



## May 2017 Newsletter

Heartiest congratulations to our student scholarship winners:

### Piano

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize Kirkbride Award (\$1,000)**      **Andrew Lin (16)    Teacher: Dr. William Wellborn**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Adler Award (\$ 800)**              **Tia Tyng Chang (14)    Teacher: John McCarthy**

### Strings

**1st Prize Kirkbride Award (\$1,000)**      **William Gu (15; Cello); Teacher: Jonathan Koh**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize President's Award in honor of Ben Simon (\$1,000)**    **Abigail Leong (13; Cello); Teacher: Jonathan Koh**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winters Award (\$800)**              **Mai Matsumoto (16; Violin); Teacher: Zhao Wei**

And thanks to all the talented student performers who delighted us at our meetings throughout the year. We are awed by your excellence and your dedication.

For our Burlingame Music Club, it's report card time. In July 2016, we established three goals for the 2016-17 season: (1) student participation and teacher outreach, (2) membership development through music, and (3) stable financial support.

Nineteen dedicated teachers sent 30 young musicians to BMC's annual competition. The students range in age from 12 to 18 years and all played with great poise and confidence. A special tribute is extended to the teachers and parents for their devotion and steadfast support.

Fifteen new members joined BMC during this period. Several of them are affiliated with Music at Kohl, Young Chamber Musicians, San Francisco Opera Orchestra, Peninsula Symphony and San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Membership attendance also saw an amazing rise.

Our financial situation has stabilized, allowing the awards program to become more generous than in prior years. The BMC board and committees will be busy preparing program offerings and fundraising for our 2017-2018 season.

What a glorious report for Burlingame Music Club as it ends this season!

I'd like to take a moment to remember Margaret Barshell who passed away earlier this year. She was a longtime supporter of the BMC and its president from 2007-2009. Margaret was an accomplished musician and devoted teacher in her own right. We will miss her dearly..

Here is wishing all of you a wonderful summer. May music continue to bind us.

Best wishes, Roz



## **Karen's Music Corner:**

Well the year is over and we have our winners of the string competition and of the piano competition. Congratulations to all: students, teachers and parents. Competition for students is an excellent thing. We all need stimulation to better ourselves and competition is one way of proving and improving ourselves. Music is a difficult field and the competition is fierce. We shouldn't coddle the students and have them just compete middle school against middle school, for example, or high school versus high school. I was always one of the youngest when I competed as a youngster. Some experiences were good, and some were complete disasters. I don't feel scarred from my experiences. Younger children have no fear. Older students do because they realize what can go wrong.

I would love to give a special thanks to all our professional musicians: The Golden Balboa Brass Quintet, Aleece Carson who saved our Christmas program, Ron Sfarzo and Andre Bostan, Clairedee and Ken French, Patricia Heller and Mike Hird, Bradley Pupa and Mike Galisatus. Thank you for a wonderful year of programs!!!!.

What are the program plans for 2017 through 2018? I want more student ensembles to perform for us. We are going to have some return performers. 2017 is the centennial of Leonard Bernstein and Ella Fitzgerald so we will most definitely invite some of our next season's performers to play works of Bernstein and play songs which made Ella Fitzgerald a household name. It will be a tribute to their lasting greatness. We will have a chorus for Christmas. I'm going to make sure of that. We will have an organ recital which will be held at the Congregational Church. Angela Kraft Cross will be our organist. Larry Dunlop and Bobbe Norris have already agreed to perform. I want some ethnic music to be featured. Stay tuned for further information!!

It had been a learning experience to be co-president with Roz and she is a great teacher. I look forward to being her student next year!

I want to thank the many BMC volunteers who make our competition, our membership, our fundraising and our meetings work. Thank you for being so wonderfully helpful, and thanks for a great year!!!

Karen



Mark your calendars for the annual BMC fundraiser, October 1, 2017. More information will be forthcoming in the July newsletter.

Competition information for the 2017-2018 season will be distributed shortly. Application form and eligibility requirements can be found on the BMC website, <http://www.burlingamemusicclub.net>

We look forward to seeing you at coming BMC meetings, 1:00 PM on the second Mondays of November 2017 through May 2018, at the Burlingame Woman's Club, 241 Park Road, Burlingame.

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Pictures of our musicians, both professionals and students, as well as our visual artists, are on Burlingame Music Club's website: <http://www.burlingamemusicclub.net/Photos.htm>