

DELTA BRANCH

**MUSIC  
TEACHERS'  
ASSOCIATION  
OF CALIFORNIA**

Delta Branch

# NEWS

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## BRANCH EVENTS - OCT-NOV

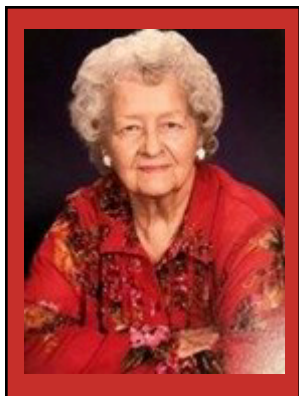
10/27 Student Recital  
10/28 Teachers Teaching Teachers  
11/17 Student Recital

## OTHER EVENTS - OCT - NOV

10/12-14 Diablo Symphony  
10/13 Nancy Bachmann and friends  
11/13, 16-18 Tapestry

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## In memoriam: Carol Elaine Hemmah Schmidt

March 1, 1925 - September 2, 2018

Carol Schmidt was so happy to be a part of our Delta Branch! She was a generous volunteer in time of need. She participated in the CM program for at least seven years or so, and she was a staunch supporter of our branch music events. In fact, her family offered donations to our branch be made in lieu of flowers.

Many times I drove written materials/CM resources over to Carol's place. Together we would review the procedures, rules and resources for CM.

Whenever we dialogued, Carol never complained about anything – she was flexible, happy, and a willing team member for our branch endeavors.

On several occasions Carol shared with me the history resources she was compiling regarding her family tree.

A few weeks after Carol's stroke I went to visit her, and at that time she invited me to take whatever music books that would be helpful to me for CM. She knew at that point that she would no longer be able to teach her piano students.

I am personally thankful to Carol for her happy disposition and her kindness that she extended to all who knew her. At Carol's memorial, her sons spoke very specifically about her life-long belief: "If you can't say something nice about someone, don't say anything at all. " What a wonderful philosophy of life! - Kathleen

Eric and I remember Carol by her friendly disposition, her stories of her family tree, and her green Gremlin! Did you know her Norwegian family has ties to the actual Peer Gynt?! In my head I can still hear her voice on my answering machine: "Would you be so kind as to call me back?" Rest in peace, dear, sweet lady! -Catherine and Eric

!! PRACTICE !!



(Bristow Middle School's Band T-shirt)

## Teachers Teaching Teachers

Our helpful Branch seminar where we share interesting, important, engaging, enlightening . . . stuff, is back! On Sunday, October 28 at 2PM at Geri's house, come hear presentations on the Piano Guild, the Royal Conservatory, ways of working with students with special needs, and more!

-RSVP to Geri at 757-3276

### October Monthly Student Recital October 27, 3PM at LMC

Remember, this year there is:  
No memory required!  
No time limit!  
Popular music allowed!  
Reduced fee!

A spooky, Halloween-themed recital will be fun for all! Students are encouraged to wear costumes (but not required). Treats will be provided. Send entries to Catherine by October 20 and please let her know if you have any students who might be bothered by the Halloween theme (for religious reasons, for example). Thank you!

## CM NEWS

The database is open!! If you did not attend the mandatory meeting, finish the teacher training quiz online in order to be un-blocked. Remember you must add new students to your roster before you can create an application for them - to do this you will need a parent (or adult) email address. Then you will receive a temporary ID which you will provide to them, then they finish the process.

You may begin entering repertoire online, but repertoire, Honors, and Convention entry can be done any time through January 15. You need not apply for Senior Award this year - the system will take care of that for you! You have until midnight, 10/31 to create applications.



Is coming. . .!

December 1

Contact Carole  
for more info:

634-3252

## Adult Seminar

Our seminar yesterday was comprised of five student performers, strong teacher support, and meaningful dialogue on the topic of performance anxiety. With a background in psychology, our hostess Kathy Crowe gave valuable comments regarding both the problems and strategies in dealing with anxiety, and several of us shared our own performance story.

Due to popular demand, the group suggested that we continue this same topic at our next seminar:

Date/Time: Sunday, January 20, 2019

Site: Home of Kathy Crowe -- 545 Canyonwood Court, Brentwood (925) 516-5609

January 20th is on the weekend of the Martin Luther King Day. If this date is problematic with your student due to the holiday, please let me know and we will try to set a better date, and perhaps at a different site.

Kathleen

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# Local Music Happenings



## DIABLO SYMPHONY

Welcome to the opening concert of the Diablo Symphony Orchestra's 56th season! On the 100th anniversary of Lili Boulanger's death, this program celebrates the powerful impact that Lili and her sister Nadia had on the musical world, both through Lili's compositions in her short lifetime, and the inspiration of Nadia's teaching of virtually every important twentieth-century composer.

