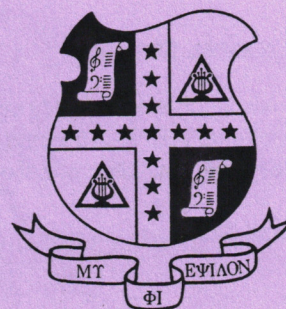


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## LETTER FROM THE CO- PRESIDENTS

Dear Mu Phi Friends,

As we have focused our activities around the Holiday Season, we are reminded again of how blessed we are to have the gift of music in our lives.

Now once again plans are under way for another exciting edition of Musical Mosaic, with **Lenée Bilski** at the helm. Please post flyers and sell tickets and let all of your friends, students and colleagues know about our biggest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds will support music in our schools. A colored and a white copy of the flyer is included with this mailing for you to make copies to post. Extra tickets are available from Lenée and Mary Feyk. Checks for the tickets should be sent to Lenita McCallum, 933 Via Rincon, PVE CA 90274.

We will be needing many hostesses to assist **Maria Jacque** and **Florine Lambert** at the reception. Please contact **Virginia Ludwick** to lend a hand. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING COOKIES! **Helen Freeborn**, baker extraordinaire, has graciously offered a decorated cake for the occasion.

We are ever thankful to **Mary Feyk** who is not only our most dedicated newsletter editor but host to our board meeting and the Nov. 13 Founders' Day meeting. **Ramona Gifford** and **Eunee Yee** presided over the ceremony, and we were treated to a most delightful performance by soprano **Gina Graziadio**, with **Kenner Bailey** collaborating at the piano. Many thanks to **Virginia Mendenhall** and **Beth Howell**, who provided wonderful refreshments.

**Chris Basua**, assisted by **Teddi Greenwald**, presented a fine Young Performers' Showcase featuring students of **Tamara Chadima**, **Virginia Ludwick**, **Pat Maki**, **Lenita McCallum**, **Virginia Mendenhall**, **Bozena Nakov**, **Shirley Yamamoto**, **Eunee Yee** and **Jin Yoo**. We were gifted by the talents of pianists **Julie Kim**, **Inna Gertsenshteyn**, **Sandra Lam**, **Annie Tang**, **Joseph Gancayco**, **Scott Camden**, **Michael Murata**, and **Kelsey Chung**; vocalists



## MUSICAL MOSAIC

7:30 P.M., Friday, February 3

Rolling Hills United Methodist Church

26438 Crenshaw Blvd.,  
Rolling Hills Estates

**Andrew Molis** and **Regina Davis**, and flautists **Melissa Wah**, **Stacy Kong**, **Tammy Lee**, **Hana Lim**, **Christopher Cumming**, **Ashley Cheng**, **Sakarako Hirafuku**. Piano collaborators were **Lenita McCallum**, **Paul Matsumoto** and **Eunee Yee**.

Beautiful certificates in folders were presented to all students and a festive reception followed. Thank you, **Pat Maki**, **Ruth Cuccia**, **Lenita McCallum** and all others who brought cookies, and **Tamara Chadima** for the photo memories.



Participants in the Young Performers Showcase

Wonderful surprises are in store for May and June, so stay tuned! In the meantime, your board sends you wishes for a healthy and joyous New Year filled with the magic of music!

Eunee Yee and Ann Grennan  
Co-Presidents

#### FROM LENEÉ BILSKI

Our Musical Mosaic Concert will be presented on Friday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. Mu Phi's who attended our Founders' Day meeting already know of the wonderful program planned for this year. Our own members and guest performers will be featured in a "mosaic" of musical selections including Hyeja Ganahl, Joseph Ganahl and Gail Mellert; soprano Annette Smith and our Sterling Patron, pianist Paul Smith; Kathy Kerstein and Marilee Wood singing Vivaldi accompanied by Howard Wood; the Areon Flutes including Tamara Chadima; a Balalaika Quintet; and CSU Dominguez Hills faculty member Dr. Richard Kravchak, oboist.

This is our Major Fundraiser, so talk it up and sell lots of tickets. Proceeds benefit school music programs throughout the South Bay. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Musically yours,

Lenée Bilski

#### Marek Szpakiewicz with Peninsula Symphony

We'll have another opportunity to hear the brilliant cellist **Marek Szpakiewicz**, international foundation winner of 2001, performing the **Dvorak** Cello Concerto with the **Peninsula Symphony** on Sunday, February 26, 7:00 p.m., at the Rolling Hills Covenant Church Auditorium. You may also hear him rehearse with Maestro **Joseph A. Valenti** and the Symphony at 2:00 on the afternoon of the concert.

#### PROGRAM CHANGE ON MARCH 26

It has just come to the attention of your board that the Mu Phi Epsilon District Conference will be held at CSU Dominguez Hills on Sunday, March 26, the same day as our scheduled chapter meeting with guest composer **Deon N. Price**. We are urging all of our members to attend the district functions, where Deon will be featured as well as other artists.

#### NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

**Leigh Kaplan** reports that Burt and Company (Burtnc.com) is featuring her new series of 3 books, "Piano by Ear - for Children". It comes with directions and a CD. She also has a number of duets (early and intermediate level) published by Burt.

**Gina Graziadio** is engaged to her boyfriend of two years, Peter Keseric. She says "just wanted to let you know of our engagement and share some of our joy".

**Bee-De Lim** has changed her email address. Her new address is BeeDLim@aol.com. Speaking of Bee-De, some of her pictures are featured on our website <http://home.muphiepsilon.org/palos-verdes-alumni>. David Champion set up the website and maintains it. Thank you for your fine pictures, Bee-De.

We are most blessed with **Ramona Gifford's** successful surgery and fine recovery. She will be having further consultations and treatments.

**Ray Clever** is at Royalwood Care Center being treated for a broken hip. The address is 22520 Maple, Torrance 90503. Cards would be appreciated.

**Virginia Bennett** passed away on June 5. She was Music Librarian at El Camino College and a member of our chapter for many years, even after she moved to Colorado. We are sending a donation to Mu Phi Foundation in her memory.

#### BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be on January 17 at 10:00 at the home of Eunee Yee. Please note the change of location. Information for the newsletter should be sent in writing to Mary Feyk by that date.

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