



CERTIFICATE OF MERIT NEWSLETTER

June 2008

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August Newsletter deadline – July 31, 2008

June 27–July 1 Convention at Riverside Convention Center. Celebrating the Music of America, featuring Oxana Yablonskaya

Summer Break

August CM Council in hiatus 🕶️

2008-2009 CM CALENDAR

Registration

September 15 Database is open for registration

November 15 Registration is closed. No late registration. Branches may not make their own deadline date. Registration closes at midnight on 11/15 for all branches.

November 16 Fees, one teacher one check, must be submitted directly to the Branch Chair and must be postmarked no later than November 16.
Work Contracts (if you have them) MUST also be submitted at this time!

December 15 Deadline for Branch CM fee due to State Office
Check from Branch to State Office for the branch CM fees must be postmarked by 12/15 or a 1% late fee will be imposed.

Enter Evaluation Information Online

January 2 Database is open for entering evaluation information online

Note: Individual branch will set its own deadline for teachers to enter evaluation information online

January 15 Deadline for Panel students to drop back to None-Panel status

CM Evaluation Dates

Feb. 21 –Apr. 5 Branch CM Evaluations North and South
Note: Teachers check with your Branch Chair for your branch’s evaluation dates

Panel Regionals

Feb. 28 –March 1 Piano Panel Regional Auditions North and South
Strings Panel Regional South

March 7 – 8 Piano Panel Regional Auditions North and South
Strings Panel Regional South

Panel Finals

March 15 Deadline for Panel Final Application

Mar. 27–29 Panel Finals South
3/27–29: Piano
3/28 Winds (North and South) & Voice (North and South)
3/29 Strings (North and South)

April 4–5 Panel Finals North (Piano only)

Convention

April 15 Deadline for Convention Applications. No late application.

April 15 Deadline to apply for Make up Procedures High School Students only

May 2–3 CM Council meeting

June 1 Convention recitals schedules posted on the state website

June 1 Deadline for Completion of Make Up Procedure (MUP)
Evaluations and entry of results – High School Students only

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Hello CM Chairs:

I hope all of you are getting a bit of a reprieve as we head into Summer. The CM Council just held their annual meeting in Riverside and we actually managed to cover seven pages of agenda items. It was very successful.

As you seasoned Chairs know, we hold a meeting each summer for Chairs at convention. This years meeting will be on Sunday, June 29, from 1-3 PM. We will be covering several vital training issues. All Chairs are requested to attend; if you **cannot** attend this session during the convention, please contact me to let me know. It's important that all Chairs are on the same page on all the issues.

I look forward to seeing all of you and I hope we have some additional time at the Branch Chairs reception to visit. See you all soon, take care,

Topics to be covered:

- RAL form and criteria change
- Convention 2009/10 Theme Recital - New Theme TBA
- Teacher work agreement criteria
- 2010 Pass/Fail Change
- New Voice Ear Training CD in 2009
- Advanced student exemption
- Gifts/stipend offers to Evaluators
- "the drop, no-show shuffle"

Karen S. Becker
CM Coordinator

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Convention 2008

On June 1, the *Convention Schedule in prose form, Information for Student Performers, Complete List of Student Performers, Master Classes programs and String Rehearsal schedule* are posted at www.mtac.org/convention/index.shtml under Convention 2008.

Silent Auction

On Friday, June 27, the First Annual Silent Auction for the MTAC Foundation will be held at the Riverside Convention Center West Foyer.

The bidding will begin at 9:00AM and close at 6:00PM. The winners will be announced and posted by the beginning of the Opening Night Banquet at 6:30PM.

Things for the auction included but not limited to:

- Two Piano Lessons with Hans Boepple Value: \$250
- Six Autographs of famous musicians framed with mats Value: \$50 each
- Two lunch passes at Providence...Ranked No. 3 restaurant in LA... Nominated for the James Beard Award in 2007 Value: \$100
- A Market Umbrella Value: \$150. This will be raffled.
- Two passes to Magic Mountain Value: \$125
- Movie Tickets Value: \$23
- A set of "American Popular Music" Chris Norton Value: \$195
- New Celebration Series complete set Value: approx. \$320
- Pampered Chef gift set Value: \$50
- Pampered Chef tool basket Value: \$60
- Subscription for one year to Bon Appetit Value: \$25
- Six bottles of wine Value: \$35 a bottle
- An Alfred bound edition of Bach Value: \$50
- Two Crystal Vases Value: \$100
- Lunch for two with Frank Hackinson and Helen Marlais Value: Priceless
- Lunch for two with the CM Coordinator: Karen Becker Value: Priceless
- A small packet of new music from FJH Value: \$30
- Lampwork jewelry by Plain and Fancy Designs Value: \$150
- Signed Autographed Doonesbury First Edition Value: \$250
- Gardening Basket Value \$48
- French Basket Value \$75
- Margarita Basket Value \$75
- Martini Basket Value \$75
- Three Matching Sets of Bracelets and Earrings Value \$25 each
- Julie Johnson Complete Basics of Keyboard Theory set Value \$115
- A 3 Diamond ½ Carat White Gold 2.6 grams Pendant Value \$700
- Robert Van Horne Three Books/two CD Set Value \$60
- 1 week in Florida Value \$1000!!! This will be raffled.
- A "Fun in the Sun" group. Boogie board, towels, suntan lotion Value \$50

The proceeds go to the MTAC Foundation. The money will provide scholarships, awards to qualified students and assist students in participating in competitions, auditions and other related events.

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Additional Convention Hotel: Courtyard Marriott

Due to the Marriott being completely sold out and the Mission Inn sold out on some days, we have secured a block of rooms at the nearby Courtyard Marriott Hotel for \$99 per night.

Courtyard by Marriott Riverside
1510 University Avenue, Riverside 92507
Reservation number: (951) 276-1200

Be sure to mention MTAC for the Convention rate and secure your reservation as soon as possible. The deadline for this price at this hotel is June 13, 2008.

See you at the Convention!!!!