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Southern Alameda County Branch

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Certificate of Merit

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Calendar of Events

Jan 20	Mon	Last day to fill out evaluation forms online
Feb 9	Sun	Student Recital at Castro Valley Center for the Arts at 12noon to 6pm
Feb 15, 16, 22, 23	Sat, Sun, Sat, Sun	CM Piano Evaluations, South Region
Mar 1, 2, 15, 16	Sat, Sun, Sat, Sun	CM Piano Evaluations, North Region
Mar 3	Mon	Board Meeting at Millie Chiem's at 9:30am
Mar 8, 9	Sat, Sun	CM Theory Test at Chabot College, Hayward
April 7	Mon	Board meeting at Frances Wu's at 9:30am

For more information about student recitals, please contact Marina Grudskaya

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For a copy of our Directory, Visit our website at www.mtacsalameda.org and click on "Forms and Documents" then "Branch Directory"

CM News

Just a reminder for our branch:

Feb. 15-16	South Region Piano CM Exams
Feb. 22-23	South Region Piano CM Exams
March 1-2	North Region Piano CM Exams
March 8-9	CM Theory Exams for all Disciplines
March 15	Strings CM Exams
March 15-16	North Region Piano CM Exams
March 16	Woodwind CM Exams
March 23	Voice Exams

Teachers of south region, please do not bother Grace too much for the next couple of weeks. As soon as January 20 passes, she will start the work of scheduling your students. Hopefully, she is aiming for a week and a half before the exams to send you your schedules. It takes a lot of time to do the work. It may even be earlier.

Also, once you get your schedule, you are allowed to contact her to switch students in your studio if the appointments are not convenient for them. Remember, you can only switch CM levels with the SAME TEST TIME. In other words, we can switch two 15 minute exams, but we CANNOT switch a level 3 with a level 10 for example, because one test is only 10 minutes and the other is 30 minutes. NOR can we switch a 15 minute test with a 20 minute test. The tests are scheduled back to back, and it makes the program make mistakes and causes double booking, or skipping of students, etc. if we are even 5 minutes off. Also, the evaluator will report to the state council if we make appointment time mistakes.

Thank you for reporting your drops. To do it yourself, go to student list, click on the right box arrow, and scroll to Edit Eval info. You will then get to the student page where you have to input the pieces and sign up for the convention recitals. On that page at the top, you will see a circle with Drop. Click on that to fill in the circle, then scroll down and submit. But I'll be happy to do it for you. Please report to me of any drops you did yourself.

Also, we can see when you check all your students on the last weekend. This is an abuse of the special request option. If you do that, we will delete ALL your requests, so that your students will be scheduled randomly by the computer. There is no way that all of your students need the last weekend. You take away a time from another student who might legitimately need the last weekend because of some other event. This will NOT be allowed. I have already contacted some of you who are seriously abusing this option. If this becomes chronic, I may list the names of the teachers who do this in the next newsletter. If your student does not need a special time, then that option should be left blank.

Gloria Ho
CM Chair

Certificate of Merit Teachers, Take Note:

Please tell your students to bring their own headphones/earbuds (1/8th-inch jack) to the theory exam this year. They will be using MP3 players for the ear training portion. The MP3 player will be provided.

Happy new Year!

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