

DELTA BRANCH

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Delta Branch

NEWS

Fall, 2017

BRANCH EVENTS - OCTOBER

21 Student Recital 2:00 PM

BRANCH EVENTS - NOVEMBER

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18 Student Recital 2:00 PM

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15 Diablo Symphony Orchestra - 2PM Leshar Center

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18 Brentwood Holiday Parade

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From Your Presidents:

Dear Members,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 year for the Delta Branch! Miki and I are honored to serve as your co-presidents this year! Please read through this and future newsletters carefully for the latest news, information, and upcoming events. At the moment, we are only able to secure Fall dates at Los Medanos College for our monthly recitals. As soon as we find out our approval status on future dates for Los Medanos College, we will communicate that to the membership.

Musically yours,
Kim Griffith-Fraley
and Miki Cannizzaro

New Member Welcome!

If you have received your 2017-2018 Directory, you will see a few new members.

The following folks have joined our happy family:

Allison Armstrong, piano, Pittsburg

Laura Cook, piano, Brentwood

Richard Greig, guitar, Antioch

Judy Kelley (please correct the spelling in your directory listing),
flute, Brentwood

Welcome, new members! We are so glad to have you join us, and hope to see you at our monthly recitals and the Teacher's Recital this fall.

All members, if you missed the Fall General Meeting, your directory will be mailed to you soon.

Certificate of Merit News

The application process has begun for Certificate of Merit 2018 which will take place March 3 in Stockton for strings, March 10 and 11 at Los Medanos College for piano, and March 11 at LMC for winds. Go to the Students tab at your teacher portal and view your list of students. Then click the blue “apply” button, change the student’s school grade and CM level, and click “submit.” It’s that easy! For students NOT planning to participate this year, just leave them on your list - after the 31st, they will be cleared. Be sure to sign the student up for Senior Award if they are eligible this year. This must be done during the October window.

You have until midnight on Halloween to submit a student application. There can be no late registrations!! The student’s name (spelling error), grade, or DOB can be changed after the deadline, but not the level, so double-check every entry before midnight on the 31st.

Once you have submitted the application, it is up to the parent to do his/her part. From the parent’s portal, the application for 2018 will appear on their student list. See below for a view of what your student’s parents will see. They can update the students address/phone and change school grade by clicking on “Update Student Profile.” What the parent must do now is click on the application ID (left column) for the 2018 application. This will bring up the Parent Waiver/Consent form, which s/he must sign. The parent must scroll through all the text before being allowed to enter an electronic signature. The MTAC Programs Media Consent form is there as well. I’ve attached both documents to this email, in case you wish to see what the parent is agreeing to.

Nothing more now needs to be done until the November 1 - 10 window for the parent to pay the fees. You can, however, begin entering repertoire if you wish, but this is not due until January 15.

The screenshot shows the MTAC Parent Portal interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'STORE', 'DONATE NOW', and 'HELP'. Below this, the user 'LIA THOMPSON' is logged in. The main content area displays student information and a table of applications.

User ID: 140112
Address: [Redacted]
Phone Number: [Redacted]
E-Mail: catheringst@gmail.com
Current Teacher: Catherine Thompson
Instrument: Piano

[Update Student Profile](#)

Application ID #	Year	Program	Division	Teacher	Instrument
653088	2018	CM	Piano/Harp Level 7	Catherine Thompson	Piano
518418	2014	CM	Piano/Harp Level 6	Catherine Thompson	Piano
518417	2013	CM	Piano/Harp Level 5	Catherine Thompson	Piano
518416	2012	CM	Piano/Harp Level 3	Catherine Thompson	Piano
518415	2011	CM	Piano/Harp Level 2	Catherine Thompson	Piano

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"As our world remains busy and uncertain, a concert can be a place where we can get away from all our devices and outside distractions for a couple of hours and focus on listening. It can be meditative, refreshing, energizing, and an inspiring journey."

As music educators, we are uniquely positioned to appreciate all aspects of a live performance, and it's our duty to pass that on to our students. So let's get out and support local musical and theatrical events, and invite our students to do the same!



Saturday, November 18, 2017 - 5 pm -
Downtown Brentwood

Come and see Kim in action with her Elementary School Bands who will be marching in the Brentwood Holiday

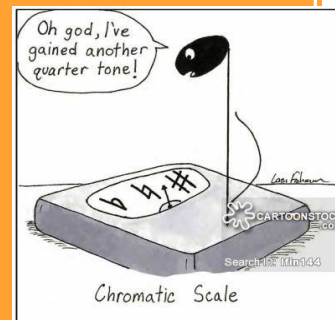
"Cathedrals of Peace"

Stockton Chorale, Master Chorale, and Youth Chorale
Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 — 7:00 p.m.

Central United Methodist Church, Stockton
Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017 — 3:30 p.m.

The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, Lodi

Featuring sacred music performed by the Chorale, the Youth Chorale, the Concert Choir and the Treblemakers, as well as Duruflé's Requiem, Op. 9, for organ.



Our annual Teachers' Recital will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the LMC Recital Hall. If you would like to play, please email Kim ASAP at KiminDeltaMTAC@gmail.com. So far Kim, Susan, Judy, Nancy, Catherine and Eric will perform, and possibly Grace, Kathleen, and Richard. If you don't feel comfortable playing, but would like to help at this annual fundraising event, email Kim too! We hope that all of you will come and support our branch and our teachers who are performing, and that you will encourage the students in your studios to do the same!

