

2008 BACH FESTIVAL WEST LOS ANGELES



INFORMATION

To: Participating teachers
From: Tatyana Perelyubskaya, chair
Re: Bach Festival
Sunday, March 2, 2008

The 2008 WLA Branch Bach Festival will be held on Sunday, March 2, at Pierre's Fine Pianos, located at 11039 West Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90064. **The deadline for applications is Saturday, January 19, 2008.** The checks must be post-marked no later than January 23, 2008. Please mark this deadline on your calendars now, as no late applications will be accepted.

This year registration is going to be carried out via the internet. No paper forms are going to be used.

In compliance with SCJBF rules, the number of students per teacher is not limited. However, please note that we do not allow repertoire to be duplicated by the students of the same teacher. Based on their performance, up to 35% of the eligible students will proceed to the Regional Festival. Remember, that while works from *Anna Magdalena* as well as works by Baroque composers other than Bach will be accepted at the branch level, the students performing them will not be eligible to move on to the Regional Festival.

Time limit per student is five (5) minutes. Depending on time restrictions, a single movement of slightly more than five minutes may or may not be interrupted. Being stopped because of the time limit does not affect the selection process.

PROCEDURE FOR ENROLLING - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. As mentioned above, this year registrations are going to be performed via the internet:
 - a. Point your browser to the following address: <http://www.scjbf.org/>
 - b. Click on "Event Schedule & Registration" in the left sidebar
 - c. Click on "TAKE ME TO ON-LINE REGISTRATION" in the newly-opened page
 - d. Follow the instructions to complete registration
2. Send one check payable to MTAC-WLA to cover all your students for BRANCH FESTIVAL ONLY (fees for the Regional Festival are collected after a student is selected). **Checks from individual students cannot be accepted. The fee is \$20 per student. Remember, postmark deadline for the checks is January 23, 2008**
3. If you have special requests regarding scheduling at the Branch Festival, please enter them into the "Comments" field on the registration form. Teachers with three or fewer students applying can request to have all of them on one program. For teachers who enroll four or five students, an effort will be made to schedule them on consecutive programs. If you have more than five applicants, they may have to be scheduled throughout the day.

Please indicate siblings (again, you must indicate these requests in the "Comments" section of an application).

Should your student be selected for the Regional Festival, the same registration forms are going to be passed on to the Regional Chairperson. Therefore, any special accommodations necessary in case the student is selected to go on to the regionals, should be indicated on the form. The same "Comments" field is to be used for this purpose.

All requests will be considered and honored if at all possible. **ABSOLUTELY NO REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THE JANUARY 19th DEADLINE.** Arranging the programs for the branch festival is a complex, delicate, and extremely time-consuming task. We try to create well-balanced, interesting programs of approximately one hour in length with as few repetitions as possible and still honor all reasonable requests. Once this job is done, making changes is inordinately difficult and sometimes impossible. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation in this matter!

4. Every teacher who has students participating in the Branch Festival must help in some capacity. Each program will have a chairperson whose job will be to supervise the flow of the program and to act as an announcer. The chairperson will have assistants to monitor the door, pass out programs, and seat the students and the audience. Other jobs will include bringing food or drinks for the judges, video-taping the recitals, etc. If you have a preference about your job assignment, please make a note of this on your application. NOTE: We will need three or four people to help with hospitality for the day (a few hours each). This would be a great job for a parent, so if you have parents who are eager to help out, let us know!

5. The Regional Festival for our region (Region IV) will be held on Sunday, May 11, 2008 at the Brand Library. The fee is going to be \$25. Time limit is going to be five minutes, and the students must present exactly the same repertoire as at the Branch.

6. If any of your students are selected to perform at the Regional Festival, you will be asked to help in some capacity on that day and **you will also be required to attend** (this rule was introduced in 1999). We will let you know your responsibilities after the chairperson of the Regional Festival contacts us.

Thank you very much.

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