



JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

Dear Hollywood Branch Members,

Congratulations to everyone whose students participated in our end-of-year Achievement Awards! They played beautifully, and we wish our graduating seniors all the best as they begin their next chapter.

Looking ahead, I hope you'll join us for our end-of-year General Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, June 14. Dr. Svetlana Transky has graciously opened her home in Encino for the gathering (address and details below).

Lastly, I'd greatly appreciate your feedback on our Branch's 2025-2026 year. Please take a few moments to complete this brief survey ([click here](#)) to help us continue improving our programs and events.

We'll resume communications once we return from break in September. Until then, wishing you a relaxing, music-filled, and enjoyable summer!

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JOIN US FOR OUR END-OF-YEAR POTLUCK!

**Sunday, June 14 @ 1pm
15718 Hartsook St Encino, CA 91436**

Please join us for our final General Meeting of the academic year on Sunday, June 14, at the residence of board member and past president Dr. Svetlana Transky.

Once the business portion has concluded, we will be hosting our end-of-year potluck! If you plan on bringing food or beverages, please take a moment to fill out the form below for our planning purposes.

Click [Here](#) for Potluck Sign-Up Sheet!



2026 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - RECAP!

Thank you to Nonna Ayrapetova, Galina Berezovsky, Dr. Cynthia Harlan, Julietta Harutyunyan, Hasmik Kotelyan, Armine Margaryan, Aroutioun Mikaelian, Victoria Roisen, and Dr Svetlana Transky for your participation in this past Sunday's Achievement Awards at Los Angeles Valley College!

And of course a warm thank you to our Chairs, Hasmik Kotelyan and Aroutioun Mikaleian, without whom the event wouldn't be possible.





HOLLYWOOD BRANCH 2026 SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Timothé Jorda (student of Cynthia Harlan) – Eugenia Munoz Clemmons Award



Timothé Jorda, 11, studies piano with Dr. Cynthia Harlan and has played for three years. A gifted pianist and composer, he recently won Second Prize in the prestigious MTAC Composers Today State Contest, where judges praised his “thoughtful and expressive composition that translates a complex emotional state.” He was also named Junior Grand Prize Winner at the 2025 Hollywood Branch Winterfest. In 2026, Timothé will perform twice at the MTAC State Convention, including the premiere of his composition *Insomnie* in the Composers Today Winners Recital and a performance in the CM Theme Recital.

John Xie (student of Victoria Roizen) – Andrew Clemmons Memorial Scholarship



John Xie, 17, is a high school senior who has studied piano for 10 years. He is the First Prize winner of the 2025 Colibri International Piano Competition and 2025 Global Music Arts International Competition, and won the 2024 Robert Turner Concerto Competition, performing Bach’s Concerto in D Minor with the Passacaglia Chamber Orchestra. John has earned numerous scholarships and awards, including MTAC Hollywood Branch competitions, SCJBF WLA Bach Festival honors, and a top score of “5” on the 2025 MTNA/CAPMT District 3 Level 10 Auditions. This fall, he plans to study Music and Mathematics at UC San Diego.

Ella Chan (student of Nonna Ayrapetova) – Andrew Clemmons Memorial Scholarship



Ella has studied piano for 12 years with Nonna Ayrapetova, developing strong skills in music theory, technique, and expressive performance. Beyond piano, she is a dedicated leader in her high school music program, serving as low brass section leader and horn sergeant in marching band, and trombone section leader in jazz band. Ella also enjoys collaborating on piano duets both in and outside of school. This fall, she will attend University of California, Irvine as an education major with a minor in music, with the goal of becoming a music teacher.

WE'LL BE BACK IN SEPTEMBER

In the meantime, wishing you a wonderful summer!

