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MTAC Pasadena September 2020 Newsletter

Greetings MTAC Pasadena Teachers! I hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to the start of a new academic year! While many of our programs will see changes in 2020-21, your MTAC Pasadena Branch Board and Chairs are working hard to continue to provide enriching programs and opportunities for you and your students. Please take a few minutes to read through the current updates and feel free to contact the board at mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com with any questions you may have throughout the year. We look forward to serving you and the Pasadena Branch students.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Betry

MTAC Pasadena Branch President

Mark your calendars! MTAC Pasadena will be hosting our Annual Teacher's Information Meeting on *Sunday, September 20th at 2:00pm*. This will be a Virtual Event with more information coming soon!

Branch Recitals

Branch Recitals will continue as a virtual event for Fall 2020!

Please stay tuned for more information regarding recital dates, application information, and virtual platform coming soon from Branch Recital Chair, Naomi Lee!

The **Keyboard Theme Festival** is transitioning to a virtual setting this year. Please be on the lookout for Application information in the coming weeks!

The theme for this year is "Dances of the Classical and Romantic Eras"

Sincerely,

Yvonne Chen

MTAC Pasadena Branch Theme Festival Chair

CM 2021 Deadlines

CM 2021 Registration Opens:
October 1, 2020

CM 2021 Registration Closes:
10/31/20 @ 11:59pm

Parent Payment Deadline:
11/05/20 @ 11:59pm

CM 2021 Testing Dates

**Testing Dates and
information to be determined
by the MTAC State Office.**

Upcoming Events

Branch Recitals:
More information to come from
Naomi Lee soon!

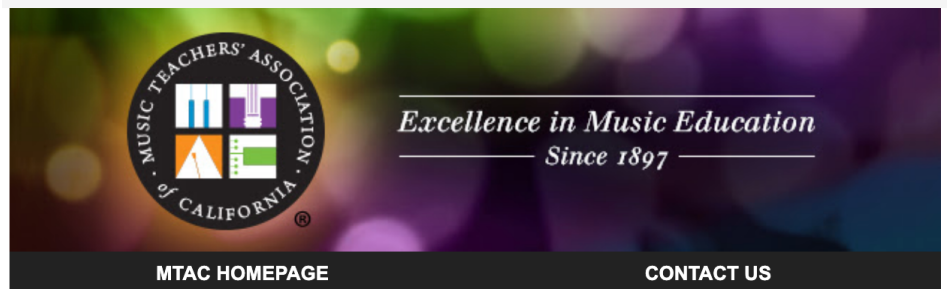
Theme Festival:
Application information from
Yvonne Chen soon!

VOCE Application Opens*:
November 1, 2020

VOCE Application Closes*:
December 1, 2020

*More VOCE information to
come soon from Valerie
Tambaoan and Angela
Whitaker; VOCE Co-Chairs

Here are the Certificate of Merit 2021 Updates the branch has received directly from the MTAC State Office. Please check your email and MTAC Portal regularly for the most up-to-date information.



Dear CM Branch Chairs and Branch Presidents,

Before the new Certificate of Merit season starts, the CM Council and State Office would like to touch base and answer some questions we have recently received.

Question: What is the role of a CM Branch Chair?

Answer: CM Branch Chairs can help answer questions by directing teachers to the CM Policies and Procedures. Branch Chairs will also be in charge of distributing certificates at the end of the year.

Question: Will Branches receive a CM rebate check?

Answer: This year, the Branch fees will not be sent to Branches as the funds will be redirected to help build the new CM testing platform on the Online System. The fees will be adjusted in the system by the MTAC State Office.

Question: Do Branches need to host the CM Branch Meeting this year?

Answer: No. Instead of hosting an in-person CM training meeting, the CM Council has created an online training video and quiz that will be open starting September 15.

Question: Who should teachers go to for questions about their students' CM applications?

Answer: Teachers will be able to contact the MTAC State Office for technical assistance.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, you can contact the [State Office](#). We are available Monday - Friday, from 9 am - 5 pm.

Sincerely,
Jackie Torres
Communications Associate

Be sure to check out our Pasadena Branch website for several resources and opportunities! 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 be emailed to Ruth at rkasckow@flutemuse.com

Lastly, our online membership directory is password protected. If you are missing the password please email mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com. If you have anything you would like to be featured in the next newsletter, please send it to mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com no later than Monday, October 5th for consideration.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Betry
President & Newsletter Editor
MTAC Pasadena Branch