



MTAC OCC NEWSLETTER

May 2025

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President's Message

Happy Spring Talented Teachers,

It's a beautiful super-bloom spring and your teaching year is nearing its end - reason to celebrate! Please join your fellow teachers for our Branch Meeting and Talent Show, May 14th. Thank you to Deborah Glass for bringing us such talent throughout the year!

We had many special events in April and I want to extend a huge thank you to Kara Ahmann, Agnes Chu, Sally Honda, Annette Pumphrey, and Jo Ellen Vandruff for organizing our OCC 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee! They spent over a year planning and created an absolutely magical evening!

Also, Laura Combs hosted the Community Service Recital on April 19th, Anne Prestridge and Priscilla Chang-Pai hosted the Contemporary Festival on

April 26th, and Laurie Meinhold hosted the CM Honors Recital on April 27th. Thank you so much for your continued service!

Thank you Nilou Sarraf for hosting the upcoming Senior Recital, and Su-Shing Chiu for the Composers Today Recital, both this month. As the year ends, so does my tenure as president. We have an incredible group of teachers and it was an honor to lead this special branch!

Endless thanks go to my board for their guidance and support and always being there when I needed help. I welcome Lan Vu as your new president, and all the new members on our slate of officers for 2025-2026. You are in good hands!

**Warm Regards,
Chamonix Patterson**

Chamonix Patterson

Branch Meeting

May 14, 2025

Wednesday, 10:00 AM

LHCC = Laguna Hills Community Center

Address: 25555 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Map - [Laguna Hills Community Center](#)

Come one, come all to our Talent Show and final meeting!
That's Wednesday, May 14, 10:00, at LHCC. There is still room for a few more acts.

Please email Deborah Glass (deborahglass@cox.net) or call 949 637-3198 with your special talent info. Remember, anything goes!

As always, a lovely breakfast will be served. Whether performing or cheering on your fellow teachers don't miss this fun ending to our 50th year!

Deborah Glass
First Vice President, Programs
dglassmusic@gmail.com

Calendar

May 2025

- 10 Saturday, 1:00 pm COMPOSERS TODAY BRANCH COMPOSITION RECITAL, LHCC
- 10 Saturday, 3:00 pm BRANCH SENIOR RECITAL, LHCC
- 14 Wednesday, 10:00 am. BRANCH MEETING, LHCC



Certificate of Merit

Branch CM Adviser - Gloria Liu Traulle, gltraulle@gmail.com
Voice CM Repertoire Expert – Susan Wong, frauwwong@hotmail.com
Piano CM Repertoire Expert Team:
Anne Prestridge, anneprestridge@gmail.com
Laurie Meinhold lemeinhold@cox.net
Jo Ellen Vandruff, jo@marshallart.com

Congratulations to all on your excellent job!

The MTAC State office will mail the certificates directly to teachers after April 18th, 2025.
Please contact the State office if the teacher never receives your certificates by mail.

Deadline to Download Detailed Evaluation & Theory Results: July 31, 2025

Make-Up Evaluations (MUPs)

All MUPS for Performance and Theory are administered in the MTAC Online System and must be completed during their scheduled MUP submission period, **May 4 through May 14.**

MUP students do not qualify for Panel, YAG, or any Convention program. For Advanced (Level10) Theory MUPs, MUP students also cannot qualify for the Theory Exemption. Different procedures and deadlines apply for MUPs for Performance (e.g., Evaluator scheduling), and MUPs for Theory. A MUP fee will be assessed at the time of application.

More about MUP applications and procedures are located at www.mtac.org > Login > Certificate of Merit > Resources.

May 6 CM Make-up Evaluation (MUP) Media Submission Deadline.

May 15 Convention Recital Final Schedule posted in the Teacher Portal at www.mtac.org/login

Syllabi 2025 Update Guides * NEW*

- [Piano Syllabus Updates & Changes](#)
- [Strings Syllabi Updates & Changes](#)
- [Voice Syllabus Updates & Changes](#)

Syllabi 2025 Repertoire Lists *NEW*

- [Piano Repertoire Lists All Levels](#)

Strings Repertoire Lists All Levels and Instruments

- [Cello](#)
- [Violin](#)
- [Viola](#)

Voice Repertoire Lists All Levels - Coming Soon



Renew Your 2025-2026 Membership

As we prepare for the upcoming year and all of the exciting member opportunities, we look forward to your continued membership with the organization in the 2025-2026 year.

