



# THE UPBEAT

*Music Teachers' Association of California*

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Lakewood-Cerritos Branch



LAKWOOD-CERRITOS BRANCH

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## • GENERAL MEETING •

- No Meeting -

*Certificate Merit (CM) Information  
& Teachers' Training*

held through

**Online Training Video and Quiz**

Available in the CM Resources Section of your Teacher Portal on the MTAC website

**September 15 – October 20, 2020**

(Teachers must pass the quiz with a score of 70% by **October 20**)

## 2020-2021 Branch Yearbook (Directory)

*Our Branch Yearbook is on the way.  
This year, it will be delivered electronically to your email!*

## ◆ 2020 – 2021 Events ◆

### FALL RECITAL: VIRTUAL RECITAL

(Any repertoire. Anything goes!)

Virtual Recital Date: Sun, Nov 1, 2020

Application Deadline: Oct 8, 2020

Video Submission Period: Oct 8 – Oct 15, 2020

Application Fee: \$7

**SONATA-SONATINA FESTIVAL COMPETITION (Online)**

(Level 3 and higher)

Application Deadline: Oct 8, 2020

Video Submission Period: Nov 14 – Nov 21, 2020

Winners Result Announcement: Tue, Dec 1, 2020

Application Fee: \$20

**WINTER SOLO FESTIVAL COMPETITION (Online)**

(Level 3 and higher, No Baroque Pieces)

Application Deadline: Dec 15, 2020

Video Submission Period: Jan 16 – Jan 23, 2021

Winners Result Announcement: a week after the video submission deadline

Application Fee: \$20

**PIANO MASTER CLASS**

-Canceled-

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR BACH FESTIVAL (Online)**

Application Deadline: Dec 15, 2020

Video Submission Period: Feb 13 – Feb 20, 2021

Winners Result Announcement: a week after the video submission deadline

Application Fee: \$30

**BRANCH BAROQUE FESTIVAL VIRTUAL RECITAL**

Virtual Recital Date: Sat, Feb 20, 2021

Application Deadline: Dec 15, 2020

Video Submission Period: Jan 30 – Feb 6, 2021

Application: \$10

**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT\* (Online)**

Online Registration: Oct 1 – 31, 2020

Parents Pay Online: Oct 1 – Nov 5, 2020

Repertoire Entry: Oct 1, 2020 – Jan 15, 2021

Student Evaluations Period: Feb 13 – Mar 28, 2021

\*More detailed information can be found in the *CM News & Calendar* at the end of this Newsletter

**CM Branch Honors Awards Recital**

-Canceled-

(Trophies will be given)

*Check our website for upcoming events:*

[www.mtaclakewoodcerritos.org](http://www.mtaclakewoodcerritos.org)



## 2020 - 2021 CM CALENDAR

Sep.15	<b><u>Virtual Teacher Training and quiz</u></b> open <b>September 15.</b>
Oct. 1	MTAC Online system opens for Student Enrollment, Repertoire and apply for Branch Honors and Convention. Log on to <b>new.mtac.org</b>
Oct. 1-Nov.5	Parent Payment Period in the online System
Oct. 20	<b>Virtual Teacher Training Deadline</b>
Oct. 31	11:59 p.m. MTAC Online System closed for Enrollment. No late enrollment. <b>(Tech support ends at 5:00 pm)</b>
Nov.5	<b>Parent Payment deadline.</b> No late payment accepted after Nov. 5.
Jan. 15	Deadline for All Teachers, Panel and non-Panel to enter Repertoire, apply for Branch Honors, Convention Recital if applicable in the Online System.
Jan. 15	Deadline for Panel students to revert to None-Panel status. Last chance to revert. Deadline to submit YAG Letter of Intent and repertoire.
Feb.14-Mar.21	<b>CM Evaluations submission Deadlines. Note: Teachers check your teacher portal for your submission deadline.</b>
Feb. 14	Panel Regional Video Evaluation Submission deadline.
Feb.14	Deadline for Panel applicants to complete online theory test
Mar. 10	Deadline for Panel Final Application to be submitted online
Mar. 21	Panel Final Auditions Submission Deadline
Mar. 28	Theory test materials will be released statewide.
Apr. 15	Deadline for Convention Applications. Deadline for Parents to pay \$45 Convention Application Fee. Note late payments accepted.
Apr. 15	Deadline to apply for Make-up Evaluation (MUP) for both Performance and Theory in the Online System for all students with valid excuse.
May 15	Convention Recital Final Schedule posted in the Teacher Portal at <a href="http://new.mtac.org/login">new.mtac.org/login</a>
May 31	Deadline for Teachers to report Evaluation results errors in the Online System. No changes made after this date
May 31	Deadline for Completion of MUP evaluation (Performance and Theory), all students with valid excuse.
July 2-July 6	Convention 2021 at Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

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### **Sep. CM News**

**Teachers** will have an **online training video and quiz** that will be open from **September 15 till October 20.** **Training component must be complete to be unblocked.** Teacher will be unblocked within 48 hours after completion and passing quiz.

**2021** CM Evaluation will be held **virtually** (No more the third platform to upload that everything will be handled by MTAC Online system).

Please add new students to your studio into your MTAC Student Roster now. This will help you to be prepared to enroll students when the CM Applications open on October 1. Do this by logging into your Teacher Portal and clicking the “Students” menu. Then click the gold “Add New Student” button to begin the process.

Attached is CM Teacher Instructions to Add a New Students

Teachers will be able to contact the **MTAC State Office** for technical assistance when teachers have questions regarding their students' CM applications.

CM Chair can help answer questions by directing teachers to the CM Policies and Procedures.

The Line of Communication is Parent – Teacher – Branch Chair – Council.

If you have any questions that cannot be resolved after your research, contact Huei-Yun (Yvonne) Yu thru email [hueiyunyu@gmail.com](mailto:hueiyunyu@gmail.com) or phone (562)921-6463.

**STAY SAFE and HEALTHY**  
**SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!**

