



FEBRUARY 2025 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 Craig Richey at the Keyboard concepts, Bach Festival at the Westside Music Conservatory and our own Baroque Festival at the Steinway Gallery. I do hope you will use these opportunities to submit your students. It is such an incredible 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 16, 2025	Bach Masterclass - Keyboard Concepts Masterclass Leader: Craig Richey
Sunday, March 2, 2025	Bach Festival - Westside Conservatory of Music
Sunday, March 9, 2025	Baroque Festival to be determined
Sunday, May 4, 2025	Spring Recital
Sunday May 11, 2025	Bach Festival Regional
Sunday, June 1, 2025	Achievement Awards Recital

CLASSICAL ERA COMPETITION - 2025

IN RETROSPECT

Our Classical Era Competition was an outstanding success! Though we only had two programs, the level of playing from our students was exceptionally high. The judges were truly impressed by the dedication, responsibility, and artistic approach shown by every participant. A special thank you to all the teachers who worked tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly, and for making sure even the younger students played at a professional level. We're also grateful to our organizing committee: Chizuru Sanada for creating the professional judge scoring layout, and Aroutioun Mikaelian for coordinating the student schedules. Congratulations to all the teachers and their students—whether winners or recipients of honorable mentions!

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

Penelope Rosales

2025 Junior Grand Prize Winner
Student of Victoria Roizen

Samuel Elkhunovich

2025 Senior Grand Prize Winner
Student of Svetlana Transky



2025 - Classical Era Competition Winners

Teachers

Aryssa Anousheh	Chizuru Sanada
Ares Taroyan	Juletta Harutyunyan
Iris Yan	Victoria Roizen
Catherine Jiang	Victoria Roizen
Penelope Rosales	Victoria Roizen
Stefan Kurtluyan	Lidia Telunts
Tali Goldkorn	Marina Bykhovsky
Aiyana Gabuji & Alexander Gabuji	Nonna Ayrapetova
Luciana Dedeyan	Vera Miretskaya
Gabriel Wu	Victoria Roizen
Samuel Elkhunovich	Svetlana Transky
Lily Huang	Victoria Roizen
Debbie Zhao	Victoria Roizen
Rowan Sellers	Galina Berezovsky
Daniel Huang	Victoria Roizen

Honorable Mentions Recipients

Aram Aghazaryan - teacher Armine Margaryan,

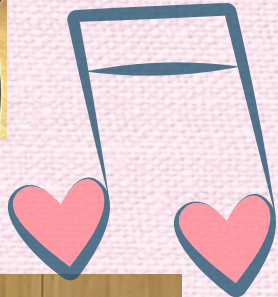
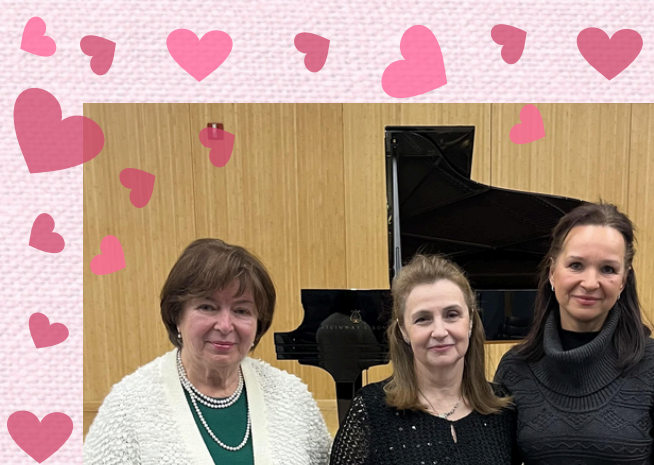
Michael Kurdyan, Mila Gevorgyan - teacher Juletta Harutyunyan

Andrew Upperco - teacher Maryna Bykhovsky,

Autrin Anousheh - teacher Chizuru Sanada,

Caden Huang - student of Nonna Ayrapetova,

Frederick Zimmer, David Mahgereffeh, David Elkhunovich - students of Svetlana Transky



BACH MASTERCLASS -2025

Masterclass Leader - Craig Richey

We are very fortunate to have professor Craig Richey as our masterclass leader this coming Sunday, February 16, 2025. Even if you do not have students participating in the Masterclass, I encourage you to attend in support of our teachers and students.



HOLLYWOOD BRANCH – MTAC BACH MASTERCLASS

Presented by Craig Richey

Sunday, February 16, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Venue: Keyboard Concepts - Faust Harrison Pianos

5539 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91401

Masterclass Chair: Dr. Svetlana Transky

Teachers represented:

Dr. Svetlana Transky, Virginia Whitehead,

Introductory remarks – Craig Richey

- 1. Samuel Elkhunovich – Courante from French Suite No.2 in c minor, BWV 813**
- 2. Jacob Chan – Fuga from Toccata in e minor, BWV 914**
- 3. Amelia Pietropaolo - Gigue from the English Suite No.3 in g minor, BWV 808 (guest participant)**

BACH FESTIVAL - 2025

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

Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025

Deadline : February 16, 2025

Venue: Westside Music Conservatory

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

Fees: \$40 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 !!
- I and Deborah How will provide guidance to any teacher who will be participating in a Bach Festival.

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 16, 2025.

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.