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## Newsletter

Castro Valley, Fremont, Hayward, Newark,  
San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Union City

# Calendar of Events

### Current

**JULY 3-7 - MTAC CONVENTION AT MARRIOTT SANTA CLARA**  
2700 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95054

**SUMMER BREAK! THERE WILL BE NO BRANCH NEWSLETTER IN JULY AND AUGUST**

### Upcoming

**SEPT 23 - GENERAL/CM MEETING AT CASTRO VALLEY FOR THE ARTS**  
19501 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546  
9:30AM Refreshments, meeting starts at 10:00AM

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ▶ **MTAC membership renewal fees due July 1st.**
- ▶ **Early bird deadlines (with discounted prices) for convention registration:**  
**May 15 (\$170) and June 15 (\$185) <PAGE 3>**
- ▶ **Teachers will NOT receive any notification about Convention Recitals. They must check the online website after June 1st to see the Performance Schedule**



### Branch Officers and Chairs

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Directors	<b>Grace Cheng, Gordana Petrovic, Glen Stark, Leefen Chen, Julie Chang</b>	
Certificate of Merit	<b>Gloria Ho, Chair</b>	<b>471-8061</b>
	<b>Gloria Ho (North)</b>	
	<b>Grace Cheng (South)</b>	
	<b>Jed Galant, Ling Lee (Honor Recitals)</b>	
	<b>Patricia Meissner-Kast (Woodwinds)</b>	
	<b>Katherine LaRose, Julie Chang (Theory Site Coordinator)</b>	
Student Recitals	<b>Gordana Petrovic</b>	<b>886-8449</b>
Composers Today Branch Chair, State Coordinator	<b>Glen Stark</b>	<b>623-1314</b>
Directory	<b>Kristen Normann</b>	
Historian - Scrapbook	<b>Sr. Andre Marie Fujier</b>	
Parliamentary	<b>Jeanne Fisher</b>	
Publicity	<b>Gordana Petrovic</b>	
Sunshine	<b>Carmencita Aspiras</b>	
Liaison to Center for the Arts	<b>Jeanne Fisher</b>	
Voice (voice, strings & woodwinds)	<b>Dr. Jiang Wu</b>	

# Greetings from Your State President

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## Convention

I've said it before, but will again. I really hope to see you at Convention. Besides MTAC all times favorites, Jon Nakamatsu and Hans Boepple, we have Melody Bober, Helen Marlais, Scott McBride Smith and other favorites. I've noticed that members favor Master Classes. I think we have an all time record number of Master Classes at this Convention (one or two every day!) so come, enjoy, learn, share and say hi! Notice, for your convenience, that we will have a quick lunch set-up in the Exhibit Hall, as well as a Photographer there for professional photographs of you or your students.

## Announcement

It is my duty to notify you that Jocelyn Jotie is no longer in our employ. If you come to convention, say hi to Rhonda Williams, Roland Jotie, and our newest additions to the staff, Emily Dengler and Casey Botkin.

## Bylaws

By now you should have received the announcement of the State Bylaws revision with your dues notice. The good news is that there are no dramatic changes; they are mostly "house cleaning" type changes, many of which are recommended by our Parliamentarian, Nancy Elsner. (The bad news is that there are a lot of them!). Many of the changes involve removing detailed "procedures" from the Bylaws, where they really don't belong, and moving them to a "Procedures Manual". Please come to the Delegates meeting at Convention on Saturday, July 4, 8:00 a.m., in the California Ballroom, Salon 5 for more on this—branches should send their delegates—and do feel free to email me at any time, if you have any questions about the Bylaws that need answering.

At your Service, Lee Galloway, MTAC State President

# Upcoming Events and other Items of Interest

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## MTAC 2009 CONVENTION

### Event Dates:

Friday, 7/3/2009 to Tuesday, 7/7/2009

### Location:

Santa Clara Marriott  
2700 Mission College Blvd.  
Santa Clara, CA 95054

### Deadlines:

1st early bird deadline: before May 15 (\$170)

2nd early bird deadline: May 15-June 15 (\$185)

After June 15 (full rate \$215)

### Important Information:

\* All new branch members as of August 1, 2008 are eligible to have \$40 off of the full convention registration rate fee.

\* All members are encourage to register for convention online. Please visit the website [www.mtac.org/convention](http://www.mtac.org/convention) for more information.

## Monster Concert 2009



This year's Monster Concert is scheduled on October 24th and 25th, Saturday and Sunday at Castro Valley Center for the Art. There will be a rehearsal on October 23rd at the center.

All members are invited to register themselves and their students by going to the registration site provided by Millie Chiem.

The board has finalized the selections for the Monster Concert. Members may go to the google group site for viewing the piece selection snips and purchasing the music materials online.

Registration site:

<http://milliemusic.com/monster>

Material site:

<http://groups.google.com/group/mtac-sacb>

## Update Your Personal Information in the Membership Directory

It is very important to keep your information in our database accurate in order for us to deliver the latest news and any important documents. Please contact Loan Nguyen by **end of July** if you need to update your personal information such as mailing address, phone number and email address. Thank you.

Loan Nguyen:

[loannguyen510@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loannguyen510@sbcglobal.net)

(510)683-8712

## Branch Jobs Opening

The following job positions are opening up in the Southern Alameda County Branch Board of Directors for the year of 2010:

- \* Publicity
- \* Director
- \* Scrapbooking Assistant

It is a great opportunity to join the board and to participate in one of the largest branches in MTAC. Please email Queenie Yiu at [queenie\\_yiu@hotmail.com](mailto:queenie_yiu@hotmail.com) if interested.

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## Composers Today Contest Results

Alex Wang has been accepted as a member of the Young Composers Guild and will have his piece Three Vignettes performed for violin and piano.

