

**Music Teachers' Association of California  
San Francisco Branch**

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**MTAC-SF Newsletter**

April 6, 2010, New Information and Reminders

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### **1. Recital Application Procedure and Venue Maps**

**For Branch recitals, via U.S. Mail, send your completed recital application and your check for \$20 to one person only, the Treasurer, Melissa Smith, at her current address:**

**Melissa Smith, Treasurer  
MTAC-SF Branch  
1504 Whipple Avenue  
Redwood City, CA 94062**

Melissa will transmit the repertoire to the Recital Chairs. Members with internet access can find the recital application online at [www.mtac-sf.org](http://www.mtac-sf.org) under "Branch Programs." Members without internet access can ask the Recital Chair to mail them a recital application. To read the recital guidelines, see the branch website, [www.mtac-sf.org](http://www.mtac-sf.org). Click on "Branch Programs." Remember to read the guidelines carefully, write clearly all the information of your students' pieces, and **accurately time them using a stopwatch**, being considerate knowing that other students need to play as well. This is important if we were to run our programs smoothly and in a timely fashion.

#### **Venue Information:**

**Map to the Main Post Chapel, Building 130, Fisher Loop in the Presidio.**

[http://www.interfaith-presidio.org/map\\_directions.html](http://www.interfaith-presidio.org/map_directions.html)  
[http://74.125.155.132/search?q=cache:IuKqBmfnuL8J:www.interfaith-presidio.org/map\\_directions.html+Interfaith+Presidio+San+Francisco+directions&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us&ie=UTF-8](http://74.125.155.132/search?q=cache:IuKqBmfnuL8J:www.interfaith-presidio.org/map_directions.html+Interfaith+Presidio+San+Francisco+directions&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us&ie=UTF-8)

**Map to Church of St. Stephen, 601 Eucalyptus Drive , San Francisco**

**Click here: Map of 601 Eucalyptus Dr San Francisco, California by MapQuest**  
<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=San+Francisco&state=CA&address=601+Eucalyptus+Dr&zipcode=94132-1548&country=US&latitude=37.731132&longitude=-122.479146&geocode=ADDRESS>

***[Topics 2 and 3 are recitals for which the application process is still open:]***

### **2. Last Student Recital of the School Year: Sunday, May 16, 2010.**

**(1) Student Recital; (2) After-School Keyboard Education Program;  
(3) Adult Recital**

Church of St. Stephen, 601 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco  
Application and checks are to be mailed to Melissa Smith; (see address above).

**Deadline to register: April 25, 2010.** Millie Siu, [milliegysui@hotmail.com](mailto:milliegysui@hotmail.com), will be the Recital Chair. Times of the recitals to be announced.

### **3. Teachers' Fundraising Concert, Sunday, May 23, 2010, 3:00 p.m. Home of Carol Ferrando, 3140 Lyon Street, San Francisco.**

Performers play for free; no recital fee. The suggested donation is \$20.00 or whatever you can afford. Confirmed performers of April 6 include: Heidi Hau, Robert Schwartz and William Wellborn – THANK YOU!!

**The deadline to apply to perform is Saturday, April 24.**

**If you would like to perform, please send recital applications to Melissa Smith at [mls3@aol.com](mailto:mls3@aol.com) or**

Melissa Smith, Treasurer  
MTAC-SF Branch  
1504 Whipple Avenue  
Redwood City, CA 94062

If you or your students plan to attend, please RSVP the number of attendees to the Recital Chair, Bonnie Knight, at [Bonnie.Knight@att.net](mailto:Bonnie.Knight@att.net)  
It would be helpful to know the number of audience members by April 24.

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**4. CM Honors Recital, April 11, 2010, Main Post Chapel in the Presidio. Four concerts: 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45 p.m.**

Congratulations to the Certificate of Merit students who made Honors and to their teachers! The CM Committee is communicating directly with the teachers involved. The CM Co-Chairs are Phyllis Pan [phuzzyphil@gmail.com](mailto:phuzzyphil@gmail.com) and Millie Siu, [milliegysiu@hotmail.com](mailto:milliegysiu@hotmail.com). The other CM Committee members Hui Chong Kim, [hckpianist@yahoo.com](mailto:hckpianist@yahoo.com); Keiko Banks, [sbanks@community.net](mailto:sbanks@community.net); and Esther Chan [pianistchanesther@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pianistchanesther@sbcglobal.net). The recital programs have been prepared by William Wellborn, [pianoleg@aol.com](mailto:pianoleg@aol.com). The Honors Recitals will be announced by Heidi Hau, [classic\\_hau@yahoo.com](mailto:classic_hau@yahoo.com), Bonnie Knight, [Bonnie.Knight@att.net](mailto:Bonnie.Knight@att.net), Phyllis Pan and Millie Siu.

