will start at 3:30 sharp.**

First, new Board Member **Melissa Smith**, will give a presentation highlighting the activities and benefits that are currently being offered by our branch. In addition, she will talk about how our branch can better promote your business and career as a music teacher in San Francisco.

Then, there will be a Certificate of Merit (CM) Meeting presented by **Keiko Banks** and **Esther Chan**, which is required for all teachers who are first time participants in CM. The CM State Council has directed all branch CM chairs have this meeting for all teachers new to CM.

The entire meeting will last about an hour.

Refreshments will follow the meeting.

Recitals

Student Recital: November 16, 2008. First Recital starts at 2:00 pm

Location: St Stephen Church on Eucalyptus Ave. near the corner of 23rd Ave.

Look for the "MTAC" sign

Application Deadline: 10/30/08. Send Application and one check for all students to:

Melissa Smith 409 Bella Vista Way, SF 94127

Student Holiday Recital: December 7, 2008

Location, Time, and Recital Coordinator to be announced. This will be announced in the next newsletter and emailed to all members as soon as possible.

Look for more details about student recitals on these dates:

February 22, 2009 April 26, 2009 May 17, 2009

A complete schedule for the year will be written in the next newsletter.

Other News: **Esther Chan** will be part of the "Schultz's Beethoven-Schroder's Muse" exhibition in the Charles M. Schultz Museum in Santa Rosa. She will present the "Appassionata" and "Les Adieux" as part of a lecture recital on Saturday, November 1st, 2:00-5:00 pm. Her students **Kendrick Kwok** and **Vivian Wong** will also be performing Beethoven Sonatas that afternoon.

In Memoriam

We regret to inform you that one of our loyal members, Neyde Azevedo, has passed on. Neyde was born and grew up in Sao Paulo Brazil of Jewish ancestry where she still has relatives. She got degrees in both Music and Cultural Anthropology and maintained a keen interest in both fields throughout her lifetime. She travelled widely in her younger years including to Tibet where she developed a strong empathy for the culture and religion, and to Japan where she married a local and lived until his untimely death. After coming to San Francisco, she joined the faculty of City College where she taught piano classes and joined the MTAC, SF Branch. In addition she was in high demand as a translator as she spoke several languages well, including Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, French and Japanese. She was a very caring person and active in both the local Sephardic Jewish Community and the SF Korean Zen Centre. About four years ago, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease and shortly afterwards moved to the SF Jewish Home for the aged. While there, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer to which she succumbed in early July 2008. A memorial service was held for her at the Korean Zen Centre on August 10th. The late Rosa Cutler and Frank Levin, both of the MTAC were among her closest friends. She will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved her. "Nam myoho raingekyo" Neyde.

We welcome our new members!

Amy Stephens. Her instrument is piano specializing in jazz as well as classical. Her address is 1724 Ortega Street, San Francisco, CA, 94122; amy@amystephens.com.

Geein Hwang. Her instrument is cello. Her address is 355 Berry Street #233, San Francisco, CA 94158; geeinhwang@hotmail.com.

Qiuping Han. Her instrument is voice with a minor in piano. She transferred from Sacramento Branch. Her address is 9840 Peters Ranch WY, Elk Grove, CA, 95757; ehqp122@yahoo.com

Jonathan Koh. His instrument is cello who graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory and is a faculty member in the preparatory department. His address is 337 S. Fremont St. #116, San Mateo, CA, 94401; jkoh81@gmail.com.

Corey Knight. New student member from San Francisco State, his main instrument is piano. His address is 2546 Great Highway, San Francisco, CA, 94116; corewhynote@att.net.

Jerry Gerber. He specializes in composition and MIDI. If any teachers are interested in learning more on how to utilize technology, he is willing give workshop training. His address is 1275 10th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94122; jerry@jerrygerber.com.

Updates of Members: Please make a note the changes on your current directory.

- **Eva Zimmerman** has changed her email address: evamariazim@gmail.com
- **Channa Sheynberg** has updated her information as well. Her address is 2087 28th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116.
- **Liang –Yun You has transferred to Santa Clara.** Her address is still 2416 38th Ave; San Francisco; CA 94116; liang_you@yahoo.com.

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