



HOLLYWOOD
BRANCH

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch members,

I hope you all had a fulfilling and restful summer! My summer was filled with rich musical experience of being part of the InterHarmony International Music Festival in Aquì Termi, Piedmont region of Italy. I was teaching individual lessons, coaching chamber music sessions, conducting masterclasses and performing in a faculty recital. Afterwards, my family and I traveled through Northern Italy, with long stops in Milan, Brescia, Verona, Venice and Florence. We are brimming with unforgettable memories of architectural and fine arts masterpieces, exquisite Italian cuisine, and a warmth and hospitality of Italian people.

I am looking forward to an exciting year of 2024-2025 in our Hollywood Branch. I am excited about your participation in presenting your students and your enthusiasm for our upcoming events.

*Dr. Svetlana Transky
President, MTAC Hollywood Branch
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BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Our first meeting of 2024-2025 will take place on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 via Zoom at 11:00 am. Zoom link will be emailed together with the meeting agenda. We will discuss the upcoming events and programs, particularly CM, Fall Recital and our Winterfest. Your input and participation are truly essential to our meeting.

Dr. Jacqueline Petitto - Guest Speaker

Junior Chamber Music Program Director and Los Angeles Coast Branch Founder
Dr. Petitto will introduce us to JCM program, where the students are assigned into chamber groups and are paired with highly accomplished coaches.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 24, 2024	Hollywood Branch General Board Meeting, Online via Zoom
September 30, 2024 October 5, 2024	CM Application Period closes CM Application payment closes
Sunday, October 20, 2024	Fall Recital, Steinway Hall
Sunday, December 15, 2024	Winterfest, LAVC
Sunday, February 2, 2025	Classical era Competition
TBA	Bach Masterclass
TBA	Bach/ Baroque Festival
Sunday, May 4, 2025	Spring Recital
Sunday, June 1, 2025	Achievement Awards Recital



FALL FESTIVAL - 2024

Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm.

Application deadline: Sunday, September 29, 2024

Venue: Steinway Hall, Beverly Hills (In-Person only)

8801 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills Ca. 90211

**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**

Chair: Grigor Akopyan: arax13@sbcglobal.net

Complete the online application and mail check by the deadline to:

Grigor Akopyan

7554 Lemp Ave. North Hollywood, CA 91605

Tel: (818) 486-4733

Applications are available on our website

mtachollywood.org/members-corner/program-application-forms/fall-recital-student-application/

Fees:

NO teacher's fee

Solo Student's fee: \$25 flat fee per student

**Duet fees- \$26 for 2 performers includes a single fee for solo performance
\$25, plus an additional \$1 for a duet**

**Young beginners may perform two short pieces (not an option for
intermediate or advance students).**

CM INFORMATION Reminder

- September 1, 2024 - CM Application and Payment period opens
- September 30, 2024 - CM Application Period closes
- October 5, 2024 - CM Application payment closes
- October 5, 2024 - CM Grade/Level Change Requests Close
- December 15, 2024 - deadline for all Teachers of Panel and Non-Panel Students, to enter Repertoire in the MTAC Online System. (Note: Once repertoire has been entered, it can be edited up until five days before a student's testing period or testing day begins.)
- December 15, 2024 - deadline to submit YAG Letter of Intent and Repertoire in the Online System.
- January 6, 2025 - In-Person Evaluation schedule released

SCJBF - COMPLETE WORKS AUDITIONS

Some of our teachers had students who were the winners in a Regional Bach Festival and qualified to participate in Complete Works Auditions

Here is the following information

1. Complete Works Audition: **Sunday, September 29, 2024, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**
at California State University, Long Beach.

(Schedule information will be emailed to CWA teachers by September 15.)

This will be held in an open live audition format.

2. Complete Works Awards Concert: **Saturday, October 12, 2024, TBA** at
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach, 607 E. 3rd Street
(at Atlantic Avenue), Long Beach 90802



Introducing

JCM Junior Chamber Music

- Junior Chamber Music (JCM) provides professional chamber musical experience to young musicians ,ages 9 to 20
- It offers young musicians the chance to accelerate their musical and technical growth through collaborative chamber music studies with peers.
- Participants work with distinguished teaching artists in private coaching sessions, workshops, and masterclasses while engaging with the community through performance opprtunities.

For more details about the program, audition requirements, and important dates, please see the attached flyer or visit JCM website juniorchambermusic.org



Our speaker pianist Jacqueline Petitto is a Junior Chamber Music Director and will introduce us to JCM program at our Zoom Board Meeting on September 24, 2024

Pianist Jacqueline Petitto is an active soloist and chamber musician who has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Latin America, China and Hong Kong. She has taught at the USC, University of La Verne, Pasadena City College, LA City College, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, Colburn Conservatory of Music, and was Assistant Professor/ Director of Keyboard Studies at Long Beach City College.

In addition, Dr. Petitto is in high demand as an adjudicator, presenter/clinician and masterclass teacher. She has been an active member in organizations such as International Association of Professional Music Teachers, MTNA, CAPMT, College Music Society, and The Frances Clark Center. Dr. Petitto is currently among the music faculty at Long Beach City College. She serves Junior Chamber Music as a Piano Coach, Student Service Alliance Advisor, and as Director of the Conejo Valley and Los Angeles Coast branches.





Junior Chamber Music
FOUNDED IN 2002

Season 2024-25

Life's better when you play together.



L.A.
COAST

AUDITIONS

September 15, 2024
(Sunday)

Location: TBA

ORIENTATION

October 6, 2024
(Sunday)

Location: TBA

Junior Chamber Music (JCM) provides professional chamber music experience to young musicians, ages 9 to 20.

- Make significant musical and technical improvement through teamwork with peers.
- Work within a team in a supportive environment to accomplish goals and perform at the highest level.
- Learn from distinguished teaching artists and accomplished musicians.
- Private coaching sessions, workshops, and master classes are all included.
- Engage with the community through many performance opportunities.
- Music in the Mountains tour to Idyllwild, California
- Bi-yearly Honors Tour: Korea and Japan Tour in 2025!
- JCM Chamber and Concerto Competitions

FEES:

Early Bird Application fee until July 10: \$70

Application fee after July 10: \$90

Tuition fee: \$690 (Tuition includes professionally edited video of final performance.)

REQUIREMENTS:

Two contrasting pieces or movements (including examples of technical and lyrical playing). Piano accompaniment is not required.

ELIGIBILITY:

Instrumentalists (string, piano, woodwind, brass, harp, guitar, percussion) and vocalists, ages 9 through 20 may apply. Levels range from intermediate to very advanced. Audition does not guarantee admission. Well-matched preformed groups are encouraged and welcomed!

Check the branch pages for audition dates and events.

For other questions, email
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