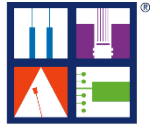


Music Teachers' Association of California Southern Alameda Branch



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Dear Parents,

The MTAC-Southern Alameda County branch will have a Monster Concert on Saturday January 7, 2017 at 2 pm in Castro Valley Center for the Arts. There will be 12 grand pianos on stage, with up to 24 students playing piano duets/quartets together. There will also be voice and violin ensembles. This will be a branch-wide collaboration and will pool students from different teachers.

Here is the information you will find in this letter:

1. The benefits of participating in the Monster Concert
2. Concert, rehearsal and dress rehearsal dates
3. Piano Repertoires
4. Registration information for all instruments
5. Tickets information
6. Volunteer jobs for teacher and parents
7. Art Contest

1. The benefits of participating in the Monster Concert:

- To gain a valuable performance experience on stage.
- To improve sight reading, counting, and expressions
- To learn how to play with other musicians and follow the conductor's commands for uniformity
- To encourage students to practice toward a goal
- To promote the love of music when students achieve their goals in a harmonious performance
- Students may use a Monster Concert repertoire for their spring 2017 CM performance evaluation

2. Concert, Rehearsal and Dress Rehearsal dates

Alexander Katsman will be our conductor during the concert and will also lead the students during rehearsals.

Addresses:

Pianos Plus
1558 A Street, Castro Valley, CA 94549

Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546

- **Monster Concert date:**

Sat. 1/7/2017, 2 pm, Castro Valley Center for the Arts

- **Rehearsal dates at Pianos Plus:**

We divide the students into 2 groups for rehearsals.

- **Group 1** is the group of students performing the following titles:
Puppy Love, The Little Tin Soldier, Yangtze River Cruise, Balloon Pap Polka, Jalapeño Hop, Recital Rag, Spanish Intermezzo, Marriage of Figaro, Habanera from Carmen, Jazz Walk, Kites, Hava Nagila, Soft-Shoe Dixie, Star Wars and Racing the Wind.

Group 1 Rehearsal days at Pianos Plus (students have to attend at least 3)

- Sat. 11/5/16, 6:30 PM (Rehearsal led by teachers)
- Sat. 11/12/16, 6:30 PM (Rehearsal led by teachers)
- Sat. 12/17/16, 6:30 pm (Rehearsal led by Conductor) **(Mandatory)**
- Mon. 1/2/17, 6:30 pm (Rehearsal led by Conductor)**

***Despite the proximity to the New Year's holiday, attendance is strongly encouraged for the 1/2/17 rehearsal.*

- **Group 2** is the group of students performing the following titles:
Eine Kleine Nachtmusic, Turkish March, Polonaise in A Major, The Entertainer, Gapak, Barber of Seville, Vocalise, Sherherazade, Kamarinskaya and Paganini Variations.

Group 2 Rehearsal days at Piano Plus (students have to attend at least 3)

- Sun. 11/6/16, 5:30 PM (Rehearsal led by teachers)
- Sun. 11/13/16, 5:30 PM (Rehearsal led by teachers)
- Sun. 12/18/16, 5:30 pm (Rehearsal led by Conductor) **(Mandatory)**
- Tue. 1/3/17, 5:30 pm (Rehearsal led by Conductor)**

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- **Dress rehearsal date for all instruments**

Fri. 1/6/17, 5 pm, Castro Valley Center for the Arts **(Mandatory)**

3. Piano Repertoires

The 25 pieces are posted on the Internet. [Click me \(Repertoires List\)](#)

We will drop the pieces that do not have enough participants.

4. Registration information for all instruments

There are two steps in the procedure. Deadline is 10/31!

1. Teachers of all instruments have to register their students on-line first. The registration is open now.
2. Teachers will collect the fees (\$25 per student) and the Monster Concert Parental Consent Form from the parents. Teachers will send a single check payable to MTAC-SACB to Susie Kim postmarked by **10/31/2016**.

5. Monster Concert Tickets

Each ticket will be \$10. You will be able to purchase the tickets online at www.cvartsfoundation.org/tickets.html Performers do not need tickets.

6. Volunteer jobs for teacher and parents

Parents who volunteer will get free tickets.

- Program Printing Volunteer: 1 needed
- Volunteers for the rehearsals in Pianos Plus (No parents in the room)
 - Group 1 **Rehearsals led by teachers** at Pianos Plus in **11/5/16** and **11/12/16**:
 - Leading Teachers: all participating teachers are expected to lead.
 - Door Monitors (Sign in and out): work in shifts; 1 per shift.
 - Group 2 **Rehearsals led by teachers** at Pianos Plus in **11/6/16** and **11/13/16**:
 - Leading Teachers: all participating teachers are expected to lead.
 - Door Monitors (Sign in and out): work in shifts; 1 per shift.
 - Group 1 **Rehearsal led by conductor** at Pianos Plus in **12/17/16** and **1/2/17**:
 - Door Monitors: work in shifts; 1 per shift.
 - Room Monitors: work in shifts; 3 per shift.
 - Group 2 **Rehearsal led by Conductor** at Pianos Plus in **12/18/16** and **1/3/17**:
 - Door Monitors: work in shifts; 1 per shift.
 - Room Monitors: work in shifts; 3 per shift.
- Dress Rehearsal in Castro Valley Center for the Arts in **1/6/17**
 - Green Room Teachers: 4 (supervising, bathroom trips, etc.)
 - Hallway Teachers: 6 (Lining Up, leading to the stage, returning to Green room, etc.)
- Concert Day in Castro Valley Center for the Arts in **1/7/17**
 - Same people from dress rehearsal for Green Room and Hallway: 10
 - Water and snack for Green Room: 1
 - Photographer: 1
 - Video: 3
 - Ushers: 5 (one per door) Perfect job for parents

7. Monster Concert Art Contest

Contestants have to be students of our member.

- i. Size: 8" by 11"
- ii. If you want to put the brand name of piano in your art, then it must be shown as "YAMAHA"
- iii. Prize: 1st---\$60, 2nd---\$40, and 3rd---\$30
- iv. Deadline: Same as Monster Concert registration due 10/31/2016
- v. Send the Art to: Millie Chiem, 29338 Stonebrook Lane, Hayward, CA 94544

Thank you. I hope many of you participate at the concert.

Regards,

Millie Chiem

MTAC-SACB President

Music Teachers' Association of California Southern Alameda Branch
Monster Concert Parental Consent Form

Student's Full Name _____

Parent's Full Name _____

Student's instrument _____

Student's teacher _____

Parent's email _____ Parent's phone number _____

I agree to let my child _____ to participate in the Monster Concert on Saturday Jan. 7, 2017 at Castro Valley Center for the Arts and 2 PM.

I understand that my child will have to go to the following rehearsals for the Monster Concert. (Group 1 or group 2)

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***Despite the proximity to the New Year's holiday, attendance is strongly encouraged for the 1/3/17 rehearsal.*

Dress rehearsal for all instruments will be in January 6, 2017 **(Mandatory)** at 5 pm in Castro Valley Center for the Arts at 19501 Redwood Road, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

I give permission for the MTAC-Southern Alameda County to use students' photo and videos for MTAC Southern Alameda County Branch's website and other records.

I will volunteer to give help for the Monster Concert (optional) in the following:

Job and date _____

Parent's Signature _____