



FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch members,

We have so many exciting events lined up in the upcoming months, which includes Bach Masterclass with our Masterclass Leader Carl Matthes, Bach Festival at the Westside Music School and our own Baroque Festival at Steinway Gallery. I do hope you will use these opportunities to submit your students. It is such a great opportunity for them to have as much performance experience as possible, especially performing on really incredible instruments.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Certificate of Merit	CM information is available on mtac.org
Sunday, February 18, 2024	Hollywood Branch - Bach Masterclass Masterclass Leader: Carl Matthe
Sunday , March 3, 2024	Bach/ Baroque Festival
Sunday, March 10 , 2024	Baroque Festival 1:00 p.m. Steinway Gallery
Sunday, May 5, 2024	Spring Recital
Sunday May 19. 2024	Bach Festival Regional
Sunday, June 2, 2024	Achievement Awards Recital

CLASSICAL ERA COMPETITION - 2024

IN RETROSPECT

Our Classical Era Competition was a tremendous success!

We only had 2 programs, but the level of students's playing was incredibly high. The judges were so impressed with seriousness, accountability and truly artistic attitude of all our students.

Special gratitude to all the teachers, who worked really hard to make sure that the level of playing, even for the younger ones was highly professional. Thank you to our Chair Aroutioun Mikaelian for organizing the programs and making sure that the Competition ran smoothly. Special thanks to Lieschen Bierstedt for typing and printing beautiful programs.

Congratulations to all the teachers and their students - winners and who have received the honorable mentions!

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

Daniella Khorozian

**2023 Junior Grand Prize Winner
Student of Aroutioun Mikaelian**

Jacob Chan

**2023 Senior Grand Prize Winner
Student of Virginia Whitehead**



**2024- Classical Era
Competition Winners**

Teachers

Thomas Zhuo	Nonna Ayrapetova
Josiah Chu	Marina Lomtadze
Samantha Luo	Svetlana Transky
Mila Lanin	Svetlana Transky
Nelli Duryan	Armine Margaryan
Ares Taroyan	Armine Margaryan
Henry Moughalian	Aroutioun Mikaelian
Daniella Khorozian	Aroutioun Mikaelian
Emma Wang	Victoria Roizen
John Zie	Victoria Roizen
Penelope Rosales	Victoria Roizen
Gabriel Wu	Victoria Roizen
Daniel Huang	Victoria Roizen
Jacob Chan	Virginia Whitehead

Honorable Mentions Recipients

- Sophie Klausner** - student of Galina Berezovsky
- Ryan Erlichman** - student of Galina Berezovsky
- Noah Farkas** - student of Svetlana Transky



BACH MASTERCLASS -2024

Masterclass Leader - Carl Matthes

We are very fortunate to have Carl Matthes as our masterclass leader this coming Sunday February 18, 2024. Here is the program that highlights the participating students , that repre the Hollywood Branch in this Masterclass.



HOLLYWOOD BRANCH – MTAC BACH MASTERCLASS

Presented by Carl Matthes

Sunday, February 18, 2024 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Masterclass Chair: Dr. Svetlana Transky

Teachers represented: Virginia Whitehead, Dr. Svetlana Transky

Introductory remarks – Carl Matthes

- 1. Veronika Poliakova – Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major, BWV 866, Book 1**
- 2. Samantha Luo – Allemande from the French Suite No.6 in E Major, BWV 817**
- 3. Jacob Chan – Fugue in D minor, BWV 851, Book 1**

BACH FESTIVAL - 2024

This year's Bach Festival will be in combination with two other branches.

Date: Sunday, March 3, 2024

Venue: Westside Music Conservatory

Chair: Dr. Svetlana Transky (transky21@hotmail.com)

Fees: \$37 per student

- new and improved website SCJBF has been launched.
- As you register you no longer have to make a payment for your students: the parent receives a link to pay as soon as you create an entry for your student. The parents on their end make a payment through the Paypal portal.
- Please refer to PDF instructions on how to create the account and register as a teacher. It is very user friendly and Deborah How guides you with the pictures, arrows and instructions.
- All the drop down menus are already pre prepared, and you don't need to look up BWV Numbers !!

Please go to the Branch registration URL to create a Teacher Account:

[https://scjbf.evensteps.com/Account/Register?
qs=QC8HWjokxViU2LcMEBkxURQm4dqS2i1K05kAn84lq](https://scjbf.evensteps.com/Account/Register?qs=QC8HWjokxViU2LcMEBkxURQm4dqS2i1K05kAn84lq)

And then just follow the steps on the PDF.

The deadline to submit the students is February 18, 2024.

If any of the teachers need assistance during this process, please, reach out to Deborah How at dhow.music@gmail.com. Deborah is really helpful in providing help to all the teachers through this process.



BAROQUE FESTIVAL 2024

Date: Sunday, March 10, 2024

1:00 p.m. (one program only)

We have extended the deadline

Application Deadline: Sunday, February 25, 2024

Venue: Steinway Hall Gallery

8801 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills, Ca 90211

<https://mtachollywood.org/baroque-festival/>

Fees: No teacher's fee

Solo Student's fee: \$25 Flat Fee per student

Duet fees: Same fee as a single solo performance plus \$1 additional per student

Mail check, made out to MTAC Hollywood Branch, send to:

Galina Berezovsky,

2749 Selby Ave,

Los Angeles, CA 90064

Steinway Gallery has kindly provided a performing space without any charge.

It would be great to use the opportunity to contribute to the branch by submitting our students. A piece by any Baroque composer can be performed:

J.S. Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, Zipoli, Purcell, Rameau, Soler, Graupner, Couperin and those composers that fit the dates (~1640 to ~ 1750/60)

BAROQUE FESTIVAL GUIDELINES:

- The Baroque Festival is open to any age or level of difficulty.**
- Repertoire must be chosen from the Baroque era. Repeats, other than first and second endings, are discouraged.**
- Performances have a 7 minute time limit**
- Young beginners may perform two short pieces (not an option for intermediate or advanced students).**
- Please note that the Hollywood Branch may use images of the participants on our branch website. Your attendance signifies acceptance of these postings. A consent form must be on file.**
- Participating teachers will be expected to attend and contribute to the running of this event**