**5. The Solo Competition is being held on Sunday, April 18, 2010, in the home of Ron Gipson (thanks, Ron!).** The Solo Competition Co-Chairs are Crystal Wong, [talk2crystal@hotmail.com](mailto:talk2crystal@hotmail.com) and Heidi Hau [classic\\_hau@yahoo.com](mailto:classic_hau@yahoo.com).

**6. The Solo Competition Winners and Panel Honors Recital is on Sunday, April 25.** Recital times are to be announced. The location is the Main Post Chapel in the Presidio. Janis Lee, [bjt@yahoo.com](mailto:bjt@yahoo.com), will be the Recital Chair.

**7. Dues Update**

Branch dues for the 2010-2011 academic year are being raised by \$10, for a total of \$48. The State sends invoices for both State and Branch dues this month. **In order for a teacher to enter students in Certificate of Merit 2011, the dues must be paid by July 31, 2010.**

**8. New log-in feature on the state website, [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org):** There are two routes to your personal teacher page on [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org). Always keep your contact information current, particularly if you have moved or changed your email address:

- You can click on the MTAC login button in the upper left hand corner of the [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org) home page, or
- You can use the CM button, click on your teacher information page and use your personal ID and password that you received when you joined.

The State Office encourages members to start getting in the habit of using the MTAC login route for non-CM business, but if you have already updated your address on the teacher home page in the CM part of the website, no worries, then the State has your current information already. Your user name and password are available from the CM Co-Chairs, Phyllis Pan [phuzzyphil@gmail.com](mailto:phuzzyphil@gmail.com) and Millie Siu, [milliegysiu@hotmail.com](mailto:milliegysiu@hotmail.com).

**9. Recital venue for your private studios: Amabile School of Music:**

Location: **Amabile School of Music, 1929 Taraval Street, SF, CA 94116-2215.**

Website: [www.amabilemusic.org](http://www.amabilemusic.org), pictures can be seen on the website.

Facility includes: Large common area, One conference-size room with a Yamaha grand piano, three practice rooms with Yamaha brand new uprights, and two other practice rooms with no piano but available for instrumental practice.

Rental fee: **\$5 per hour per room for small practice rooms;**  
**\$10 per hour for the conference room with the grand piano.**

Please feel free to contact the school at [mail@amabilemusic.org](mailto:mail@amabilemusic.org) or **(415) 682-7738** for availability. Please also note that rental fee might change depending on peak or off-peak hours.

**10. Recital Venue for your Private Studios: Allegro Music School, Foster City.** Allegro Music School in Foster City now has 2 grand pianos on stage available for recitals (including a Yamaha 6'11"). More information on the website [www.fcallegro.com](http://www.fcallegro.com) (including calendar and application for the Recital Hall).

**11. Concert by MTAC-SF Member, Robert Schwartz, Piano, Friday, May 7, 8:00 p.m.**

1751 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, CA 94109 | 415.474.1608  
[www.oldfirstconcerts.org](http://www.oldfirstconcerts.org). *Celebrating the 150th birthday of Isaac Albéniz Robert Schwartz, piano* "I cannot write about my stay in this dream world if it is not by composing. Nothing interests me as much as the sun that heats to whiteness the narrow streets of Granada. If one could make music out of it, how beautiful it would be." –Isaac Albéniz. Pianist Robert Schwartz performs Isaac Albeniz's masterpiece, *Iberia*, in honor of the composer's 150th birthday. Infused with the evocative melodies and rhythms of flamenco, the twelve pieces of Iberia have thrilled and fascinated pianists and audiences with their eloquence and complexity. More than a century after its composition, the suite still stands as the most important piano work to come out of Spain. Tickets: \$17 General, \$14 Seniors 65 and Older, \$14 full time students.

**12. Concert including MTAC-SF Members Juliet McComas and Esther Chan: Sunday, May 2, 3:00 p.m., 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chopin and Schumann Bicentennial Celebration, Community Music Center, 544 Capp Street, San Francisco.**

\$10 adults / \$5 seniors / students / ArtsCard  
Community Music Center presents its 7th annual Keyboard Marathon, Chopin and Schumann, in celebration of the bicentennial of the composers' births. Faculty and guest performers will showcase works by two of the greatest Romantic composers for piano.

**13. Young Pianists Play Liszt, Saturday, April 24, 2:00 p.m., Conservatory of Music, Concert Hall, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco**

William Wellborn would like to invite you to the annual Young Pianists Play Liszt concert, co-sponsored by the SF Bay Area chapter of the American Liszt Society and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. The all-Liszt program will feature students from the Preparatory and Collegiate Divisions. Admission is free.

