



DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch members,

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and passion in 2024! As we close out this year and look forward to the next, let's celebrate our collective accomplishments and exciting events at the Hollywood Branch. This year has been one of musical growth and artistic accomplishments for many of us. Whether you've hosted recitals, participated in festivals, mentored students, or expanded your teaching practice, we've all contributed to making 2024 a memorable and meaningful year for our Branch.

Here's to a bright and harmonious 2025!

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Mark Your Calendars
Hollywood Branch General Meeting
Friday, December 6, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
on Zoom

Please, join our Zoom Meeting on this date. We have a very special guest speaker, Dr. Deborah How, who will give an informative presentation on Southern California Junior Bach Festival.

Deborah will be going over the festival details and reviewing its regulations during our next meeting. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to ask questions, clarify any points of confusion, and encourage teacher participation in this year Bach Festival.

Please read Dr. Deborah How's biography below.

Dr. Deborah How



Deborah H. How (piano, flute) received her Bachelor of Arts from Swarthmore College, Masters of Aarts from the UCLA School of Music, PhD from the USC Thornton School of Music, and MBA from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst.

Dr. How is widely known as a connection builder and fundraising architect for nonprofit music organizations. She is a frequent presenter on both studio management and pedagogy topics and is a member of the MTNA Business Resource Network.

Deborah How maintains an active studio with national competition winners in piano, flute, chamber music, and composition, and is the owner of the Westside Music Conservatory in Los Angeles (Brentwood).

Committed to community service, Dr. How also holds chairperson and/or committee positions at several non-profit organizations, including the Westside Music Foundation, Vicente Chamber Orchestra, Southern California Junior Bach Festival, Southwestern Youth Music Festival, and MTAC Santa Monica Bay.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, December 6, 2024	General Branch Meeting on Zoom at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Winterfest Los Angeles Valley College
Sunday, February 2, 2025	Classical Era Competition (Formerly Sonata/Sonatina Competition)
Sunday, February 16, 2025	Hollywood Branch Bach Masterclass
Sunday, March 2, 2025	Bach/ Baroque Festival
Sunday, May 4, 2025	Spring Recital
Sunday, June 1, 2025	Achievement Awards Recital



WINTERFEST - 2024

**Winterfest Music Competition is fast approaching
: Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**Los Angeles Valley College, 5800 Fulton Ave, Valley Glen, CA
91401**

We are looking forward to our students showcasing their musical skills in a supportive and festive environment in a wonderful venue of Music Hall at the Los Angeles Valley College

Our Winterfest organizing committee is working very hard to ensure that our Winterfest runs smoothly and successfully.

Some of our participating teachers might be asked to help during the Winterfest.

CONGRATULATIONS

to our teacher Virginia Whitehead!
Her two students were Silver Medalists at the
SCJBF Complete Works Audition

Megan Kong won a Silver Medal in the Fantasies, Short Various Works
Category

Jacob Chan won a Silver Medal in The Well-Tempered Clavier Book One!

The competition was held at Cal State University of Long Beach and the
Awards Concert was held on October 12, 2024, at the Covenant
Presbyterian Church of Long Beach!

Our branch is really proud of their well-deserved recognition!



CLASSICAL ERA COMPETITION

Date: Sunday, February 2, 2025

We are looking forward to our next Hollywood Branch event, which will take place on Sunday, February 2nd, 2024. Classical Era Competition is formerly known as the Sonata/Sonatina Competition. One of the reasons to rename this competition was to incorporate pieces of different genres of one period into one Competition. Even though we are limited by the time period, there are myriads of pieces waiting to be performed by Major and lesser known composers. Here is a list of some of the Classical era composers that I have compiled. If you have some composers that come to mind, please, reach out so I can add them to our list.

Early Classical Composers

Georg Benda
Domenico Cimarosa
Carl Phillip Emanuel Bach
Leopold Mozart
Carl Ernst Abel
Johann Christian Bach
Johann Georg Schobert
Luigi Boccherini
Marianna von Martines
James Hook
Samuel Arnold
Daniel Gottlieb Turk

Middle Classical Composers

Muzio Clementi
Joseph Haydn
Ludwig van Beethoven
(early works)
W.A. Mozart
Alexander Reinagle
Daniel Gottlieb Turk
Ignaz Pleyel
Johann Ladislaus Dussek
Thomas Attwood
Daniel Steibelt
Johann Wilhelm Hassler

Late Classical Composers

Ludwig van Beethoven
Anton Diabelli
Dmitriy Bortniansky
Johann Nepomuk Hummel
Friedrich Kuhlau
Hélène de Montgeroult
Carl Maria von Weber,
Tobias Hasslinger
Johann Baptist Wanhal
Samuel Wesley
Franz Schubert

CLASSICAL ERA COMPETITION

Date: Sunday, February 2, 2025

Deadline: Wednesday, January 12, 2025

Venue: Los Angeles Valley College

FEES: Teacher's Fee \$10

Solo Student's Fee \$30

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

- The Classical Era Competition is open to any age group and any difficulty level.
- Any piece of various genres from Classical Period repertoire (1750s to 1820s) is acceptable – simplified versions and arrangements are not acceptable.
- Repertoire must consist of an original composition – simplified versions are discouraged.
- Repeats, other than first and second endings, are discouraged.
- Students are expected to perform from memory (with the exception of ensembles).
- 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.
- Please note that the Hollywood Branch may use images of the participants on our branch website.
- Your participation signifies acceptance of these postings unless otherwise stated.

• **Student Awards:**

- **Winners from the previous year's competition perform in a separate Winners Program.**

Trophies are presented to the winners.

Two Grand Prize Winners

Senior Grand Prize (age 13 and above) - \$100

Junior Grand Prize (age 12 and under) - \$100

Dress code guidelines:

Male – long dress pants, dress shirt, dress shoes (no sports shoes)

Female – a dress or elegant pants outfit, dress shoes (comfortable enough to pedal).

Wishing you and your families Happy Holidays filled with joy, music, laughter, warmth and togetherness.
May you have a healthy and peaceful New Year!

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