Our concert features compositions by **Lili Boulanger**, as well as works from composers who inspired, or were inspired by the Boulanger sisters: **Gabriel Fauré, Arthur Honegger, Aaron Copland, and Claude Debussy**. We are joined by guest clarinet soloist **Stephen Zielinski**.

Running Sep 28-30 and Oct 5-7 at the California Theatre in Pittsburg, and Oct 13-14 at El Campanil in Antioch. This spoof of the story of King Arthur and his search for the Holy Grail is filled with musical jokes and memorable musical numbers. Many Delta Branch teachers and students are involved in the cast and orchestra. Come on out for a good laugh!



## TAPESTRY

Tapestry is a combination of a women's choir and a bell choir. Both are absolutely excellent. If you haven't heard them, you're really in for a treat.

For this concert set in November, Susan Clark is playing flute with two of their numbers.

If you can possibly go, please try to go. The concert is basically free; they take a free-will offering to support a non-profit organization ... But you don't have to pay to get in.

If you don't have a ride - ride with Susan! Just let her know you want to go.

Addresses can be found on their website: [www.tapestryringsandsingers.org](http://www.tapestryringsandsingers.org)

A poster for a concert titled "November Nocturnes" by the Tapestry Handbell and Vocal Ensemble. The background is a photograph of trees with autumn foliage. The text on the poster includes: "Tapestry Handbell and Vocal Ensemble presents November Nocturnes Reflections on Gratitude", "Directed by Cindy Krausgrill", "Accompanied by Craig Beattie", "2018", "Tuesday, November 13 7:00pm Rossmoor Event Center (for residents &amp; guests)", "Friday, November 16 7:00pm Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church Clayton", "Saturday, November 17 7:00pm Asbury United Methodist Church Livermore", "Sunday, November 18 4:00pm Walnut Creek United Methodist Church Walnut Creek", "For directions go to: www.tapestryringsandsingers.org", "Proud supporter of", "Free Admission".

# Local Music Happenings



**Clarinet, Voice, and Piano**

**Diane Maltester**  
Clarinet

**Ann Moss**  
Soprano

**Nancy Bachmann**  
Piano and Composer

**World Premiere**

**Featuring Works by Nancy Bachmann, Schumann, Mozart, and Bach**

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church  
1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton

\$15 tickets available at the door.

**I am thrilled to be performing two new works: "Latin Dances" for clarinet and piano and "California Romances" for soprano, clarinet, and piano, sharing the stage with two extraordinary musicians: Diane Maltester and Ann Moss. Saturdays at 7:30, Oct. 13 and Oct 20. -Nancy**



**Gregory Taboloff**  
Presents

**A Musical Journey through the Life of Chopin**

Featuring  
Famous Mazurkas, Nocturnes, Preludes & Waltzes  
Plus  
Ballade No. 2, Polonaise No. 1  
"Fantasie" Improvisation

**October 21, 2018**  
Sunday, 2:30pm  
Lafayette Library Community Hall  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd  
Lafayette, CA

Tickets: [lfc.chopin.eventbrite.com](http://lfc.chopin.eventbrite.com)  
Admission: \$40  
Wine/Refreshments Included  
[gregorytaboloff.com](http://gregorytaboloff.com)

*Chopin*

## "Live Opera at the Met" at the Brentwood theater!

These operas are filmed live, so you attend not only the actual opera, but also you also experience the opera stars being interviewed. You see the costuming up close, the backstage preparations with the cast, and you even see how the staging is set. This is a wonderful event to see on many levels!

All operas begin at 9:55 EST, so purchase your ticket by 9:40 AM or so. The price for last Saturday's ticket was \$24.00, and attendees see much more than an attendee at the Met itself -- and ticket prices at the Met range from \$63 to \$550!

Translation is always provided for non-English operas ... and Carmen is fun!

The following are the upcoming operas for this season:

Sat, 10/20 Samson and Delilah (Saint Saens)

Sat, 10/27 La Fanciulla del West (Puccini)

Sat, 11/10 Marnie (Nico Muly)

Sat, 12/15 La Traviata (Verdi)

Sat, 1/12 Adriana Lecouvreur (Francisco Silea)

Sat, 2/2 Carmen (Bizet)

Sat, 3/2 La fille du Regiment (Donizetti)

Sat, 3/30 Die Walkure (Wagner)

Sat, 5/11 Dialogues des Carmelites (Poulenc)

On the following Wednesday of each opera, you can view the same opera performance at the theater -- performance only -- no interviews, costumes, etc.

Check your theater for time of the performance.

Thanks to Susan's encouragement last year, five of us teachers attended an opera together in Brentwood. Great fun -- great popcorn -- a GREAT educational opportunity -- let's get together and do it again!

Kathleen