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## MTAC Pasadena October 2020 Newsletter

Greetings MTAC Pasadena Teachers! I would first like to thank you for a wonderful Annual Information Meeting; it was the highlight of my month to "see" all of you. I hope one day soon we are able to gather together in celebration of the resilience each of you has shown as educators to carry us through these tricky times of virtual learning, online festivals/masterclasses, and recitals. In the meantime, I am thrilled to inform you of how the MTAC Pasadena Branch will continue our yearly operations. Please take a few minutes to read through the current program updates outlined in this newsletter and visit our website for the most up-to-date information throughout the month. Please feel free to contact the board at [mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com](mailto:mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com) with any questions.

Sincerely,

*Charlotte Betry*

MTAC Pasadena Branch President

**Congratulations** to MTAC Pasadena teachers **Blenda Lau** (page 19), **Pin Hsin Lin** (page 31-32), and **Ory Shihor** (page 34-36) for their article contributions in the Fall 2020 publication of *California Music Teacher!*

## Branch Recitals

Our first Virtual Branch Recital was a great success and we are so appreciative to the teachers and students who participated! Would you like your students to be involved in a future Branch Recital? Visit our [MTAC Website Branch Recital](#) page for more information or contact the Branch Recitals Chair, Naomi Lee at [naomileemusic@gmail.com](mailto:naomileemusic@gmail.com)

**Keyboard Theme Festival "Dances of the Classical and Romantic Eras"**

The [Information Sheet](#) and [Application Form](#) can be found on our website: [MTAC Pasadena Theme Festival](#).

Please note that all applications observe a **postmark deadline** of October 31, 2020.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

*Yvonne Chen*

MTAC Pasadena Branch Theme Festival Chair

## CM 2021 Deadlines

### Deadline to Complete CM Teacher Training/Quiz

10/20/20 @ 11:59pm

### CM 2021 Registration Closes:

10/31/20 @ 11:59pm

### Parent Payment Deadline:

11/05/20 @ 11:59pm

## CM 2021 Testing Dates

### Media Submissions Due

February 13-22, 2021  
(10 day submission window)

### Results Publish Date

March 9, 2021

### Parents Result Publish Date

March 15, 2021

## Upcoming Events

### Branch Recitals:

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Sunday, December 6, 2020

### Theme Festival:

### Application Postmark Deadline

October 31, 2020

### Recording Submission Due

November 25 - December 5, 2020

### VOCE

### VOCE Application Opens:

November 1, 2020

### VOCE Application Closes:

December 1, 2020

## Certificate of Merit 2021 Reminders

- Complete the CM Training and PASS the CM Teacher Quiz by October 20th. Allow up to 48 hours for the CM State Office to remove the hold from your account. Please plan accordingly as you can not begin enrolling students for CM 2021 until you have complete the training, quiz, and the hold has been removed.
- CM 2021 Enrollment is open October 1st - October 31st
  - MTAC State Technical Support ends at 5:00pm on October 31st
  - CM Enrollment closes at 11:59pm on October 31st
- When enrolling your students please remember the following:
  - New Students must first be added to your Student Roster
  - Once a student is on your roster you may Enroll them for CM 2021. Having students on your Student Roster does not enroll them into any MTAC Programs; you must enroll them for each program in which they participate.
  - Please Note: The State has discontinued Branch Honors for CM 2021; State Honors will still be observed. Branch Honors will be reinstated once regular in-person operations resume.
- Once a CM Application has been created, parents have until November 5th at 11:59pm to pay for the application through their MTAC Parent portal.
- There are several resources available for your assistance located in your MTAC Teacher Portal > Certificate of Merit > Resources Tab
  - These resources include step-by-step instructions for parents, students, and teachers. Be sure to save these documents to send to your students and to help answer any questions you may have throughout this testing year.
- **For CM related questions**, please first visit the Resource Tab in your teacher portal and view the first option "FAQ & Contact Information" to view FAQ's and for an e-Support Link for Teachers.
- **For questions regarding Policies & Procedures**, please first view the "Policies & Procedures" section of the Resource Tab in your teacher portal and also refer to your Syllabus. If you still have questions regarding Policies and Procedures, you may contact [CMPasadenamtac@gmail.com](mailto:CMPasadenamtac@gmail.com) for assistance.
- **For Technical Support**, please contact the MTAC State Offices at [cminfo@mtac.org](mailto:cminfo@mtac.org)

*Lastly, if your students participated in CM 2020, please remember to pick-up your CM 2020 Teacher Results Envelope from Bertrand's Music Store in Pasadena no later than October 23rd. Please contact [CMpasadenamtac@gmail.com](mailto:CMpasadenamtac@gmail.com) with any questions or corrections.*

*Carol Man Lee*

MTAC Pasadena Branch CM Chair

If you have anything you would like to be featured in the next newsletter, please send it to [mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com](mailto:mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com) no later than Thursday, November 5th for consideration.

Sincerely,

*Charlotte Betry*

President & Newsletter Editor

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