




PASADENA
BRANCH

NEWSLETTER

JUNE-JULY 2024

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Dear Members of MTAC Pasadena Branch,

I wish you all a summer that is restful, exciting, creative, productive, or whatever you are hoping for your summer to be. It has been my pleasure to serve on the MTAC Pasadena Branch board for the past several years in various positions. As I conclude my term as Branch President, and my service on the board, I encourage others to get involved. The Branch Board of Directors is always looking for members who are willing to serve in a variety of ways, and I encourage you to reach out and indicate your willingness to help if this is something you would like to do.

Our Branch Board for 2024-2026 will be under the capable leadership of **our new President, Naomi Lee Liggins.**

Naomi has faithfully served as Branch Membership Chair, Corresponding Secretary and is, and will continue to be, the Chair of our monthly branch recitals.

Please watch your email for occasional messages from Naomi as well as from the MTAC State Office to stay informed of branch events and MTAC changes at the State Office level.

Sincerely,
Dianne Harmel
President, MTAC Pasadena 2022-2024

Upcoming Events

June 28–July 1

Convention

September 15

Annual meeting

October 27

Masterclass with
Murray McLachlan

[\(Import and see more dates at
MTAC calendar\)](#)



New board members for 2024-2026



Masterclass

Piano Masterclass with **Murray McLachlan**

Sunday October 27, 2024, 2:00 PM

 [Steinway Piano Gallery-Pasadena](#)



Please contact **Carlos Gardels** at carlosgardels@gmail.com for audition info.

Senior Awards Ceremony

MTAC Pasadena Branch's annual CM Senior Award Event happened on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at Sierra Madre United Methodist Church in Sierra Madre.

Congratulations to our 17 Branch Teachers whose 25 students earned their CM Senior Awards.... **Kelly Anderson, Anne Bader, Dorothy Caimano, Esther Chang, Ani Cholakyan, Margarita Dolukhanova, Dianne Douglass Harmel, Michiko Hartzberg, Fay Kau, Tamara Krigman, Angela Liu, Alexandra Miller, Michelle Jo Santoso, Gayane Sarkisian, Charlotte Betry Wilkins, Jing Yi Xu, and Roza Yoder.**[Click here to read more](#)



MTAC Pasadena
Keyboard Theme Festival 2024


DANCE AROUND THE WORLD

Date: November (TBD)
Location: TBD

Application fee

\$55 for Piano Solo
\$70 for Piano Duet

Online application form will be available in September



See the rules,

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Certificate of Merit update

Teachers and students should use the current syllabi for CM 2025.

- 2025 CM online Enrollment opens on **September 1**
- 2025 CM online Enrollment CLOSES on **September 30**
- 2025 CM Enrollment fees MUST BE PAID by **October 5** via parent/Adult student MTAC CM portal
- 2025 CM Enrollment application online edit CLOSES on **December 15**

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