



# Music Teachers' Association of California

## SAN FRANCISCO BRANCH

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January 3, 2011

Dear MTAC-SF Branch members,

First of all, on behalf of myself and the board of directors, I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!! Hopefully, with the SF-Branch's work, 2012 will be filled with more music than ever!

I am writing to announce a number of important events coming up over the next several weeks. To avoid sending you a tsunami of emails, I am listing them here in one email. Please **save or print this email** so you can keep track of these dates:

**Saturday January 7 - 7:30pm**

MTAC-SF Branch Board Meeting

Home of Robert Schwartz - Daly City

As you know, we are allowing two members of the branch to attend each board meeting so we can meet more of you and hear more about what our members want from the organization. One spot is filled for this week's meeting, so there is **one spot available**. If you would like to attend a board meeting you can respond to this email or call Robert Schwartz at (415) 587-2852.

**Sunday January 8 - 3:00pm**

New Year's Party and Young Artist Guild Recital featuring pianist Alex Wang

Home of Maya Gorodetsky

1238 39th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122

This is one of very few events where branch members can relax, feast on great food and enjoy each other's company - A wonderful opportunity for us to get to know each other better and to informally discuss creative ways to make our organization better serve its members, its students and the community - Not to mention a great way to continue the holiday festivities! You have all received an email invitation with details of Alex's thrilling program. I will send a reminder email in a few days. I am personally looking forward to meeting many members that I don't yet know. **Please come and join us!**

**Sunday January 22 - 2:00pm**

MTAC-SF Branch Community Service Concert

Jewish Home for the Aged

302 Silver Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112

Every year the MTAC-SF Branch offers at least one community service concert, usually for hospital patients or an elderly community. This year, we will present our branch students in a

concert at the Jewish Home for the Aged. We ask you to **please submit students** to this event by emailing Bonnie Knight ([Bonnie.Knight@att.net](mailto:Bonnie.Knight@att.net)) with the following information: Name of student, age, title of piece(s) with key, movements, catalog numbers and timing. You will receive a special announcement about this from Bonnie very soon.

**Saturday February 4 - 7:30pm**

MTAC-SF Branch Board Meeting

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Two spots are available to branch members for this meeting.

**Sunday February 5 - 5:00pm**

Student Recital and Adult Recital

Sherman Clay Piano Showroom

647 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

Our first student recital of 2012! Here is your students' chance to get some valuable performing experience well before the CM exams. **The deadline for applications is Sunday January 22.** The application form is available on the branch website along with the recital guidelines and instructions for payment by check or PayPal. We will also feature an **adult recital** on this date. Please beg, cajole, bribe, entice or strong-arm your adult students into performing! It's a great experience for them and the results of all their (and your) hard work should be heard!

**Sunday February 12 - 5:00pm**

MTAC-SF Branch Master Class featuring Robert Schwartz, pianist

Sherman Clay Piano Showroom

647 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

We're doing things a little differently this year: Instead of hiring outside teachers to give master classes, we are asking branch members to give the master-classes and to donate their time to the branch. We want to take advantage of the wealth of expertise and artistry within our branch while saving on visiting teachers' fees. This means that all of the proceeds from the classes will go to the branch, so the master classes could end up being significant fundraising events! Depending on the repertoire, we will present 4-6 performers for this class for advanced students. **To submit students** for participation in his master class, please contact Bonnie Knight ([Bonnie.Knight@att.net](mailto:Bonnie.Knight@att.net)) or Robert Schwartz ([robert@sfcamerata.org](mailto:robert@sfcamerata.org)). We urge you to support your colleagues and the branch by attending these classes!

Again, I ask you to please keep track of these events. **Remember:** The success of these events depends on the participation of branch members and their students. Let's make January/February an exciting musical kickoff to the New Year!

With all best wishes and thanks,

Robert Schwartz, President  
MTAC-SF Branch