Submit your renewal by **July 31, 2025** to maintain your current membership and avoid a reinstatement fee. Members who renew online through their Teacher Portal will automatically receive a **\$5 discount on their State membership dues!** This is only applicable through the MTAC Teacher Portal.

[Renew Today!](#)

If you have technical questions regarding your address change, contact the [MTAC State Office](#). Open Monday - Friday, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. PST.

Convention 2025 July 4 - July 7

Hyatt Regency Santa Clara and Santa Clara Convention Center



Teachers, guests, and non-members can purchase their Convention pre-registration tickets until May 31, 2025. You can view the rates below.

Teacher track registration includes:

- Access to all Teacher Track Sessions, including the Keynote and Featured Artist Recital
- Access to all Student Track Sessions
- Access to MTAC State Program Master Classes and Program Recitals
- Access to onsite Exhibit Hall & Marketplace
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Convention Onsite Registration will open on June 27, 2025.

Convention Teacher Track Early Bird Rates (ends May 31, 2025)		
Registration Type	Full Convention	Daily Rate
Member	\$350 (Plus fees)	\$210 (Plus fees)
Member Guest	\$250 (Plus fees)	\$125 (Plus fees)
College Member/Cal Plan Member	\$135 (Plus fees)	\$70 (Plus fees)
Non-Member	\$450 (Plus fees)	\$250 (Plus fees)

Convention Resources

[CM Convention 2025 Recital Program Guidelines](#)

[CM Convention 2025 Theme Recital Information](#)

[Convention Student Overview Page](#)

The Convention Volunteer Program is back for the 2025 MTAC Convention! This is an excellent opportunity for students and teachers to be an essential part of all the wonderful events at the Convention.

You can view the full Convention

schedule [here](#).

Please note that the Convention schedule is subject to change.

[**Register for Convention Teacher Track Here!**](#)

[Convention Adult Volunteer Interest Form](#)

Membership News

Chairperson Jennie Huang
Email: jh05168@gmail.com

Dear O.C.C. members, this is the end of our school year! I hope everyone had a great teaching year and is doing well this Spring! I wish you all a very happy summer!

****Important****

Maintaining MTAC Membership

- 1) To keep your membership current, you must renew by July 31. Active Members can renew by mail or online via your Teacher Home Page, as long as your membership is active and in good standing. If your payment is past due, you will need to pay a penalty fee to reinstate your membership.**

****Membership is required to participate in Certificate of Merit®. There are no exceptions made for late renewals and applications.**

****To be eligible for participation in State Programs (not including CM), new membership applications must be completed by October 15.**

- 2) If you're 80 years or older, please notify the MTAC state office of your intent to renew your membership. (Even if you have \$0 dues to pay). You will not be automatically renewed to active status if you don't notify the state. This will result in an inactive status and not being able to participate in any state or branch programs.**

† State Dues will be waived (with verified eligibility), for members age 80 who have been Active members at least ten (10) years.

A \$15 fee is charged to receive the MTAC Directory and CMT magazine for Active Over 80 Members.

You can contact Cindy Long or Alicia Wilson--members services from the state website.

Toll-free (800) 834-3340

Telephone (925) 476-4976

Thank you for your attention on this matter!

If your contact information has changed or needs to be updated, please E-MAIL Jennie Huang at jh05168@gmail.com

Please remember to update your information in your MTAC Teacher's portal as well to ensure you receive all emails from the state office.

Thank you!

