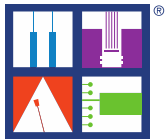


Dear Mtac-Wla teachers, Happy New Year!

Let us hope everyone got a well-deserved break and is greeting 2016 with enthusiasm and renewed energy!



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CM Registration is now open and closes BEFORE the end of the month! (Jan. 28th) Fill out ASAP to request DAY 1 or DAY 2 and make sure at least one of the pieces is from the syllabus repertoire.

Holiday Party was entertaining, inspirational, fun and a wonderful social gathering!

Thank you Nora Chiang Wrobel and Avi (her husband) for the use of their beautiful home.

Special News Corner:

April 24th Master-Class with Kevin Fitzgerald is at 12-3 NOT 10-1. This is a schedule change.

From Susanna Safarian-Tarontsi (Festival Chair): I would like to remind you that 20th Century Music Festival application is ready on MTAC-WLA website. Call me with any questions. (310) 801-4019.

Don't be shy – participate in the event where anything fun and current is wanted:

LIVING COMPOSERS FIESTA (our new event on January 24th):

Everything that is current and exciting: multimedia, improvisation, experimentation, jazz, film music, rap, covers, dance and art. Music can be inspired by classical, pop, rock, or any fusion. Any instrumental, vocal, multi-track recording or a cover. Fusion of different art forms such as: dance + music, theater + music, poetry + music, hip-hop and rap, or visual presentation. Maybe your students even have their own compositions – let's hear them!

SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

January - 24 Living Composers Fiesta - Roth Hall, Crossroads School

January 28 11:59 pm online deadline for Certificate of Merit™ Student Evaluation Forms to be completed. Database CLOSSES. No late registrations will be accepted. *(All instruments: Piano, Voice, Strings, Winds and Brass)*

January 31 Branch Student Recital(s), Roth Hall, Crossroads School

Feb. 07 Music-of-the-Twentieth-Century Festival, Steinway Gallery, Bev Hills

Feb. 21 Naomi Reisfeld Etude Festival Guest Speaker: *TBA* Pierre's Fine Pianos, WLA

Feb. 27–28 Certificate of Merit™ MTAC-WLA Branch Piano Evaluations
Mount St. Mary's University, Chalon Campus, all day

PLEASE LOOK in your yearbook – pages 26-28 and online for ALL THE EVENTS AND DEADLINES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

Subscribe to our Mtac-WLA calendar online!
(see Sept. Con Brio on how to)

This is a very busy time for the branch. There are many wonderful events coming up! Please plan in advance, participate and enjoy the performances!