

SCJBF Dates

Bach Festival Deadline:
Sunday, March 1, 2020

Bach Festival (Branch Level):
Saturday, April 4, 2020

**Bach Festival Strings
(Regional):**
Sunday, April 19, 2020

**Bach Festival Winds & Voice
(Regional):**
Sunday, May 3, 2020

**Bach Festival Keyboard
(Regional):**
Sunday, May 10, 2020

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Southern California Junior Bach Festival

This year's SCJBF (Keyboard Division) will be held all day Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Steinway Gallery, Pasadena.

Registration is by online application only on the SCJBF.org website. Interested teachers should go onto the website, select "Registration & Announcements", and then Log On using their personal password; follow the links in the Student Information box to access the application form.

Before you can register students you will be asked for a \$10 teacher fee. This payment is securely handled online using a credit card, and helps to defray some of the costs involved with maintaining the SCJBF website.

The online registration opened December 1st, and the deadline to apply is March 1st at 11:59 p.m. The registration fee is \$45 per student. Teachers should send one check per studio, payable to "MTAC Pasadena", and include a print-out of your student listing.

Please mail to: Dorothy Caimano 915 N. Craig Avenue Pasadena, CA. 91104

Postmark is March 1st. (No birth certificates are necessary.) **Please do not send certified mail as this will require drives to the Post Office many times!!**

Some General Information: Repertoire time limit for all pieces is 5 minutes. There is also an Ana Magdalena category to encourage younger students to study the music of Bach. Please note: After the March 1st deadline repertoire cannot be changed. Any other questions about the application procedure may be directed to klobitz@sbcglobal.net.

The SCJBF Strings Regional Festival will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2020 at Pasadena City College - Westerbeck Recital Hall: 1570 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena. Please use parking structures on campus with access from Del Mar. Please purchase a parking pass from the kiosk.

The SCJBF Winds & Voice Regional Festival will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at Citrus College, 1000 W. Foothill Blvd. in the City of Glendora.

Please consider sending your students and thanks for supporting the Bach Festival!!

Kristi Lobitz and Dorothy Caimano
Pasadena Branch SCJBF Chairs

Member's Monthly Message

If you are interested in writing an article for the Member's Monthly Message please send it to Ruth Kasckow as a word document. We are looking for teaching tips and/or anything you are personally or professionally passionate about related to teaching and music. Any questions, additions to the website, ideas, or studio opening advertisements you'd like on the website can also be emailed to Ruth at rkasckow@flutemuse.com

Upcoming Events

Junior Festival Honors

Recital:

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Piano Masterclass:

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Voice Masterclass:

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Voice Festival Masterclass Information:

The Voice Festival will be held on
Sunday, February 23, 2020 at
Vera Hoalim's home:

401 N. Cordova St, Alhambra,
91801 (Studio in the back).

For more information please visit
our website or contact the event
chair: Valerie Tambaoan.

MTAC Convention 2020 Information

MTAC Convention 2020:

July 3 - July 7, 2020

Hilton Los Angeles Airport

MTAC Pasadena Branch Presents A Master Class with Professor Judith Neslery

February 23, 2020 -- 1:30 PM

Brendan Poon
Katherine Jing-Yi Xu
Evelyn Chi
Tiger Zhang

Allegro from Sonata No. 1 in F Minor, Op. 2 No.1 by Beethoven
Nocturne Op. 32, No. 1 in B Major by Chopin
The Fountain of Acqua Paola by Charles Griffes
Sonata Op. 10, No. 3 in D Major, (1st Mvt.) by Beethoven

Thanks to our participating teachers:

Vera Hoalim, Kristi Lobitz, Michelle Jo Santoso, Winna Tan

The Pasadena Branch of the MTAC is delighted to present this master class with Ms. Judith Neslery as this year's installment of its annual master class series.

Ms. Neslery is a distinguished member of the Pasadena Branch for the past 55 years. She has not only made a mark herself as a pianist - concertizing on 4 continents, but equally acclaimed by the critics and audiences for her large scale compositions. Originally coming from the famous Liszt Academy and Bartok Conservatory in Hungary, she also studied with the world famed Zoltan Kodaly, Rosina Lhevinne, John Crown and Lillian Steuber as well.

She has been on the faculties at Pasadena City College and Cal State LA and has presented Master Classes at several Universities. She is past president of the Pasadena Branch and co-director of the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition. She is also a recipient of many acknowledgements by the City of Pasadena, Los Angeles for her musical development and devotion for the community.

Congratulations to this year's VOCE Winners

Violet Mesrop Memorial VOCE Award*

Voci 4: Alexa Espinosa, Ava Espinosa, Wesley Chin, Scott Gabelman
Dianne Harmel, Teacher
Vocal Ensemble Open, 1st Place

Solo Winds Intermediate

Aileen Wan, Flute 1st Place -- Bolin Pan, Teacher

Solo Winds Senior

Katrina Wend, Flute Honorable Mention -- Bolin Pan, Teacher

Solo Voice Senior

Mathew Thayer, Baritone 1st Place -- Dianne Harmel, Teacher
Alexa Espinoza, Soprano 1st Alternate -- Dianne Harmel, Teacher
Eryn Pollard, Soprano 2nd Place -- Karen Reinhard, Teacher

Solo Voice Intermediate

Ava Espinosa, Soprano 2nd Place -- Dianne Harmel, Teacher
Chelsea Chu, Soprano 2nd Place -- Valerie Tambaoan, Teacher
Emily Lucas-Zimmer, Soprano 3rd Place -- Karen Reinhard, Teacher

Solo Strings Intermediate

Ashlee Sung, Violin 1st Place -- Sharon Harman, Teacher
Ariana Hovsepian, Violin 2nd Place -- Carrie Kennedy, Teacher
Aidan Woodruff, Cello 2nd Place -- Trina Hodgson, Teacher

*Award to be recieved at the End of the Year Award's Ceremony on May 17th

If you have anything that needs to be featured in the next newsletter, please send it to mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com no later than Sunday, April 5th.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Betry

Vice President -- Newsletter Editor
MTAC Pasadena Branch