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## Newsletter

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

## Calendar of Events

### Upcoming

NOV 1 - BOARD MEETING - LEEFEN CHEN 9:30AM

45974 TISSIACK PLACE, FREMONT, CA 94539

NOV 7 - SUN - STUDENT RECITAL AT FIRST CHINESE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH IN FREMONT 2:00PM TO 6:30PM

2856 WASHINGTON BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94539

NOV 10 - WED - GENERAL MEETING AT COMMUNITY OF CHRIST 9:30AM

DR. MARTHA BAKER-JORDAN PEDAGOGY PRESENTATION 10AM TO 12PM

34050 PASEO PADRE PARKWAY, FREMONT, CA 94555

DEC 10 - FRI - BOARD MEETING AT LE PAPILLON 10:30AM

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT LE PAPILLON 11:30AM

37296 MISSION BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94536

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- ▶ SEPTEMBER 15TH CM REGISTRATION OPENS
- ▶ NOVEMBER 15TH CM REGISTRATION CLOSES. NO LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- ▶ NOVEMBER 16TH CM REGISTRATION FEES DUE POSTMARKED BY THE DATE AND SEND TO TREASURER FRANCIS MARTIN (3132 KIPKING PLACE, FREMONT, CA 94536)

## Branch Officers and Chairs

President	<b>Loan Nguyen</b>	<b>683-8712</b>
Vice President	<b>Millie Chiem</b>	<b>783-2123</b>
Treasurer	<b>Frances Martin</b>	<b>708-3279</b>
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Membership Secretary	<b>Margaret Yong</b>	<b>676-0395</b>
Directors	<b>Leefen Chen, Grace Cheng, Marina Grudskaya, Glen Stark, Frances Wu</b>	
Certificate of Merit	<b>Gloria Ho (Chair)</b>	<b>471-8061</b>
	<b>Gloria Ho (North Region)</b>	
	<b>Grace Cheng (South Region)</b>	
	<b>Ji An, Ling Lee (Honor Recitals)</b>	
	<b>Jeanne Fisher, Susie Kim (Theory Site Coordinators)</b>	
	<b>Patricia Meissner-Kast (Woodwinds)</b>	
Student Recitals	<b>Marina Grudskaya</b>	<b>793-6826</b>
Composers Today	<b>Glen Stark</b>	<b>623-1314</b>
Directory	<b>Margaret Yong</b>	
Historian - Scrapbook	<b>Sr. Andre Marie Fujier</b>	
Parliamentary	<b>Jeanne Fisher</b>	
Sunshine	<b>Carmencita Aspiras</b>	
VOCE (voice, strings & woodwinds)	<b>Dr. Jiang Wu</b>	

September 15

Registration opens on-line

November 15

Registration closes

The September 10 meeting was one of the best we ever had! I hope for a 100% attendance rate next year. As it is, there were about 27 who did not attend, so I will be mailing your envelope to you in the next week. Included, is the directory of our branch.

To all teachers, everything you have in your envelope, you can find on your teacher page. Before you e-mail with your questions, you will usually find the answer in the documents chart. You should spend time to read the material. Also, please read the CM newsletters (go to [www.mtac.org](http://www.mtac.org), left hand sidebar "Certificate of Merit", then click "CM Newsletters"), because you can get the information sooner than I can e-mail it to you.

If you have any questions regarding CM procedure or program, please address them to Queenie Yiu. She is the Information Coordinator. She will handle all questions the teachers have during the year. So, I will be forwarding your questions to Queenie in the future. I have the deepest appreciation for her efforts to help me run the CM program.

All issues regarding volunteering for jobs will now be handled by Jeanne Fisher. I will be forwarding your requests and questions to her in the future. I also deeply appreciate her efforts (and Susie Kim's too!) for helping me run the CM program.

However, all questions regarding studio hosting will still go to me directly. I will also handle envelope verification. And of course, Queenie and Jeanne know they can count on me to make final decisions or help them with your questions. They have my full support.

