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Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

Current

APR 20 - WED - GENERAL MEETING AT FIRST CHINESE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH AT 9:30AM
LECTURE AND PERFORMANCE ON "THE PIANO
MUSIC OF DEBUSSY AND RAVEL INTER.-ADV.
LEVEL" BY DR. GWENDOLYN MOKAT 10AM
2856 WASHINGTON BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94539

MAY 2 - MON - BOARD MEETING AT FRANCES MARTIN'S 9:30AM
3132 KIPLING PLACE, FREMONT, CA 94536

MAY 11 - WED - SPRING LUNCHEON/SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL AT CASTRO
VALLEY CENTER FOR THE ARTS 10AM
19501 REDWOOD ROAD, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546

Upcoming

JUN 5 - SUN - STUDENT RECITAL AT CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR THE
ARTS 12PM TO 6PM
19501 REDWOOD ROAD, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- ▶ APR 15 DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR CONVENTION
- ▶ MAY 5 RSVP FOR 2011 SPRING SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Branch Officers and Chairs

President	Loan Nguyen	683-8712
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Corresponding Secretary	Queenie Yiu	505-4088
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Directors	Leefen Chen, Grace Cheng, Marina Grudskaya, Glen Stark, Frances Wu	
Certificate of Merit	Gloria Ho (Chair)	471-8061
	Gloria Ho (North Region)	
	Grace Cheng (South Region)	
	Ji An, Ling Lee (Honor Recitals)	
	Jeanne Fisher, Susie Kim (Theory Site Coordinators)	
	Patricia Meissner-Kast (Woodwinds)	
Student Recitals	Marina Grudskaya	793-6826
Composers Today	Glen Stark	623-1314
Directory	Margaret Yong	
Historian - Scrapbook	Sr. Andre Marie Fujier	
Parliamentary	Jeanne Fisher	
Sunshine	Carmencita Aspiras	
VOCE (voice, strings & woodwinds)	Dr. Jiang Wu	

- April 4 Theory Exams may be released to the teachers
- April 15 Deadline for applying for Convention
- June First week, check on-line for when your students play at Convention. There will be no announcement. You have to remember yourself
- July 1-5 Convention at the Marriot City Center, Oakland

CM Policies & Procedures, Section 3, Paragraph 4, "CM Evaluation Results; CM Database": After the CM Evaluation Release have been released, CM Teachers are responsible for checking that CM Performance Evaluation and Theory Examination Results entered into the CM Database online are accurate and correct. Corrections must be submitted to the Branch CM Chair no later than May 31

Well, it's finally done and over!!!! Yay!!! Thanks so much to Queenie and Jeanne and Pat and Grace and Susie and Ji and Ling and Millie and Frances for making it easier for me and less stress too!!! I still got sick, however. Too many late nights, I guess. Haha!! Next year my goal is no cold!!

Thank you also every teacher who helped make this program run with your volunteer hours, especially to those who did more than their share of the work.

Please be patient with the CM council as they are trying to standardize rules and procedures. It seems as if we have way too many rules and procedures to remember, but with the help of the computer and standardizing stuff, maybe it will get easier. We can only hope.

If you have any comments about the evaluating by the evaluators. The evaluator chair is interested in the anecdotes.

To apply to convention go to your student list, click on the arrow where it says edit reg, click on conv app. Follow the directions in the gray box. Then click on shopping and your students will be listed with the total. Take out your credit card and paypal. It's easy. I did it, so I'm in!

See you at the May luncheon or next year at the September meeting. Until then, my plans are to run the 100th Bay to Breakers!! And this summer, maybe I'll leave the country for vacation!!!

