

Southern  California  
Junior Bach Festival

**2020 MTAC Santa Monica Bay  
BACH BRANCH FESTIVAL (PIANO)  
INFORMATION LETTER**

To: MTAC Santa Monica Bay Teachers (PIANO)  
From: Alpha H. Walker, Branch & Region IV Chair

Re: **Bach Branch Festival (PIANO)**  
February 23, 2020 (SUN) • Morning  
Pierre's Fine Pianos  
11039 W. Pico Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90064

- **Online registration and payment DEADLINE: February 1, 2020 (SAT) at 11:59 PM PT.**
- Payments are via PayPal/credit card ONLY.
- **Absolutely no late registrations or late registration fee payments will be accepted.**

In compliance with SCJBF rules, the number of students per teacher is not limited. **REVISED RULE: Santa Monica Bay now allows repertoire to be duplicated by the students of the same teacher.** Based on their performance, **up to 50%** 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. Registration is ONLINE only.
  - Go to: <http://www.scjbf.org/>
  - **DEADLINE: February 1, 2020 (SAT) at 11:59 PM PT**
  - Click on "Registration and Announcements"
  - Click on "Log-In" or "New User" in the newly-opened page
  - **You will be asked to submit a \$10.00 annual teacher fee,** payable to SCJBF
  - Follow the instructions to complete registration
  - **Please note: to input timing, use the 00:00 format for min/sec**
  - **Important:** Check your own profile under "Teacher Information" to make sure everything is up to date, especially your email address and the Branch name (Santa Monica Bay). Use **Edit Student Profile** to remove students who are no longer in your studio or will no longer be participating in the Festival. (If you have a student who is skipping a year, leave them in your database.)
2. The 2020 Bach Branch Festival registration fees or Santa Monica Bay per student are:
  - \$25.00 for Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook and Non-Bach Baroque repertoire
  - \$30.00 for Bach repertoire—**not** applying for Complete Works Audition
  - \$35.00 for Bach repertoire—applying for Complete Works Audition

3. Payment for registration fees must be made by PayPal/credit card online at:
  - <https://form.jotform.com/200025455270948>
  - **DEADLINE: February 1, 2020 (SAT) at 11:59 PM PT**
4. If you have **special requests** regarding scheduling at the Branch Festival, please enter them into the **Comments** field on the **Edit Student Profile** page of the registration form.
  - Handwritten, email, or phone/text message requests will **not** be accepted.
  - Please indicate siblings if they need to perform on the same program (again, you must indicate these requests in the **Comments** section of an application).
5. If your student is selected for the Regional Festival, please note that the same registration form will be used by the Regional Festival Chair. Therefore, any special accommodations necessary in the case the student is selected to proceed to Regionals should be indicated on the registration form at this time. The same **Comments** field is to be used for this purpose.
6. All requests will be considered and honored if at all possible. **ABSOLUTELY NO REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER the February 1, 2020 DEADLINE.** Arranging the programs for the Bach 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, while honoring 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!
7. **A smooth-running Branch Festival depends on lots of help.** Each program will have a chair whose job will be to supervise the flow of the program and to act as an announcer. The Chair will have an assistant to monitor the door, pass out programs, and seat the students and the audience. We do need teachers to be available to help on that day!
8. For students selected to advance, the Bach Regional Festival for our region (Region IV) will be held on May 10, 2020 (SUN) at Pierre's Fine Pianos. The online registration and payment deadline for the Regional Festival is **April 10, 2020 (FRI)** with a registration fee of \$35 per student. Time limit is five minutes, and the students must present exactly the same repertoire as they performed at the Branch Festival.
9. If your students 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 what your responsibilities will be when Regional Festival student schedules are released.

Thank you very much!  
Alpha H. Walker, Chair

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