

Hello Fellow Teachers,

I hope you all had a great summer, as unconventional as it was. The coming year will be a very interesting one for everyone, and a learning experience for all of us MTAC members. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome any new members to our branch! I look forward to seeing all of your hard working students at our various online events. My name is Adam Gravelle, and I will be organizing and hosting the 2020 Masquerade Recital. In order to comply with the social distancing decree mandated as a result of the Covid-19 crisis, this years program will be entirely online.

The Masquerade Recital is an imperative event to the South Coast branch, one in which I hope you will all consider participating. This event is open to all students, from beginner to advanced, and the only one in which the participants may dress up in a costume! The concert will have a fun, low stress environment, and is great for those students just starting out.

As the recital(s) will be online this year, the process will be a little bit different. Each participant will dress up in a costume and record their piece in the comfort of their own home, or teachers' home, and submit the recording to their teacher. The teacher will then email all video's to me, so that I can assemble them into different recitals. Like in previous years, each participant will be assigned a recital time, and will join the rest of the participants on Zoom for a live premier of their recital.

The application can be completed online, and will be available on our website after September 19, 2020. (www.mtacsouthcoast.org). The reduced entry fee for each student is \$15. Please write only one check in the full amount payable to MTAC South Coast Branch. We have extended the September 26th deadline for all online applications and payments until Saturday, October 10th, 2020. Please send checks to:

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You may also drop off the check in person if you live in my area. Just put it in the front mailbox, and text me you have done so at 949-800-9044.

The Date of the event will be Sunday, October 25th, 2020

Please follow these detailed instructions in preparing and submitting your students' videos:

- Have each student dress in a costume, and have them introduce themselves and their piece. For those wearing a mask as part of their costume, please have them remove it for the introduction. Encourage them to speak slowly and clearly so that everyone can understand. They may wear their mask to play if they want!
- Use the website wettransfer.com to send the videos to me using my email address (adamwgravelle@gmail.com). This is a free file sharing platform, which allows up to 2gb per email. If you have more than 2gb, you may send multiple transfers. For those teachers uncomfortable with navigating the web, you may upload all videos on a thumb drive (flash drive) and drop it off in my mailbox (I will arrange a time to return any flash drives).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email or text me! I'm here to answer any and all questions :)

All Best,
Adam Gravelle