



Palos Verdes/South Bay Chapter

Newsletter - January 2021

*Discovering Ways to Connect through
Making Music*

From the keyboard of the Co-President:

Darlene Masek

February 6, the date of our 2021 Musical Mosaic, is drawing nearer and nearer. It is my deepest hope that you are signing up to attend AND are sending the information to your friends and relatives, far and wide. You can forward the invitations I have been sending out and the donation links should remain live. However, checks are also welcome. Make out the check to Mu Phi Epsilon and send to David Champion at 229 15th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-4603. Write "donation Musical Mosaic" on the memo line and be sure all checks include the person's email address.

It appears that our list of attendees is growing very slowly. Please remember this concert is our largest source of income and the way we can provide the more-than-ever-needed financial assistance to school music programs. But beside that urgent need, this is an incredibly wonderful concert you must surely wish to attend and share with every music lover you know.

This concert, as an online event, enables us to present internationally recognized artists of the highest caliber who live in various places around the country. To underscore the international embrace of this concert, "Anli and Friends" is comprised of Anli Lin Tong from Taiwan, Roberto Cani from Italy and Udi Bar-David from Israel. You are undoubtedly familiar with Anli, a beloved member of our Chapter and an internationally acclaimed concert artist and chamber music collaborator. Violinist Roberto Cani is the current Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Opera and cellist Udi Bar-David is a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Founder and Director, ARTolerance.

In addition to these outstanding artists, we are presenting Sean Chen, pianist, winner of the American Pianists Award in 2013 and the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Known to many in the South Bay area, tenor Aaron Blake is now a star on the Metropolitan and New York Opera stages. The Angel City Chorale will be sharing

their exuberant voices in songs of love, hope and inspiration, certain to lift our hearts above the troubles of our times.

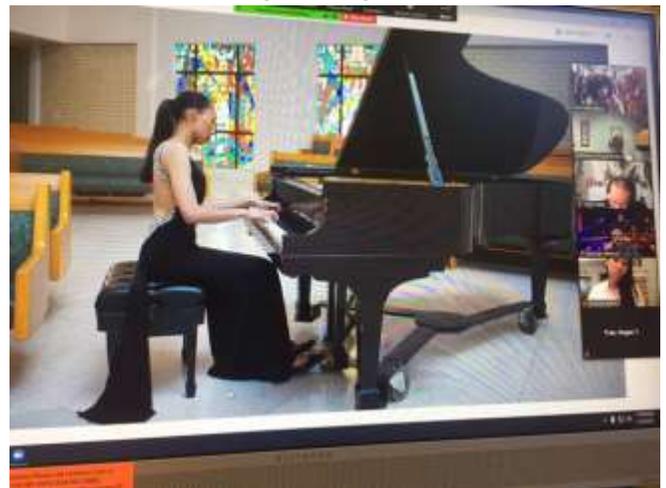
Please send your checks and donations today. The need is urgent. We need everyone's help to promote this concert and ensure its success!

With love for music and for you,

Darlene Vlasek

Member and Patron News

- Condolences go to **Dr. Jeannie Cobb** on the passing of her husband **Clayton Cobb**. He passed suddenly after a hospital stay for pancreatitis. They had recently moved to a retirement community in Pasadena.
- **Jan Bunker** has recently composed and recorded two songs for the animal rights community. She is seeking to circulate them among students in the Los Angeles area schools. One is on caring for your pets and the other is about guinea pigs. Here are the YouTube links: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjdFkmUa_8Y and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jgu6uDsN8yw&t=52s>.
- A good composer cannot help but be inspired by events around us. **Charles Dickerson**, expressing the hope of a new year with a new president, composed this song to celebrate. Take a few minutes to watch and then share with friends, please! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TmrwVOTdtM>
- On January 3rd, **Lenita** and **David Witherspoon** organized a “name that tune” party to end the Christmas season. Lenita found challenging songs (and some not so challenging) and required that artists also be identified for the game over Zoom. **Carla Sedlacek, Paul Irving, Ann Grennan, Lenée Bilski, Darlene Vlasek, David Champion, Anne and Ray Destabelle, Dawn Curry** (Anne's daughter), **Leslie Sharp, Carol Levin, and Debra Shrader** participated. A fun way to greet each other for New Year and share a little competition.
- **Shanice Aaron** is continuing her dedication to art and using her talents for those in need. Recently, she played a virtual concert for the UCLA Health community.





DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

January 19, 2021, 9:30 AM – Virtual Board Meeting

February 6, 2021, 4:00 PM – Musical Mosaic Virtual Concert (All pertinent details regarding tickets and how to “attend” will be communicated at a later date.)

SAVE THE DATE

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021 AT 4:00PM
ALL PERTINENT DETAILS REGARDING TICKETS AND HOW TO "ATTEND" WILL BE COMMUNICATED AT A LATER DATE.