We ask that you e-mail your requests, problems, questions, rather than telephone us, unless you feel you are not getting a response from us through e-mails.

You can begin registering your students on September 15. Please triple check your work, because after November 15, nothing can be done to fix your mistakes. The most common error is requesting the wrong level for your student. Be careful! Do NOT register a student who is a former student of another CM teacher. You must contact me to make a transfer. After I have done it, you will find the student on your list, and then you register him/her.

After I receive all the registrations, Jeanne, Susie, and I will sit down to assign jobs according to the number of students you have registered. Most of you will get the job you requested, but due to some jobs needing to be filled, we may change your job. I hope you can be flexible.

I fervently hope for a successful and smoothly run CM program this year. And I am so glad to meet the new members of our branch. I look forward to working with you.

Gloria Ho

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Queenie Yiu

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# Upcoming Events and other Items of Interest

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## **Berkeley California Seminar on the Taubman Approach to Piano Technique**

Saturday November 6th, 2010

The Berkeley Piano Club

2724 Haste Street

Berkeley, California Private Lessons and Lesson  
Observation Opportunities (for Seminar Attendees  
only) in private studios Friday,

Nov 5: John Bloomfield, Robert Durso, and Marc  
Steiner Sunday,

Nov 7: John Bloomfield, Robert Durso, and Marc  
Steiner. Elizabeth Swarthout will give a Master  
Class for children and teens Monday,

Nov 8: Marc Steiner, Elizabeth Swarthout, and  
Debbie Poyes

Cost \$175, or \$125 discounted price if you register  
before Oct 23rd. (suggested donation). Private  
lessons are charged separately, but lesson  
observation is included in the Saturday Seminar  
tuition price. Please visit:  
[http://sites.google.com/site/golandskyinstberkeley  
seminar/](http://sites.google.com/site/golandskyinstberkeleyseminar/)

Thank you, and see you there!

Elizabeth Swarthout, Seminar director

## **Livermore Valley Opera Student Ticket Discount Program**

For the October 2010 opera, Don Giovanni,  
LVO is offering a 50% discount for music  
students, teachers, and their families. Here  
are details of the plan:

1. Livermore Valley Opera is offering a 50% discount to music students, music teachers, and their families.
2. Tickets may be purchased in person or by telephone at the Bankhead ticket office or by phone at 925-373-6800
3. The password "Music" is necessary to get the discount, at the ticket window or by telephone.
4. To avoid unauthorized use of this discount, discount tickets cannot be purchased at the ticket window on the day of the performance.
5. This offer expires on October 10, 2010.
6. The discounts are from the adult ticket price, and cannot be combined with a student or any other discount.

## **SEEKING VOCAL ACCOMPANIST**

South Valley Voice Studio -- Morgan Hill is seeking for a classical pianist (vocal accompanist). Candidate must be an excellent or very good sight-reader for opera, musical theater, popular repertoire. For information, please call (650)207-2609 or (408)500-8365, or email to Allen Cathcart at [southvalleyvoice@gmail.com](mailto:southvalleyvoice@gmail.com).

**Michael Toschak, a former member, has  
Julie Johnson College AP Theory for  
people. He can be contacted at  
[toschak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:toschak@sbcglobal.net) or (510)304-3222.  
They can also order from  
[www.musicteach.org](http://www.musicteach.org).**

Las Positas College Music Department  
presents  
A Piano Concerto Competition

Purpose: To be part of the inaugural season for the new Center for the Arts

Eligibility: Open to pianists from age 14 to 24

Place: Center for the Arts, Las Positas College

Concerto Requirement: Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin

Preliminary Screening: Application with accompanying materials must be received by February 10, 2011

Final Audition: Saturday, February 26, 2011, 9 am

Performance: 7:30 pm May 4, 2011

Awards: One soloist will be selected. The winner will perform with the Las Positas College Orchestra on May 4, 2011.

