

PALOS VERDES/SOUTH BAY ALUMNI Newsletter



President's Message

Our March gathering was a wonderful afternoon of music, friendship and true harmony. Our own member, Mezzo Soprano *Lizbeth Sanchez*, enchanted us with her velvety voice, expressive delivery and diverse program. *Lois Tai*, once again provided such sensitive and collaborative accompaniment with such skill and ease. This was followed by a very efficient and productive board meeting. We were thrilled to have our secretary, *Lenita Witherspoon*, attend in-person since she was visiting from Maui. All in attendance enjoyed a delicious spread of sweet and savory treats, which included my homemade hummus and baklava. Members and patrons spent such quality time visiting with each other and building stronger bonds of friendship.



Dr. Joanna Medawar Nachev

A huge shout out goes to our scholarship co-chairs, *Janelle Catbagan* and *Lorna Katz*, for their valiant efforts in advertising and promoting the scholarship auditions. Lorna took it upon herself to visit the music departments at CSUDH and El Camino College. She announced the audition date, shared the application requirements and deadline. Janelle, *Jose Torres*, *Erick Hernandez-Picazo* and myself reached out to all our contacts at the three institutions as well. What a welcomed surprise when we received the largest number of applicants ever. We are thrilled that 26 eligible students from CSUDH, Cal State Long Beach and EL Camino College will be auditioning on April 11, at Peninsula Community Church.

In April, the nominating committee will begin their search for new officers. Please consider serving in one capacity or another. It has been such a joy to work alongside side so many dedicated members over the years. We need more of our members to take ownership and lend a hand. Please say "yes" if you receive a call to serve!!

Thanks to those of you who were able to submit your vote for MPE International Executive Board officers. We hope that the online voting process will be easier in the future, so that many more of our members can participate. We anticipate to hear the results of the voting soon.

On Sunday, April 19, we will have our ZOOM GENERAL MEETING at 4:00pm. So we look forward to seeing many of you, virtually. So please be on the look-out for a zoom link invitation from *David Champion*. Mark your calendars and join us for another lovely gathering on zoom.

Musically,

Dr. Joanna Medawar Nachev
President

General Meeting Photos



Website Update

If you haven't visited our website as of late, we have made some new updates to our site! Feel free to visit our website at <https://muphipvsouthbay.org/>

New additions to website:

- About Us page
- Calendar of events
- Photos of chapter officers
- Newsletter Archive
- Recent Grants
- Scholarship Competition
- Contact page

Social Media



visit our website:
www.muphipvsouthbay.org

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, April 14th
Nominating committee to begin search for new officers

Wednesday, April 15th
Virtual Board Meeting

Sunday, April 19th @ 4 P.M.
Zoom General Meeting

SERV Hours

Report your hours:
[Log in to MPE](#)
Having trouble accessing your account?
Send an email to executiveoffice@muphiesilon.org



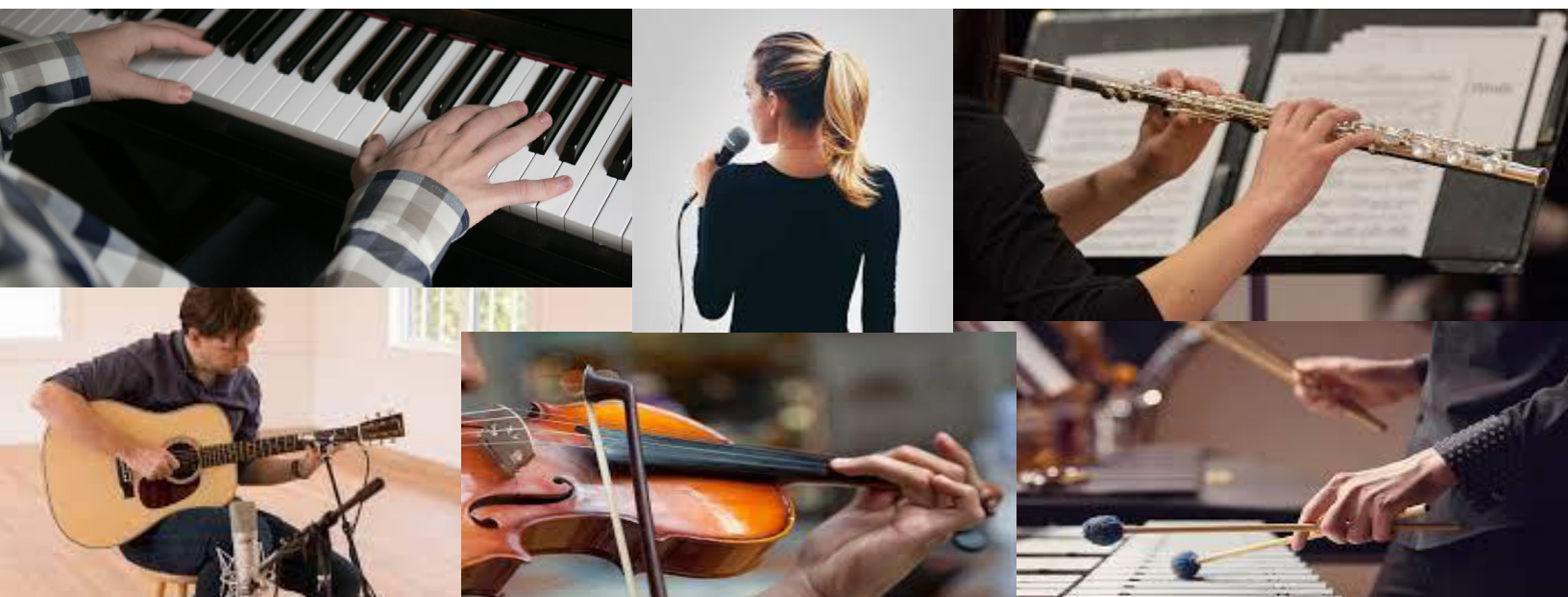
Los Cancioneros Master Chorale

Music Scholarship Auditions



Open to high school seniors and college/music school students pursuing Music studies (secondary). Applicants must be from or studying in/around the Greater South Bay Cities of Los Angeles, CA.

Apply Now. Applications Due April 30, 2026.
Auditions will be on Saturday, May 2, 2026.



About LCMC:

Each year, [Los Cancioneros Master Chorale \(LCMC\)](http://www.lcmasterchorale.com) offers \$1500+ music scholarships to worthy music students. Scholarship winners are invited to showcase their talents at an LCMC concert. Winners have gone on to make an impact at the Metropolitan Opera, American Idol, LAUSD, and more. www.lcmasterchorale.com/scholarships

LCMC has since been recognized by the Torrance Cultural Arts Commission, Palos Verdes Peninsula Coordinating Council's Community, and the U.S. Congress, California State Legislature, California State Senate and Los Angeles County, for passionate commitment to music performance, exemplary service to our local communities, and support of aspiring musicians.

