



APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch Members,

It was delightful to hear your students perform at our Baroque Festival last month! Looking ahead, our Spring Festival is coming up on Sunday, May 3. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 17. Please see below for details and the application link.

I'd also like to remind everyone that our Achievement Awards Recital will take place at Los Angeles Valley College on June 7. Please see below for the application link, and feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you, and I hope those of you who celebrate had a very joyous Easter!

*Colleen Carney
President, MTAC Hollywood Branch
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SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS: APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Application Deadline (New!): Wednesday, April 15

Thank you to those who have taken the time to complete this year's Scholarship and Awards application. I realize it's a busy time of year and I'm pleased to announce that the application deadline has been extended to this coming Wednesday.

For more information about the awards and scholarships offered by the Hollywood Branch - the Olga Balogh Award, the Eugenia Muñoz Clemmons Award, and the Andrew Clemmons Memorial Scholarship - please visit the [Awards & Scholarships tab](#) on our website.

[CLICK FOR APPLICATION FORM](#)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 3	Spring Festival (Keyboard Concepts, Sherman Oaks)
Sunday, May 17	SCJBF Region IV Festival (Westside Conservatory)
Sunday, June 7	Achievement Awards Recital (LAVC)
Sunday, June 13	General Meeting + Annual Potluck (Location TBA)

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



SPRING FESTIVAL

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Application Deadline: Friday, April 17

*Click here for application

Venue: Faust Harrison Pianos, 5539 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks,
CA 91401

Chair: Galina Berezovsky, gberezovsky@gmail.com

Festival Guidelines:

- This recital is open to any age or level of difficulty.
- Repertoire may represent any historical period.
- Compositions by students and teachers are encouraged!
- Students are expected to perform from memory (with the exception of ensembles), and it is customary for students to bow before and after their performance.
- Participating teachers will be expected to attend and to contribute in running this event.
- Dress Code: A dress or elegant pants outfit for females and long dress pants, dress shirt, dress shoes (no sports shoes) for males.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RECITAL

Date: Sunday, June 7, 2026

Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 5

***Click here for application**

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

Chair: Hasmik Kotelyan, allegrettoms@yahoo.com

**Scheduling and Trophy Chair: Aroutioun Mikaelian,
aamikaelian@yahoo.com**

Recital Guidelines:

- **Participating pianists must perform a total of 4 pieces, each representing a different musical era**
- **String students must perform 3 pieces, including at least one Concerto or Set of Variations for a string instrument**
- **1-2 of these pieces can be performed at the 2026 Achievement Awards Recital, with the remaining pieces having been performed at various Hollywood Branch events during the 2025-2026 academic year**
- **Trophies are presented to all participants in recognition of their achievements.**
- **Each teacher is allowed up to 3 AM requests**
- **Dress Code: A dress or elegant pants outfit for females and long dress pants, dress shirt, dress shoes (no sports shoes) for males**

MTAC UPDATES



Registration for the 2026 State Convention, Musical Adventure, is now available!
Highlights of this year's Convention include:

- Keynote Speaker: Shawn Kirchner
- Featured Artists: Latsos Piano Duo, Alannah Garnier, Annelle Gregory, Reiko Obata, & Dan Yu
- 2026 Friends of Today's Music Commissioned Composer: Alyssa Morris

As an MTAC member, you are eligible for a special member pre-registration rate, available until May 31. Remember to select the "Member Pre-Registration" rates to receive your discount. Click [here](#) for more information.

MTAC Program Certificates Update:

The MTAC State Office will soon begin printing the certificates for Students and mailing them directly to the Teacher listed on the Students' application for distribution. This will include any Senior Medallions awarded to high school seniors.

For Certificate of Merit®, the certificates are printed in order of the region's online testing dates, so each Teacher will receive their Students' certificates at the same time as their Branch.

Please log into your MTAC Teacher Portal and check/update your mailing address to ensure that you receive your package without delays. Fees may be incurred to reprint and re-distribute to an address that is not correctly listed. If no changes need to be made, no further action is needed.

Contact the MTAC State Office at membership@mtac.org if you have any questions:

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 include them in an upcoming issue.