NUNSENSE BEGINS WHEN THE LITTLE SISTERS OF HOBOKEN DISCOVER THAT THEIR COOK, SISTER JULIA, HAS ACCIDENTALLY POISONED 52 OF THE SISTERS, AND THEY ARE IN DIRE NEED OF FUNDS FOR THE BURIALS. THE SISTERS DECIDE THAT THE BEST WAY TO RAISE THE MONEY IS TO PUT ON A VARIETY SHOW.



Your own Catherine Thompson joins five talented local ladies in this hilarious romp (and you don't need to be Catholic to get the jokes!). Please come out to support local theatre, and have a laugh or few along the way!

NUNSENSE TICKET LINKS AT:

BROADWAYREPERTORYTHEATER.COM

DON'T MISS THIS BAY AREA LIMITED ENGAGEMENT

OCTOBER 28TH EL CAMPANIL THEATRE 2:00 & 7:30 PM

WITH JAMIE SCURRAN ALFANO, MICHELE LEWANDOWSKI, PATRICIA BRITTAIN, SHELLY McDOWELL AND MARTIE MULDOON

CATHERINE SETER THOMPSON, MUSICAL DIRECTOR

Barnes & Noble Fundraiser

Have you put Dec. 2nd on your calendar yet? It's the big Barnes & Noble fundraiser--a chance for students to perform, gifts to be wrapped, and lots of money to be spent to aid our scholarship fund. Come and support our branch and our students as they play from 10:30 to 5:30, and encourage your students and their families to do the same. If you forget to get something on the 2nd, you can shop online Dec. 2nd through Dec. 7th. Mention our number {12232336} and we'll still get credit. Flyers and vouchers attached to this email.

A note from your Treasurer, Sara Harris:

Barnes and Noble provides a major source of income to our Delta Branch. Through Barnes & Noble fundraising last year we earned over \$2,000. The two Barnes & Noble stores in my area (Pleasant Hill & Walnut Creek) were both recently shut down. Teachers are encouraged to support our Barnes & Noble fundraising events and to consider patronizing Barnes and Noble for their book and gift needs throughout the year in appreciation of the financial help we receive from this business.



From the Confetti-and-Rice-Throwing Department:

Heartfelt congratulations from all of us to you, Alexis Froehlich, on your whirlwind engagement and wedding, which took place Oct. 7. You're in Paris now, hopefully not thinking a whit about us, but we are sending you our good wishes. And though your last name might change after this, we wish its meaning for you : cheerfulness and happiness ever after!

NEW MUSIC TERMS

ALLEREGRETTO: When you're 16 measures into the piece and suddenly realize you set too fast a tempo

ANGUS DEI: To play with a divinely beefy tone

A PATELLA: Accompanied by knee-slapping

APOLOGGIATURA: A composition that you regret playing

APPROXIMATURA: A series of notes not intended by the composer, yet played with an "I meant to do that" attitude

APPROXIMENTO: A musical entrance that is somewhere in the vicinity of the correct pitch

DILL PICCOLINI: An exceedingly small wind instrument that plays only sour notes

FERMANTRA: A note held over and over and over and over and . . .

FIDDLER CRABS: Grumpy string players

FLUTE FLIES: Those tiny insects that bother musicians on outdoor gigs

FRUGALHORN: A sensible and inexpensive brass instrument

GAUL BLATTER: A French horn player

GREGORIAN CHAMP: The title bestowed upon the monk who can hold a note the longest

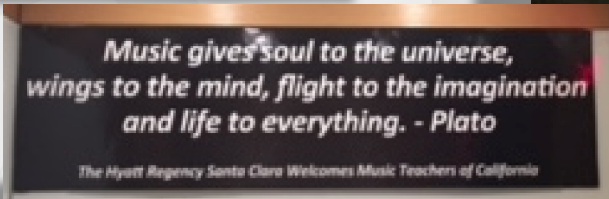
PLACEBO DOMINGO: A faux tenor

SPRITZICATO: An indication to string instruments to produce a bright and bubbly sound

TEMPO TANTRUM: What an elementary school orchestra is having when it's not following the conductor



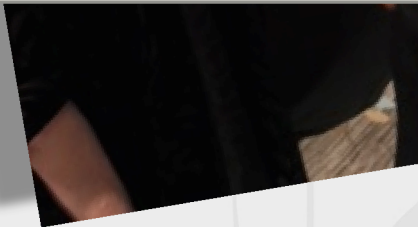
Keynote Speaker Dr. Condoleezza Rice



Susan and Grace at Grace's Installation Dinner



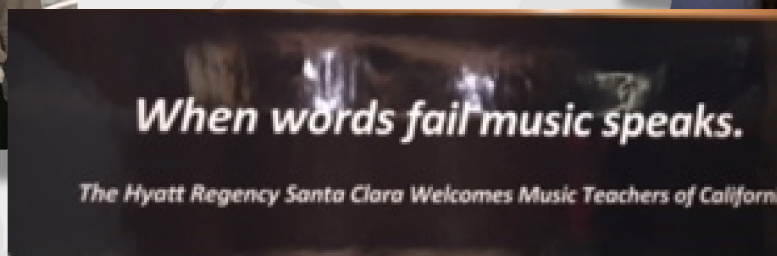
Joanna and Caroline, students of Catherine



**Maureen, Kim
Barb, Miki, Grace**



Kim with Alan



**Our fearless leaders,
Miki and Kim**