Have a great summer everybody

Gloria Ho
CM Chair
Southern Alameda County Branch

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Lecture and Performance on

The Piano Music of Debussy and Ravel –Intermediate to Advanced Level

Presented by Dr. Gwendolyn Mok

April 20, 2011, Wednesday, 10 AM

at

First Chinese United Methodist Church

2856 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA 94539

About Dr. Gwendolyn Mok

One of the leading experts in the piano music of Maurice Ravel, Dr. Gwendolyn Mok has appeared with the world's foremost orchestras and in major concert halls since her 1988 debut with the London Symphony Orchestra in the Barbican. She is a frequent soloist with the great orchestras of Europe and Asia and has recorded with The Philharmonia and The London Philharmonic for Cala records. Ravel Revealed recorded on an 1875 Erard piano of the complete solo piano works of Ravel for MSR has been critically acclaimed and is regularly broadcast in the United States and in England on the BBC. Dr. Mok has performed and recorded as well with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, The Group for Contemporary Music, and the Emyrean Ensemble. She is invited regularly to adjudicate major competitions including The Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition and most recently served on an international panel of jurors for the Russian Piano Music Competition in San José. She has taught at the Royal College of Music, Dartington International Summer School, Welsh College of Music and Drama, San Francisco Conservatory and was appointed the Coordinator of Keyboard Studies at San José State University in 2006.

Dr. Mok received her B.A. from Yale University where she studied with Donald Currier and Claude Frank and her M.M. and D.M.A. from State University of New York at Stony Brook where she studied with Gilbert Kalish. Dr. Mok was a recipient of a grant from the French Ministry of Culture to work with Vlado Perlemuter from 1994-1995, who passed onto her his knowledge of Ravel. Perlemuter was Ravel's student from 1927-1928 and was one of the world's leading authorities of his music.

2010-2011 BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP

We are inviting senior students who are going to persuade in music study after graduating from high school to apply for this year's branch scholarship. The 2010-2011 Branch Scholarship is open for CM/Panel/YAG students. Up to five recipients will be selected to perform in the May '11 Spring Luncheon. Depend on the number of recipients, each recipient will be awarded a cash prize of \$100 to \$500.

We accept registration in April 2011. Simply submit your name and the name of your piano teacher (a current MTAC member) by email to Millie Chiem at M29338@sbcglobal.net. Proof of admission recommendation from the music department of a college/university or a music institute/conservatory must be received by the Board by **April 30, 2011**.

Selected recipients must perform a recital in the Spring Luncheon on Wednesday May 11, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at the Castro Valley Center for the Arts.

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Composers Today

The Composers Today program is producing its final animated film. We plan to raise another \$500 to defray the costs. We are looking for members interested in contributing to the cause. Donors names will be added to the film credits. If you are interested in contributing, email me at glenstark@gamil.com

Glen Stark

Spring Scholarship Luncheon

Wednesday, May 11th, 2011, 10AM

Castro Valley Center for the Arts

19501 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546

A variety of sandwiches from Panera Bakery

Delicious desserts and coffee

Raffle prizes

Contact Millie Chiem for reservations by May 5th.

phone: (510)783-2123

email: M29338@sbcglobal.net

Make check payable to: MTAC SACB

(\$5 per person)

Mail check to

29338 Stonebrook Lane, Hayward, CA 94544

25TH ANNUAL BEETHOVEN COMETITION

The Ira Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies and the American Beethoven Society is pleased to announce the 25th annual Young Pianists Beethoven Competition to be held on May 1st, 2011 at San Jose State University. We are very happy to have Mr. Kirill Gerstein as our artist-master teacher. Some of his outstanding achievements include--First Prize at the 2001 Arthur Rubinstein Piano Competition, Carnegie Hall's "Rising Star" for the 2005-06 season and the 2010 Gilmore Artist Award. In addition to presenting the masterclass Mr. Gerstein will present a recital performing works by Liszt and Beethoven on Friday, April 29th (2011) at San Jose State University.

Please note that the competition brochure will be mailed out in September.

For more information contact John David Thomsen at (408) 258-8703 or Celia Mendez at (408)-978-2212.

If you have a missing CM test...

Please send an email to either Gloria Ho <gloho@att.net> or Queenie Yiu <queenie618.piano@gmail.com> if you have any missing CM test results (theory paper, performance mark form, certificate). And also let us know immediately if you find a misplacement. Include the student's name, ID number, and the teacher number if there is any when you report to us.

Thank you.

Welcome to New Member(s)

MTAC NEWS

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