



MTAC Pasadena February 2021 Newsletter

2021 Bach Branch Festival

Southern California Jr. Bach Festival: Online Application Form
Kristi Lobitz and Dorothy Caimano, Branch Chairs

The **2021 Bach Branch Festival (SCJBF-Keyboard Division)** will be held online with a video submission date from April 1st to April 10th at 11:59 p.m. The website for submissions is not yet updated. This information will be posted on the MTAC Pasadena website as soon as organization for the online festival is finalized.

Registration continues to take place by online application only on the SCJBF.org website.

Interested teachers should go to 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 to pay a \$10 teacher fee which helps to defray some of the costs of maintaining the SCJBF website. If you are a new teacher to the Bach Festival or didn't have students participating last year you will be asked to pay this fee as soon as you log into the website to register students. The usage fee is securely handled online using a credit card. Teachers who registered students last year and then saw the Bach Festival cancelled due to Covid will not be asked to pay again this year.

Online registration opened December 1st, and the deadline to apply is March 1st at 11:59p.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. (*No birth certificates are necessary.*)

Please mail to:

Dorothy Caimano
915 N. Craig Avenue
Pasadena, CA. 91104

Postmark is March 1st. **Please do not send certified mail as this will require drives to the Post Office many times!!**

Festival Rules: 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 questions about the application procedures may be directed to klobitz@sbcglobal.net.

SCJBF Strings Regional Festival: The deadline to register students for the 2021 Online Strings Regional Festival is April 10th. Video submission due date is April 17th. The website has not yet been updated, however more information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. Registration is \$45 per student.

SCJBF All Branch Winds & Voice Festival: Deadline for recordings to be submitted is no later than Saturday, May 1st.

Video options are:

1. Solo winds and voice
2. Winds or voice with piano accompaniment (*Caution: maintain social distancing!*)
3. Winds or voice with piano accompaniment (*Please note: accompaniment only may be taken from Youtube.*)
4. Winds or voice in a "Virtual Video" format, i.e. soloist and accompanist may submit an "integrated" video recording if the two musicians record in different locations.

Covid-19 is forcing us to be creative this year! Please send your students to the 2021 Bach Festival and thanks in advance for keeping the music of this legendary composer at the forefront of your teaching!

Did you know our branch has a website dedicated to keeping you informed?

mtacpasadena.com

Need access to our Digital Directory?

Click Here

Do you want to know more about Branch Recitals?

Click Here

Are you interested in writing a short article to share with other members?

Click Here

Do you need to look up a date for MTAC State and Branch Programs?

Click Here

Check out our website for these resources and more!

CM 2021 Testing Dates

CM Media Submissions Due

February 12-22, 2021
(10 day submission window)

Panel Media Submissions Due

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Results Publish Date

March 9, 2021

Parents Result Publish Date

March 15, 2021

Upcoming Events

Branch Recitals

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Composers Today State Contest

Application Portal Closes
Friday, February 26, 2021

CT Payment Due Date
Friday, March, 5, 2021

CT Results Publish Date
Monday, April 5, 2021

Virtual MTAC State Convention

July 2-5, 2021

Certificate of Merit 2021 Reminders

Dear CM 2021 Branch Teachers,

Please review the email sent on January 28th by the MTAC State CM Office. This email was sent to all participating CM Teachers and Students via the email address listed in the MTAC Parent/Adult Student Portal. In this email you will find links to important instructions and information on video submissions.

Sincerely,

Carol Man Lee

MTAC Pasadena Branch CM Chair

Branch Recitals

Please Note: The February Branch Recital has been rescheduled to March 21, 2021.

Visit our [MTAC Pasadena Website > Branch Recitals](#) page for more information or contact the Branch Recitals Chair, Naomi Lee at naomileemusic@gmail.com

Virtual MTAC State Convention

Tickets for the Virtual MTAC Convention go on sale March 1, 2021 via Eventbrite. MTAC members will be able to access a special discount by entering their MTAC Member ID. Teacher Track tickets includes access to all recitals, student and teacher sessions, and events. Teacher Track tickets will be \$225 for the entire Virtual Convention. **MTAC members will be able to use their member id to unlock a special discounted \$150 ticket.** More information regarding featured artists and sessions will be sent out by the state soon.

If you have anything you would like to be featured in the next newsletter, please send it to mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com no later than Friday, March 5th for consideration. Don't forget to visit our website for the most up-to-date information throughout the month. Please feel free to contact the board at mtacpasadena1947@gmail.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Betry

*President & Newsletter Editor
MTAC Pasadena Branch*