### State Contest results

Division 4: Freedom by Lawrence Luo  
Honorable Mention

Division 5: Daedalus and Icarus by Christina Lee  
2nd Place

### Film Score

Division 3: TimeManagement by Eesha Bemra  
1st Place

Division 4: Jasmine and the Puppet by Lawrence Luo  
1st Place

Division 5: Jasmine and the Puppet by Christina Lee  
1st Place

Division 5: Jasmine and the Puppet by Alexander Lin  
Honorable Mention

**All the above winners are students of Glen Stark.  
Great Congrats to him and his students.**

## New Composers Today Syllabus

### 2009 Edition

Authors

Glen Stark and Sue Shannon

Glen Stark will be unveiling the new Composers Today 2009 Edition at the convention. The time and place will be announced in the schedule and will likely take place either Saturday or Sunday. The new Syllabus is designed to address clear step-by-step goals with plenty of resources to get your students composing. Plan on attending this event and support Glen, a member of our branch as he presents the new Syllabus.

## 2009 MTAC Piano Concerto/Solo Competitions

### Northern Regional Auditions results

Divisions:

#### **Solo 1**

Honorable Mention

Steven Duong (student of Ji An)

performed piece Berkowitch: Paganini Variations

#### **Concerto 1**

2nd Alternate

Misha Galant (student of Olya Katsman)

performed piece Beethoven: No.2, Bb Major, Op.19  
(1st mvt.)

## Karen Hembree's New Address

Karen Hembree has moved to a new home in Fremont. The address is: 36757 Niles Blvd, Fremont 94536. This location provides easy access for piano students who live on the Mission Blvd corridor between southern Hayward, Union City, Fremont Niles and Mission Districts. She will be accepting new students in the fall.

Please feel free to refer calls to the same phone number:

510-795-0455, or same email: [karenhembree@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karenhembree@sbcglobal.net).



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## Accepting New Students

Please provide all the necessary information through email in a short format when you contact the newsletter editor for adding your name in this list. Request will not be accepted by phone.

Gloria Ho (Union City), piano  
(510)471-8061  
gloho@att.net

Julie Chang (Fremont), piano  
- group/private lesson, home studio  
(510)657-1914  
juliechang25@yahoo.com

Margaret Yong (Fremont), piano  
- home studio  
(510)676-0395  
margaretyong88@gmail.com

Loretta Westerhout (Fremont), piano  
(510)979-0172  
TheMusicCircle@hotmail.com

Karen Wolff (Fremont), piano/theory  
(510)615-8140  
rotenwald@comcast.net

Sandy Tsau Chen (Fremont), piano  
(510)673-1028  
sandy\_tsau@hotmail.com

Patricia Meissner-Kast (Fremont), clarinet/piano  
(510)656-4801  
patticlar@yahoo.com

## Accepting New Students (continued)

Marina Grudskaya (Newark), piano/theory  
(510)793-6826  
mlgrudsky@hotmail.com

Soo Hyun Hong (Fremont), piano  
- all levels from beginner to advanced  
- home studio (1414 Gilbert Ave., Fremont 94536)  
(510)713-1607  
soohongpiano@yahoo.com

\* Teachers' information will be posted on this list for 2 to 3 months.



# May 13th Spring Luncheon <sup>page 6</sup>

## Event Review and Feedbacks

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There were 22 teachers and 9 guests attended the Spring Scholarship Luncheon on May 13, 2009. This year's branch scholarship went to two recipients, Zoe Lu (will be attending Oberlin College in Ohio) and Kevin Woo (will be attending UCSD), each of them have received a scholarship of \$250 after their wonderful performance in the luncheon. There are many positive feedbacks about the luncheon. Thank you all for your enthusiastic responses. Millie Chiem has kindly uploaded the Spring Luncheon pictures to her website. Visit <http://milliemusic.com/mtac> to see all the nice pictures.

"Geez, the raffle prizes were so special! I wish I could have won one of the 2009 Theory Exam Papers set or a beautiful white orchid plant (how sad). Well, gonna wait for the next time!" ~Queenie Yiu

"I really loved Spring Scholarship luncheon. Everything about it was very well thought out and carefully planned. The atmosphere was pleasant with a beautiful table settings and flowers. Food was delicious - lots of different choices of sandwiches and wonderful desserts and fruits. And, of course, performance of the young musicians was memorable. I would like to thank everyone who made this luncheon a big success." ~Olya Katsman

"It was great to be back in the midst of music colleagues. Thanks for the great program and lunch. Looking forward to convention and next year together." ~Karen Hembree

"Spring Luncheon-What a wonderful place to be. Great people, great performances, and great foods!" ~Susie Kim

"Everything was very wonderful and very professional. I took to heart the message from our president for us on the board to sit with new teachers to get to know them. But no one new came!!! We should try to think of a way to get them interested enough to come. However, I sat with Kevin Woo the performer to follow through on the president's suggestion." ~Gloria Ho

I like almost everything, the decoration, food, desert, fruits and of course the orchard (I won one). I just wish more people attend." ~Grace Cheng

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## *Yamaha Piano Music Summer Camp!*

This is a 15 day program begin Monday, July 13th through Friday July 31st.  
Class times will be 10 am to Noon, Monday thru Friday for three weeks.

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment Cash  Check  Visa  M/C

Type of Piano used at home; Acoustic Upright  Grand  Digital  none



There will be a \$25.00 charge for all lesson materials, media, and graduation certificate.

***Pianos Plus 1558 A St, P.O. Box 20039, Castro Valley, CA 94546***  
***Phone (510)581-1660 [www.pianosplus.com](http://www.pianosplus.com) Fax (510) 581-1760***

Welcome to New Member(s)

# MTAC NEWS

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