Please add Jo Ellen Vandruff's new address: 29743 Calle Palmas, Temecula, CA 92591

**Sincerely,
Jennie Huang
O.C.C. 2nd Vice President/Membership**

Showcase Recital

Chair: Lan Vu, (949) 390-4084, lanphuongvu@hotmail.com

Location: Laguna Hills Community Center

Performance time: 2:30 PM -3:30 pm Arrival Time: 2:15 PM

Dress Code: Dressy Attire

We will have 3 showcase Recitals on Sundays:

Recital Dates:

Registration Open:

10/26/25

9/12/25

2/1/26

12/18/25

3/22/26

2/9/26

Online Registration: mtac-occ.org, is closed at maximum of 18 students.

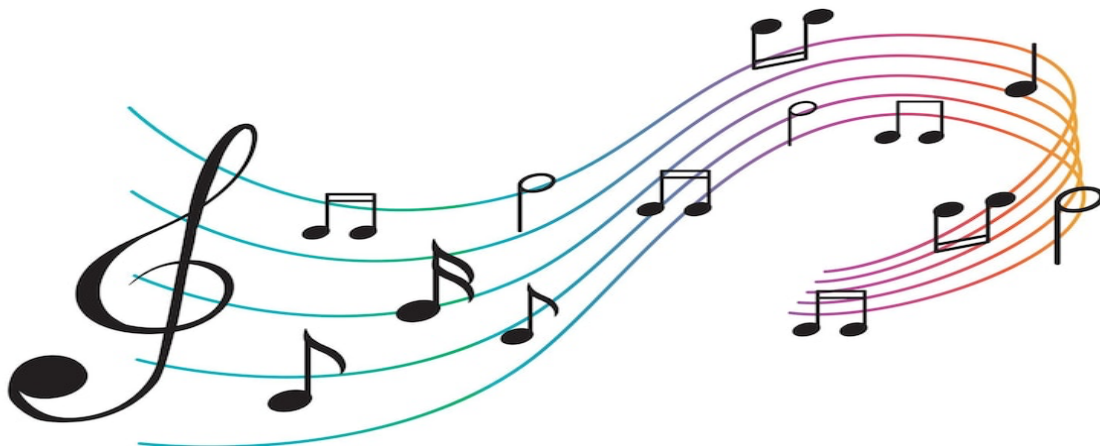
Registration Fee: \$15 per student. Ensembles, each student in the group will pay \$15.
(Example: a duet will be charged \$30 total)

- Teachers may enter up to 3 students per recital.

- Teachers are not allowed to perform duets (four-hand piano music) with their students.

It is acceptable for teachers to accompany their students for different instruments or voice.

Showcase Recitals offer students a valuable opportunity to celebrate their progress and accomplishments while gaining meaningful stage experience that fosters confidence and motivation. Performing in front of family, friends and peers in a supportive and inspiring environment makes this event both memorable and enriching.



SCHOLARSHIP

Chair: Pennie Foster Phone: [949-858-0214](tel:949-858-0214) Email: pjfoster@att.net

Congratulations to the 2025 scholarship recipient !!!

2025 Scholarship winner



Congratulations to Yixin (Monica) Ye for being awarded the 2025 *Judy Jenkins Memorial Scholarship* and the 2025 *MTAC OCC High School Scholarship*.

Yixin plans to major in Piano Performance at UC Irvine starting this Fall. She is a student of Pamela Worcester.

Branch Senior Recital 2025

Chairperson: Nilou Sarraf

Email: nilousarraf@gmail.com, Phone:(949) 584-6961

Recital Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025

Time: 3:00- 4:00 PM, Place: LHCC, Laguna Hills Community Center

Application Deadline: April 26, 2025

All information please go to mtac-occ.org/senior-recital/

Dress Code: Dressy apparel, no jeans, shorts, tank top, flip flops, T-shirt, etc..

Arrival Time: 15 minutes early before starting time

Senior Recital Guidelines & Instructions

- The Senior Recital is an opportunity for all graduating high school seniors to be honored in a recital program and is open to any high school senior who would like to perform a polished well-prepared selection that is also memorized.
- Senior CM Medallions and scholarship recipients will be announced during the recital.
- Programs include a biography of each student.
- Participation in Certificate of Merit is not required. No senior award will be given if music is not memorized.



