



SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch members,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer! I am certain that with renewed energy you are gearing up for 2023-2024 and busy scheduling your students. I had an eventful 3 weeks of summer teaching at Montecito International Music Festival, which took place on the premises of California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California. It was such a musically fulfilling experience of exchanging musical ideas with my colleagues and students. Now that I am back, and the Presidency baton has been passed on to me so graciously by Lieschen Bierstedt, I am looking forward to a wonderfully exciting lineup of programs that make our Hollywood Branch so exceptional.

Dr. Svetlana Transky
President, MTAC Hollywood Branch
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Me with Professor Dmitry Rachmanov



Masterclass with John Perry



Iris - The student of
Jeesung Kang performing
in a recital

BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

Friday, September 22, 2023 at 10:30 am

Our first meeting of 2023-2024 will take place on Friday, September 22, 2023 via Zoom at 10:30 am. Zoom link will be emailed together with the meeting agenda. We will discuss the upcoming events and programs, particularly CM, Fall Recital and our Winterfest. Your input and participation is truly essential to our meeting.

Guest Speaker : Angel Therrien - Steinway & Sons Representative

Angel will speak about the S.T.E.P program - Steinway Teacher and Educational Partner program. This program is designed to support piano education and is a mutually beneficial partnership between Steinway & Sons and piano teachers.

Please, join us for this fascinating presentation.

Get to Angel. Here is the link: [Angel Therrien's Bio](#)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 1, 2023	SCJBF - Complete Works Audition
September 30, 2023 October 5, 2023	CM Application Period closes CM Application payment closes
Sunday, October 15, 2023	Fall Recital
Sunday, December 3, 2023	Winterfest
Sunday, February 4, 2024	Classical era Competition (Formerly Sonata/Sonatina Competition)
Sunday, March 10, 2024	Bach Masterclass
Sunday , March 24, 2024	Bach/ Baroque Festival
Sunday, May 5, 2024	Spring Recital
Sunday, June 2, 2024	Achievement Awards Recital

SCJBF - COMPLETE WORKS AUDITIONS

Many of our teachers had students who were the winners in a Regional Bach Festival and qualified to participate in Complete Works Auditions

Here is the following information

1. Complete Works Audition: **Sunday, October 1, 2023, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM** at California State University, Long Beach.

(Schedule information will be emailed to CWA teachers by September 15.)

This will be held in an open live audition format.

2. Complete Works Awards Concert: **Saturday, October 14, 2023, 2:00 PM** at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach, 607 E. 3rd Street (at Atlantic Avenue), Long Beach 90802

3. Masterclasses on **Sunday, January 21, 2024** at LMU. Piano Masterclass with Fabio Bidini from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM; Cello Masterclass with John Walz from 12:30 – 2:00 PM; Violin Masterclass with Moni Simeonov from 2:00 – 3:30 PM. Loyola Marymount University, 1 Loyola Marymount University Drive, Los Angeles 90045. More information will be posted on the scjbf.com homepage.



FALL FESTIVAL - 2023

Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm.

Application deadline: Sunday, October 1, 2023

Venue: Steinway Hall, Beverly Hills (In-Person only)

8801 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills Ca. 90211

**Please note that this facility does not have a dedicated parking lot.
Please allow enough time to make use of street parking or use these
public parking lots:**

**8900 Wilshire Blvd Public Parking at 121S North Swall Dr. Beverly Hills, Ca
90211**

9025 Wilshire Blvd Garage

9100 Wilshire Blvd Parking

Chair: Gregory Akopyan arax13@sbcglobal.net

Complete the online application and mail check by the deadline to:

Gregor Akopyan

7554 Lemp Ave. North Hollywood, CA 91605

Tel: (818) 486-4733

Applications are available on our website

**[mtachollywood.org/members-corner/program-application-forms/fall-
recital-student-application/](https://mtachollywood.org/members-corner/program-application-forms/fall-recital-student-application/)**

Fees:

NO teacher's fee

Solo Student's fee: \$25 flat fee per student

**Duet fees-\$26 for 2 performers includes a single fee for solo performance
\$25, plus an additional \$1 for a Beginning level students are allowed to
play 2 short pieces within 1 min time.**



ENNI HARLAN - YOUNG ARTIST GUILD MEMBER

JUNE 30, 2023

**MTAC STATE CONVENTION IN SANTA CLARA- HONORING ONE
OF OUR OWN!**

The Hollywood Branch is extremely proud of Enni Harlan, daughter of our branch member, Dr. Cynthia Harlan, who was inducted as one of this year's five Young Artist Guild members- the ultimate achievement in our CM program.

Enni has grown up performing in our branch events. We wish her a wonderful future!

Enni Harlan performed, was honored and inducted on Friday, June 30th at the 2023 MTAC State Convention in Santa Clara at the prestigious Young Artist Guild Recital.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS

Students of Virginia Whitehead

Megan Kong (age 15) and Jacob Chan (age 15)

1st place Winners at the SYMF

**Jacob Chan - Silver Medalist of Asia Aegean International Competition held in
Taiwan**

Students of Svetlana Transky

Veronika Poliakova (age 11)

3rd place in Complete Classical Sonata Competition - SYMF

Amelia Pietropaolo (age 17)

1st place in Complete Classical Sonata Competition - SYMF



CM INFORMATION Reminder

- **September 1, 2023 - CM Application and Payment period opens**
- **September 30, 2023 - CM Application Period closes**
- **October 5, 2023 - CM Application payment closes**
- **October 5, 2023 - CM Grade/Level Change Requests Close**