



## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch members,

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful Fall season! Many of you are preparing for our Fall Recital that will take place on October 15, 2023 at Steinway Hall Gallery. Our Fall Recital Chair Grigor Akopyan has done a marvelous job in organizing the programs for the upcoming Recital.

I would like to encourage all the participating teachers to attend the programs in which their students are playing. It is so important for us to show our support for the students, their parents and our branch!!!

Wishing all a wonderful experience at our Fall Recital!

Svetlana

*Dr. Svetlana Transky  
President, MTAC Hollywood Branch  
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## FALL RECITAL - 2023

Sunday, October 15, 2023

In-Person - at Steinway Hall, 8801 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills Ca 90211,  
from 12 noon to 5:30 pm

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



# SYMF - CARL MATTHES BENEFIT CONCERT

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



- It was a celebration of Carl Matthes 85th Birthday
- He played a recital to benefit Southern Youth Music Festival Orchestra
- Hollywood Branch was well represented by Lieschen Bierstedt, Virginia Whitehead, Alan Oettinger and Svetlana Transky at the benefit concert
- It was a memorable performance of Bach English Suite in g minor, Beethoven's 32 Variations and a piano piece called Fanfare for the Uncommon Man by our longtime Hollywood Branch member Oleta Diamond





# WINTERFEST -2023

Winterfest Event Date: Sunday, December 10, 2023  
Los Angeles City College, 5800 Fulton Ave, Valley Glen, Ca 91401  
Scheduling Chair: Aroutioun Mikaelian ([aamikaelian@yahoo.com](mailto:aamikaelian@yahoo.com))

Online Application Deadline: Sunday, November 10, 2023  
<https://mtachollywood.org/members-corner/program-application-forms/winterfest-student-application/>

Teachers Fee: \$10.00 and Solo Student's fee: \$30 Flat fee per student  
Duet fees: Same fee as a single solo performance plus \$1 additional per student  
Complete the student application and mail your check, postmarked by the deadline to:  
Aroutioun Mikaelian,  
3640 Monon Street, Apt 214, LA CA 90027

- This competition is open to any age or difficulty level and repertoire may be chosen from any historical period.
- The music of J.S. Bach can now be included as well.
- Only ONE composition or ONE movement may be chosen for performance.
- Repertoire must consist of an original composition – simplified versions are discouraged. Refer to the Certificate of Merit Syllabus for acceptable arrangements.
- Repeats, other than first and second endings, are discouraged.
- Students are expected to perform from memory (except for ensemble performances) and it is customary for students to bow before and after their performance
- Students shall provide the judges with original music scores, opened at the pieces to be performed and with the first measure of each line numbered
- No photocopies are allowed
- Adjudication will be based on the following age categories: age 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, age 17 and over and one Instrumental category (all ages)
- Trophies are presented to the winners in each age category.
- Winners from the previous year's competition compete in a separate Winners Program.
- Please note that the Hollywood Branch may use images of the participants and audience on our branch website.





### **Dress code guidelines:**

**A dress or elegant pants outfit for females and long dress pants, dress shirt, dress shoes (no sports shoes) for males.**

### **Two Grand Prizes:**

- **Senior Grand Prize (age 13 and above) – \$100**
- **Junior Grand Prize (age 12 and under) -\$100**
- **The Grand Prize awards will be limited to a one time win per student.**

### **Application Requirements:**

- **A completed and signed consent form**
- **Please submit the Consent form to the event chair with your check.**
- **Note that the Hollywood Branch may use images of the participants on our Branch Facebook page as well as our Branch Website.**
- **Participants must have a Consent Form on file unless you submit a formal objection. Participation, plus a completed consent form, signify acceptance of these postings**
- **Participating teachers will be expected to be present and to contribute to the running of this event.**



# Southern California Junior Bach Festival

*I am including the announcement of several Masterclasses that were announced by  
Southern California Junior Bach Festival*

## PIANO, VIOLIN. CELLO MASTERCLASSES

**Teachers! The Annual Southern California Junior Bach Festival Masterclasses will take place on  
Sunday, January 21 at Loyola Marymount University, Murphy Recital Hall.**

**Please visit our website for the bios of our renowned master teachers!**

**We are honored to have Fabio Bidini for piano and Moni Simeonov for violin.**

**Participant application information:**

**Piano participants email to Dr Janet Favreau [favreaujanet@gmail.com](mailto:favreaujanet@gmail.com)**

**Strings participants email to Dr Cheryl Scheidemantle [cscheidemantle@polytechnic.org](mailto:cscheidemantle@polytechnic.org)**

**The cello Master teacher will be announced soon.**

**Please include the following information:**

**Name of student**

**Age of student**

**Email address of student and/or parent if under 18**

**Name of teacher**

**Teacher's email address**

**Full title and movement of piece to be performed**

**Exact timing of piece to be performed**

**The deadline to apply to perform is Dec 1, 2023**

**After the Dec 1 deadline, we will respond to you whether you have been selected to perform or not.**

**If you have been selected, you will receive a link to pay the \$50 participant fee.**

**We invite you to attend the Masterclasses as an auditor.**

**Costs for pre-registration are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students (with student I.D.) and includes  
admission to all masterclasses.**

**Faculty, staff and students of LMU may attend free and do not need to pre-register.**

**Adults paying at the door will be charged \$30.**

**[scjbf.org](http://scjbf.org)**



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Sunday, October 15, 2023</b>	<b>Fall Recital</b>
<b>Sunday, December 10, 2023</b>	<b>Winterfest</b>
<b>Sunday, January 21, 2024</b>	<b>SCJBF - Bach Masterclasses - LMU</b>
<b>Sunday, February 4, 2024</b>	<b>Classical Era Competition (Formerly Sonata/Sonatina Competition)</b>
<b>Sunday, February 18, 2024</b>	<b>Hollywood Branch - Bach Masterclass</b>
<b>Sunday , March 3, 2024</b>	<b>Bach/ Baroque Festival</b>
<b>Sunday, May 5, 2024</b>	<b>Spring Recital</b>
<b>Sunday, June 2, 2024</b>	<b>Achievement Awards Recital</b>

## ***PLANNING OUR MEETINGS***

***Dear teachers***

***I have several dates in mind for our next Board and General Meetings.***

***Board Meeting - possible dates Nov. 8, 10, 13 or 15***

***General Meeting - possible dates Nov.28, Dec. 4, 6, 13***