



JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch members,

As my term as President of the MTAC Hollywood Branch comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had together. Serving as President has been a true honor, and I am deeply grateful to have worked alongside such a dedicated teachers.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of the branch that have supported me throughout my presidency. It has been a true pleasure working with all of you, and I'm proud of what we have achieved during 2023-2025 term.

As I step down, I am thrilled to introduce Colleen Carney as the incoming President of the MTAC Hollywood Branch. She will bring a fresh perspective, current energy, and exciting new ideas to our branch. I am confident that Colleen will lead us with great passion and dedication, and I'm eager to see how her leadership will shape the future of our branch.

I encourage each of you to continue offering your support to Colleen and the Board. Our Hollywood Branch has established strong professional foundation, but it is only through our members involvement, ideas and encouragement that our Branch will continue to thrive.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving as your President. I look forward to staying involved in new ways and watching our branch blossom under fresh new leadership.



Dr. Svetlana Transky
President, MTAC Hollywood Branch
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Achievement Awards Recital 2025



MEMORABLE MOMENTS



WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD

President:

Colleen Carney

Vice President:

Grigor Akopyan

Treasurer:

Chizuru Sanada

Recording Secretary:

Dr. Svetlana Transky

Corresponding Secretary:

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Membership Secretary:

Susanna Zhamkochyan

Directors:

Dr. Alan Oettinger

Virginia Whitehead

Lieschen Bierstedt

Galina Berezovsky

I want to welcome our incoming President Colleen Carney and her new Board of Directors. They were installed at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 8th, 2025 and will assume duties as from August 1, 2025



MEET THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE MTAC HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

Colleen Carney



Colleen is an active teacher, collaborator, and performer from the Portland, Oregon Metropolitan area. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she studied piano with Dr. Ann Chang and composed music for films produced by students at the University's Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film. In 2020, she earned a master's degree in the Music Industry at the University of Southern California.

An experienced accompanist and collaborator, Colleen has worked with concert choirs, show choirs, and dance troupes across the country. Under the mentorship of Dr. Jill Timmons, she and her duo piano partner, Melissa Terrall, have performed for Classic Pianos and Yamaha International in Oregon, Colorado, Washington, Massachusetts, and Alaska. In 2019, the Carney-Terrall Duo was awarded \$20,000 for placing first at the National Federation of Music Clubs' Ellis Duo Piano Competition.

In her current role as head of the creative department at Wixen Music Publishing, Colleen secured placements for the catalog with major platforms including Netflix, Apple TV, FOX, and Nike. Alongside her industry work, she continues to teach private lessons in piano, guitar, and voice to students of all ages.

Colleen brings a creative and exploratory spirit to her teaching. She encourages students to think outside the box and embrace experimentation as part of their musical growth.

ANNOUNCEMENT !

JACOB CHAN

**A GRADUATING STUDENT OF VIRGINIA WHITEHEAD
IS PERFORMING A SENIOR RECITAL ON**

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH, 2025 AT 2:30 P.M.

**San Marino Community Church
1750 Virginia Road #0412,
San Marino, CA 91108**



Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

