



OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch Members,

I hope you're finding time to enjoy this beautiful fall season. It was wonderful to connect with many of you during our September's Kick-off meeting, and I am very much looking forward to seeing you again at our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 19.

Looking ahead, applications for our 2025 Winterfest Competition will be due on November 17. (See below for details.)

Thank you for the spirit and dedication you bring to our branch. Here's to a vibrant season ahead!

*Colleen Carney
President, MTAC Hollywood Branch
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FALL FESTIVAL 2025

Sunday, October 19, 2025 (12:00 noon - 5:00 pm)

@ Steinway Hall, Beverly Hills (8801 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills Ca. 90211)

Festival Chair: Grigor Akopyan, arax13@sbcglobal.net

Parking: Please note that this facility does not have a dedicated parking lot. Be sure to allow enough time to make use of street parking or use the following public parking lots:

- 8900 Wilshire Blvd Public Parking
- 9025 Wilshire Blvd Garage
- 9100 Wilshire Blvd Parking





WINTERFEST - 2025

Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025

Venue: Los Angeles City College, 5800 Fulton Ave, Valley Glen, Ca 91401

Scheduling Chair: Aroutioun Mikaelian, aamikaelian@yahoo.com

Online Application Deadline: Monday, November 17

***Visit MTACHollywood.org for application details and fees**

- The Winterfest Competition is open to all ages and levels; repertoire may be from any historical period.
- Only ONE original piece or ONE movement may be chosen for performance (simplified versions and repeats are discouraged).
- Memorization required (ensembles excepted).
- Categories: 8 & under, 10 & under, 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under, and 17 & over.
- Trophies awarded in each category; past winners perform in a separate Winners Program.
- Teachers are expected to attend and help with event duties.
- Dress Code: Dresses/elegant outfits for females; dress pants, shirt, and shoes for males (no sports shoes).
- Photos of participants/audience may appear on branch website or social media.

Two Grand Prizes:

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

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

The Grand Prize awards will be limited to a one time win per student.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 19	Fall Recital, Steinway Hall
Sunday, December 14	Winterfest, LAVC
January (Exact Date TBA)	General Meeting + Branch Dinner in Burbank
Sunday, February 1	Classical Era Competition
February (Exact Date TBA)	Bach Masterclass
TBA	Bach/Baroque Festival
Sunday, April 26	Spring Recital at LAVC
Sunday, June 7	Achievement Awards Recital at LAVC
Sunday, June 13	General Meeting + Annual Potluck (Location TBA)

***Visit MTACHollywood.org for application deadlines, updates on subsequent General Meeting dates, and more.**

STATE & REGIONAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

2025-2026 CM TIMELINE

- September 1, 2025 - CM Application and Payment period opens
- September 30, 2025 - CM Application Period closes
- October 5, 2025 - CM Application payment closes
- December 15, 2025 - CM Enrollment Application Online Edit closes
- February 3, 2025 - CM Online Evaluation Media Submission due

*The Certificate of Merit is one of MTAC's most distinguished and recognized state programs that serves as a musical curriculum for private musical studies. Please refer to the [MTAC Teacher Portal](#) for more detailed information.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR BACH FESTIVAL

As discussed during our September Meeting, SCJBF is now running the Branch Festivals independent of MTAC. As part of the restructuring, Hollywood Branch is a part of Region IV, alongside Glendale, SFWV, West Los Angeles, and Santa Monica Bay.

UPDATE: The Region IV Festival will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at the Westside Music Conservatory.

Questions may be directed to the Region IV Chair, Dr. Deborah How via this [form](#).



HELP US CELEBRATE YOUR STUDENTS!

Do your students have recent achievements or upcoming recitals you'd like to share? We'd love to feature them in our Branch newsletter!

Simply reply to this email with pertinent news or updates, and we'll be glad to include them in an upcoming issue.

