

Branch Update

B R A N C H N E W S . . .

SPRING RECITAL UPDATE

On Sunday, March 15th, our branch sponsored its Spring Recital at All Saints' Episcopal Church. There were 33 students participating in the hour-long program, and 3 studios represented. Thank you to Abe Fabella for organizing the student recitals again this year.

YOUNG PIANISTS' COMPETITION

Our Young Pianists' Competition is coming up on Sunday, April 12 at 1:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5455 Alessandro Blvd., Riverside. We have the following number of registrations per division:

Elementary I (grades 3-4) 3
Elementary II (grades 5-6) 7
Junior High (grades 7-8) 4
High School I (grades 9-10) 7
High School II (grades 11-12) 1

This is a Riverside MTAC Branch event only. It is free and open to the public, so please come support our students. Also, there will be a winner's recital on Sunday, April 26, in the evening. Exact time will depend on the Branch Honors recitals, as they will happen first in the same afternoon. Participating teachers will receive that information, and a brief update will be sent to the entire branch the week of April 13th.

MUSIC FOR SALE

One of our long-time teachers in this branch, Christina Guin, retired last year and is interested in selling her music library at very low cost (\$1-\$2 each book) to anyone who

is interested. She would like for the music to continue to be used for the musical education of students. She has hundreds of books and teaching resources. If interested, please contact her at 951-675-1677.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our branch is always looking for volunteers who would like to help with our events. Please consider helping in some way this year. You can contact any of the board members to get you connected.

DIRECTOR NEEDED: And speaking of needs, we are still in need of a Director in our board. The job description of a Director is very simple: attend the meetings, 3 in person, 2-3 online via Zoom, throughout the year. Directors just need to be listening to what is going on in the branch, they are welcome to give any input if they wish (or not), and they vote on matters pertaining to the branch. If you are willing to get a little more involved in the branch without committing to a major commitment, this is your opportunity. Please contact Cindy Abts, our president, at cindy@cindyabts.com

FREE PIANO

The Corona SDA Church (2550 S. Main Street in Corona) has a Baldwin upright that they are giving away. The piano is in good condition; all the keys work, it just needs tuning and to be picked up by piano movers (it is very heavy). Contact the church's administrative assistant, Rebecca Martinez, at 951-233-3158 (text is preferred) for more information or if you are interested in seeing the piano. The church will hold the piano for 2 more weeks and then it plans on disposing of it, so if interested, please contact them soon.

MESSAGE TO ALL EVENT CHAIRPERSONS

To all our wonderful teachers that chair events for our branch, first of all, THANK YOU for what you do! Please send a little report to our Corresponding Secretary, Linette Rodríguez (LNRESR@GMAIL.COM) with the attendance for the event and a small summary of how things went. We would like to publish these events in our Branch

Update each month. Thank you!
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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT...

The Certificate of Merit Evaluations have ended. The evaluation results were published on February 23rd. Here are the final important dates for CM 2025/2026:

March 15-April 15 — Convention applications accepted.

April 1-April 15 — Requests for Makeup Evaluations accepted.

May 15 — Convention Recital final schedule is posted.

July 31 — Last day to download and print the CM detailed results from online system.

Remember to refer to the MTAC website (new.mtac.org) for complete instructions and schedules for not only Certificate of Merit, but many other events as well. Best wishes for a great CM year for you and your students!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date Event Time & Place

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April 12 — Sunday Young Pianists' Competition Immanuel Lutheran Church 5455 Alessandro Blvd, Riv.

April 26 — Sunday Branch Honors AND YPC Winners' Immanuel Lutheran Church Recitals 5455 Alessandro Blvd, Riv.

April 26 — Sunday Bach Regionals University of Redlands

May 17 — Sunday Year-end General Meeting Rodriguez Residence 11879 Dellvale Place, Riverside

June 26-29 MTAC Convention Hilton Los Angeles Airport

**** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ****

For those that would like to make announcements in the newsletter, please send all your info to Linette Rodríguez at LNRESR@GMAIL.COM by the 25th of the month. Thanks.