Rules

1. All applicants will perform from memory and bring his or her accompanist if selected for a final audition. The winner is expected to perform in person on May 4, 2011 with the Las Positas College Orchestra.
2. The edition to be used is Rhapsody in Blue (original) for 2 pianos 4-hands published by Alfred Music Publishing.
3. Applicants must submit a completed application form, a non-refundable fee of \$25 and a CD, DVD or tape of their playing with an accompanist performing the orchestra parts (long orchestral sections can be omitted) to be used for preliminary screening. The application deadline is February 10, 2011. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the preliminary screening.
4. The finalists will compete in person on Saturday, February 26, 2011, starting at 9 am at the Center for the Arts, Las Positas College. Applicants will be notified by phone, mail or email of time of final audition at least one week prior to the event.
5. A copy of the music performed must be presented for the judges. Photocopies are not allowed.
6. Selection of the final winner is at the discretion of the judges. The decisions of the judges are final.
7. We reserve the right to cancel the event if there are not enough applicants.

For more information, please contact Mary Campbell at (925) 424-1118 or [mcampbell@laspositascollege.edu](mailto:mcampbell@laspositascollege.edu)

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Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanist \_\_\_\_\_

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Student Signature                      Date                      Parent Signature                      Date

Send your application, recording, and \$25 fee to Mary Campbell, Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, by close of day on February 10, 2011.

Please make checks payable to Las Positas College, with "Music" in the Memo line.

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## ? A Day with Melody Bober... ?

Saturday May 14, 2011

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

- "Energize Your Studio" Workshop 9:00-10:00 am
- Alfred Music Showcase featuring M. Bober music 10:00-11:00 am
- Luncheon with Melody Bober 11:30- 1:00 pm
- Master Class 1:00- 2:30 pm
- Student Recital 3:00- 4:30 pm

Energize your studio! Spend a day of professional training with one of today's most widely respected composers. Melody Bober has more than 25 years of experience in music education. Come and be inspired by music that can bring standing ovations to your recitals! This event will be held at:

Lions Gate Hotel & Conference Center  
3410 Westover Street  
McClellan, formerly AFB (Sacramento), CA 95652

**Calendar this event now! Plan on attending!**

- \$50.00 to attend this multi-faceted seminar of training, motivation and inspiration to help build your business.
- Luncheon is included with your admission.
- Master Class and Recital is open to the teachers/students of the Sacramento County Branch only.
- **Student participation is contingent upon receipt of the teacher's application fee.**

This event is sponsored by MTAC Sacramento County Branch.



# *A Day with Melody Bober...*

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## *Teacher Application*

**EVENT CHAIR****Olga Ulibarri**

9365 Windrift Lane

Elk Grove, CA 95758

[worldofmusic@frontiernet.net](mailto:worldofmusic@frontiernet.net)

(916) 317-4771

**DEADLINE:** March 1, 2011 Postmark**APPLICATION FEE:** \$50

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** This is a flat fee event. To attend any or all of the day's activities requires full payment of \$50. Student participation is contingent upon receipt of teacher's application fee.

Please check which sessions of the day's activities you are planning to attend.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am attending    Workshop     Master Class     Recital     Alfred Showcase Presentation 

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am attending Lunch with Melody Bober

**Plated Lunch Menu Selection – three course menu;** House Salad, entrée, Carrot Cake, rolls with butter, coffee , iced tea\_\_\_\_\_ #1 Lemon Herb Roasted Chicken Breast, *Cabernet Rice Pilaf, Natural Jus*\_\_\_\_\_ #2 Wild Mushroom Ravioli, *Asparagus Spears, Gorgonzola Cream Sauce*, (Vegetarian Option)

Please send completed form and one separate check of \$50 to the Event Chair (address above). Make checks payable to MTAC Sacramento County Branch.

**I have read the information and agree to follow the rules and guidelines.**

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to New Member(s)

Amy Christine Belles  
Cal plan member  
a.belles@comcast.net

Katherine Lee  
Active member  
katherine.lee@alumni.usc.edu

# MTAC NEWS

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