



# SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch Members,

I hope you all had a fulfilling and restful summer! I'm very honored to be starting my term as President of the Hollywood Branch, following Dr. Svetlana Transky's incredible leadership over the past two years.

We have an exciting lineup of programs ahead, which we'll be discussing in more detail during our (virtual) kick-off General Meeting on September 19! See details below.

Thank you all for your continued enthusiasm and participation. Here's to another stellar year for our Hollywood Branch!

*Colleen Carney*  
President, MTAC Hollywood Branch  
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## BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

**Friday, September 19, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (via Zoom)**

Our first meeting of 2025-2026 will take place on Friday, September 19 via Zoom. The meeting link will be emailed together with the agenda prior to the date (no RSVP required).

We will discuss our upcoming programs and address any questions and/or concerns for the 2025-2026 year. Hollywood Branch Member, Victoria Roizen has also generously offered to help answer questions surrounding CM and speak about her experience with the submission process (for piano students).

Victoria will also share information on the California Association of Professional Music Teachers (CAPMT), which provides opportunities for student performances, teacher enrichment, and more!



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Friday, September 19</b>	<b>Hollywood Branch General Board Meeting, Online via Zoom</b>
<b>Sunday, October 19</b>	<b>Fall Recital, Steinway Hall</b>
<b>Sunday, December 14</b>	<b>Winterfest, LAVC</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Branch Dinner (Location TBA)</b>
<b>Sunday, February 1</b>	<b>Classical Era Competition</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Bach Masterclass</b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Bach/Baroque Festival</b>
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>Spring Recital at LAVC</b>
<b>Sunday, June 7</b>	<b>Achievement Awards Recital at LAVC</b>
<b>Sunday, June 13</b>	<b>General Meeting + Annual Potluck (Location TBA)</b>

**\*Visit [MTACHollywood.org](https://MTACHollywood.org) for application deadlines, updates on subsequent General Meeting dates, and more.**



# FALL FESTIVAL - 2025

**Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 12:00 noon to 5:00pm.**

**Application deadline: Friday, October 3**

**Venue: Steinway Hall, Beverly Hills (in-person only): 8801 Wilshire Blvd.  
Beverly Hills Ca. 90211**

**Festival Chair: Grigor Akopyan, [arax13@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arax13@sbcglobal.net)**

## **Application Process:**

- 1. Complete the online application form.**
- 2. Submit payment via check to Grigor Akopyan (7554 Lemp Ave. North Hollywood, CA 91605) by Friday, October 3.**

## **Participation Fees:**

- NO teacher's fee**
- Solo Student fee: \$25 flat fee per student**
- Duet Student Fee: \$26 for 2 performers (includes \$25 fee for solo performance, plus an additional \$1 for a duet)**

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

**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:**

- 1. 8900 Wilshire Blvd Public Parking**
- 2. 9025 Wilshire Blvd Garage**
- 3. 9100 Wilshire Blvd Parking**



# **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.



## **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. See below for more information!

**1. Complete Works Audition: Sunday, September 28 at California State University, Long Beach. This will be held in an open live audition format. Schedule information will be emailed to CWA teachers by September 15.**

**2. Complete Works Awards Concert: Saturday, October 11 at Covenant Presbyterian Church: 607 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (at Atlantic Avenue), Long Beach CA. 90802**



# JUNIOR CHAMBER MUSIC (JCM)

Junior Chamber Music (JCM) brings together accomplished players (ages 9-20) from around Southern California to learn chamber music from teachers and coaches. Please visit their [website](#) for more information!



## UPCOMING JCM EVENTS (2025-2026)

### Chamber Music Competition:

One of the largest chamber music competitions on the West Coast, this competition has 3 rounds, and ends in a Final Concert.

\*Preliminary Round: February 26 (YouTube submission)

Semi-Final & Final Rounds: March 7 at Cerritos College Recital Hall in Norwalk

Grand Prize: Mar 22 performance for The Da Camera Society.

### Prizes:

\$1200/\$1000 1st Prize

\$600/\$500 2nd Prize

\$300/\$250 3rd Prize

### Concerto Competition:

February 28 at Irvine Valley College. Winners will perform with the Orchestra Collective of OC (OC of OC) at Daniel Recital Hall, CSULB.