Composers Today Branch Recital

Chair: Su-Shing Chiu, sushingchiu@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm

Location: Laguna Hills Community Center

Online Registration: mtac-occ.org

Registration Fee: \$15 per student

2026 Recital

Registration Open: March 19, 2026

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2026

- **Open to all levels grades 1-12, college students, adults, and teachers to perform their own original composition or improvisation**



Community Service Recital

Chair: Laura Combs, (949) 233-2806, lauralinda@cox.net

Date: April 19th, 2025, Saturday, 2:00 PM

Place: Freedom Village El Toro.

The 4/19/2025 Recital was such a fun and inspiring event! The students played beautifully, and it was amazing to see how much talent and hard work they brought to the stage. Everyone, from parents to teachers to residents of Freedom Village had a great time cheering them on.

We are planning to host three recitals in the coming school year, with dates to be determined.

Online Registration: mtac-occ.org, is closed at maximum of 18 students.

Location: Freedom Village Retirement Home, El Toro

Time: 2-3 pm **Arrival Time:** 1:45 pm

Registration Fee: \$10 per student. Ensembles, each student in the group will pay \$10. (Example: a duet will be charged \$20 total)

- Open to all ages and instruments
- Perform a well prepared, polished, memorized piece at senior citizens retirement home
- Performance Time Limit 3 minutes
- Maximum three (3) students per teacher
- Dressy apparel, no jeans, short, tank top, flip flops, T-shirt, etc



ORANGE COAST CITIES BRANCH OFFICERS, 2024-2025

President.....Chamonix Patterson
First Vice President (Programs) Deborah Glass
Second Vice President (Membership)..... Jennie Huang
Treasurer..... Laura Combs
Recording Secretary.....Jo Ellen Vandruff
Corresponding Secretary.....Gloria Liu Traullé

Directors:

Past President.....Deborah Glass
Certificate of Merit Strings.....Gloria Liu Traullé
Certificate of Merit Voice Susan Wong
Festival Administrator.....Pamela Worcester
Recital Administrator.....Lan Vu
Director, Digital Communications..... Nancy Shao
Director CalPlan..... Anne Prestridge
Director..... Julie Nakamura
Director..... Larry Mumford
Director..... Maurita Eberly Hanford
Director.....Priscilla Chang-Pai
Director.....Sally Honda

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Certificate of Merit (& CM Strings) Gloria Liu Traullé
CM Voice..... Susan Wong
Director..... Sally Honda
Director..... Dr. Larry Mumford
Director..... Julie Nakamura
Director..... Maurita Eberly Hanford
Director..... Kara Christianson Ahmann

Past Presidents

1974-1976	Dr. M'lou Dietzer	1997-1999	Pamela Worcester
1976-1978	Donna Bashaw	1999-2001	Laurie Meinhold
1978-1980	Joyce Conway	2001-2003	Valerie Radlick
1980-1982	Shirley Case	2003-2005	Carol Sporleder
1982-1984	MargeryEllesmere-Jones(Burger)	2005-2007	Nilou Sarraf
1984-1986	June Lusk Nelson	2007-2009	Angela Leu
1986-1988	Lyle Samuel	2009-2011	Keiko Ikeda
1988-1990	Arlene Schreder	2011-2012	Esther Park
1990-1992	Trudy Pauperas	2012-2015	Pamela Worcester
1992-1994	Nancy Rohr	2015-2017	Nancy Lau
1994-1995	Meldene Gruber	2017-2018	Angela Leu
1995-1997	Judy Jenkins	2018-2023	Deborah Glass

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Nominating Committee, composed of Laura Combs, Nancy Lau, and Pam Worcester. They are presenting the proposed slate of officers for approval by the MTAC OCC members.

Thank You. 

For maps and directions to branch venues,
please visit <https://www.mtac-occ.org/maps-directions>

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Address: 25555 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills, CA 92653
Map - [Laguna Hills Community Center](#)

Saddleback College, 28000 Marguerite Pkwy,
Mission Viejo, CA 92692- [Saddleback College Campus Map](#)

MTAC-OCC Branch Events at Saddleback College:
Park in Lot 12, but DO NOT park in a space marked for faculty or staff.
The Fine Arts building is just above the parking lot next to the McKinney Theater

