

# 2010 BACH BRANCH FESTIVAL WEST LOS ANGELES INFORMATION LETTER



To: Participating Teachers  
From: Maria Demina, Co-Chair  
Re: West Los Angeles Bach Branch Festival  
Sunday, February 28, 2010

The 2010 WLA Branch Bach Festival will be held on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Pierre's Fine Pianos, located at 11039 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles 90064. **The deadline for applications ONLINE ([www.scjbf.org](http://www.scjbf.org)) is Monday, February 1, 2010.** Student registration fees checks must be postmarked no later than February 8, 2010. Please mark these deadlines on your calendars now, as no late applications or checks will be accepted.

Student registration is via internet ONLY. No paper application forms are available. In compliance with SCJBF rules, the number of students per teacher is not limited. Please note, however, that we do NOT allow repertoire to be duplicated by students of the same teacher. Based on their performance, up to 35% of the eligible students will be selected by the judges to proceed to the Regional Bach Festival. (West Los Angeles is a member of Region IV.) Remember, that while works from the *Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook*, as well as works by Baroque composers other than Bach, will be accepted at the Branch level, those works are NOT eligible to proceed to the Regional level.

**Time limit per student is five (5) minutes.** Depending on time restrictions, a single movement of slightly more than five minutes may or may not be interrupted. Being stopped because of the time limit does not affect the selection process.

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## PROCEDURE FOR ENROLLING - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- As mentioned above, student registration is via internet ONLY:
  - Point your browser to the following address: <http://www.scjbf.org>
  - Click on "Registration & Announcements" in the top menu bar
  - Follow the instructions online to complete registration
- Send one check (from the teacher's account) payable to **MTAC-WLA** to cover all your students' registration fees for the West Los Angeles Bach BRANCH Festival. (Registration fees for the Region IV Bach Festival are collected only after a student is selected at the Branch Festival.) **Checks from individual students will not be accepted.**
- The 2010 registration fees per student are as follows:
  - \$20.00 for Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook and Non-Bach selections**
  - \$25.00 for Bach repertoire—not applying for Complete Works Audition**
  - \$30.00 for Bach repertoire—applying for Complete Works Audition**

**The online deadline for student registration is February 1, 2010.**  
**The postmark deadline for student registration fees checks is February 8, 2010.**

4. If you have special requests regarding scheduling at the Branch Festival, please enter them into the "Comments" field on the registration form. Teachers with three or fewer students applying can request to have all students play on one program. For teachers who enroll four or five students, an effort will be made to schedule them on consecutive programs. If you have more than five students applying, they may be scheduled throughout the day. Please also indicate siblings in the "Comments" field on the registration form.
5. Should your student be selected to proceed to the Region IV Festival, the same online registration form will be accessed by the Region IV Bach Chair. Therefore, any special accommodations necessary in the case that the student is selected to proceed to the Region IV Festival must also be entered in the same "Comments" field on the registration form.
6. All requests will be considered and honored if at all possible. **ABSOLUTELY NO REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THE FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE.** Arranging the programs for the Branch Festival is a complex, delicate, and extremely time-consuming task. We try to create well-balanced, interesting programs of approximately one hour in length with as few repetitions as possible, while still honoring all reasonable time requests. Once this job is done, making changes is inordinately difficult and sometimes impossible. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation in this matter!
7. Every teacher who has students participating in the Branch Festival must help in some capacity. Each program will have a chairperson whose job will be to supervise the flow of the program and to act as an announcer. The chairperson will have assistants to monitor the door, pass out programs, and seat the students and the audience. Other jobs will include hospitality (bringing food or drinks for the judges), video-taping the recitals, etc. If you have a preference about your job assignment, please send a note along with your student registration fees check. NOTE: We will need three or four people to help with hospitality for the day (a few hours each). This would be a great job for a parent, so if you have parents who are eager to help out, let us know!
8. The Region IV Festival will be held on Sunday, May 9, 2010 at the Brand Library in Glendale. The fee per student is \$30 this year. The time limit per performer is also five minutes; students must present EXACTLY the same repertoire as at the Branch Festival.
9. If any of your students are selected to perform at the Region IV Festival, you will be asked to help in some capacity on that day, and **you are also required to be in attendance at the Region IV Festival** (this rule was introduced in 1999). We will let you know your assigned responsibilities after the Region IV Festival Chair contacts the Branch Festival Chair(s).

Sincerely,

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