**14. Appreciation to Volunteers!**

The Laguna Honda Hospital Community Outreach Concert held on March 13, 2010: This concert was a great success, thanks to these teachers and students:

Teachers present: Bonnie Knight, Teresa Yu.

Piano Students of Teresa Yu: Lauren Chow, Lauren Shew, Joseph Fangon and Max Buenarentura.

Piano Students of Lauren Cony: Olivia Mitchel and Maya Redlinger

\Cello Student of Hannah Addario-Berry, Eric Murphy

Piano Students of Bonnie Knight: Daniel Li and Angela Liu  
Piano Students of Yelena Sonyants: Nathan Basman, Brian Draper and Daniella Hernandez.

Thanks to Millie Siu and Dun Yin Liu for Co-Chairing the February 24, 2010 recital.

Thanks to the Certificate of Merit Committee for all their hard work!  
Co-Chairs, Phyllis Pan and Millie Siu and Committee Members Keiko Banks, Esther Chan and Hui Chong Kim. Thanks also to all the additional teachers who volunteered at San Francisco State University on March 27 and March 28 and/or who will volunteer at the Honors Recitals on April 11: Elena Akopova, Endre Balogh, Nina Belskaya, Natasha Borodulin, Heather Carothers, Anne Chen, Lauren Cony, Nataly Dukhovny, Ron Gipson, Maya Gorodetsky, Heidi Hau, Bonnie Knight, Machiko Kobialka, Janis Lee, Sumi Lee Levy, Dun Yin Liu, Marina Lynn, Juliet McComas, Kira Plettser, Scott Pratt, Lena Schuman, Robert Schwartz, Channa Sheynberg, Mimie Silva, Yelena Sonyants, Amy Stephens-Chen, Bill Wellborn, Alice Wong, Crystal Wong and Lisa Yasnogrodsky.

A special thank you to Shari Levinger-Jacobs, who took charge of the fundraising items. Thank you for the time in putting the stickers 5-to-a-baggie, and delivering and picking up the Certificate of Merit Pencils and the sticker bags.

Thank you to Melissa Smith, who donated a great deal of time to obtaining liability insurance for our branch when the State Coverage was cancelled by the insurer without any notice.

[Note from Bonnie Knight, if I have neglected to name any volunteers, please remind me, and you will be featured in the next Newsletter!]

**15. Etude in Black, a film sponsored by the San Francisco Film Society.**

"*Etude in Black*" is a gripping love story about a beautiful young woman with extraordinary talent as a classical pianist. She is passionate about her music and equally in love with an attractive, unassuming young man. But she is faced with the impossible dilemma of having to choose between the two. After making her decision and realizing a few years later that she chose neither wisely nor too well, she finds herself again at the same crossroads — and has to again decide between her career and her lover. The director is Mal Karman. The website is [www.etudeinblack.com](http://www.etudeinblack.com)  
The film is seeking tax-deductible sponsors. When the premiere is announced, it will appear in this newsletter. The website says, "Help Us Get This Message Out: If More of Us Listened to Classical Music, There Would Be Fewer Wars, Less Stress and More Peace In Our Hearts."

**16. 2010 CMTANC Youth Music Competition.** The website for the Chinese Music Teachers Assn. of Northern CA <http://www.cmtanc.org/english/> has a flier and a detailed description of how to participate. If you have questions, contact Anna Lin, [yunghsueh@hotmail.com](mailto:yunghsueh@hotmail.com) Deadline April 20; Competition on June 5 at San Jose State University.

**17. Summer Music West 2010 at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.**

**John McCarthy**, Director of Preparatory and Extension Divisions at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music announces **the 26<sup>th</sup> season of Summer Music West**. Established in 1984, **Summer Music West 2010**, sponsored by the **San Francisco Conservatory of Music**, features these select programs: **String & Piano Academy, Chamber Music, Composition, Gilbert & Sullivan Scenes**, and **Musicianship**. Each summer approximately 140 talented young performers, aged 9-20, explore excellence in music in a positive, supportive environment. Admission by auditions; sessions begin June 21, 2010. All programs will be held in the Conservatory's state-of-the-art facility in San Francisco's Civic Center. For complete information and an application, visit Summer Music West at [www.sfcm.edu/summer](http://www.sfcm.edu/summer) or contact Laura Reynolds, Summer Programs Coordinator, by phone (415) 503-6254, fax (415) 503-6299 or email: [smw@sfc.edu](mailto:smw@sfc.edu).

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**Thank you all for your active involvement with the MTAC-SF.**

Best wishes,  
Bonnie Knight, President &  
MTAC-SF Branch Board of Directors

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