



NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Happy October Everyone,

By now all of the children are back in school excited about costumes, plays and all the fun of fall. I'm excited also about our first meeting of the season and the upcoming events our chapter has planned as well. On the 9th, the talented and beautiful Deborah Aitken will grace us with her musicality and you don't want to miss it.

We have a wonderful new Alumni Director, Ruth Cuccia. She has challenged us to emphasize 'new directions' and 'thinking outside the box' this year. We have already started doing just that by presenting our first live stream concert during the summer! We will continue our new direction with plans for a fabulous Founder's Day concert in November combining the talents of ALL our Southern California Alumni and Collegiate Chapters. An e-mail about this concert will go out October 1st. Put it on your calendar!

Deborah How and I are working on the Convention Report to present at October meeting. It was wonderful and I can't wait to tell you about the experience. I urge you again to read the entire newsletter, pay your dues so that Deborah does not have to work so hard and [RSVP to Deon](#) - deonprice@aol.com about the October meeting.

Until our meeting, remember:

Life is one grand, sweet song, so start the music!

Musically yours, Susan

OCTOBER MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Home of Deon Price
10701 Ranch Road
Culver City 90230

10:00 a.m. Business Meeting

11:00 a.m. Program

Convention Report and
Deborah Aitken, Pianist



UPCOMING

November 16, 2014

Sunday @ 7:00 p.m.

Mt. Olive Church, Santa Monica

Southern California Alumni and
Collegiate Chapters celebrate
Founders Day

Ginger Curea, VP Programs

[Pianist Deborah Aitken](#) has captivated audiences throughout America and abroad, described by critics as "a temperament which lives to communicate" with "infallible technical polish and vibrancy."

Studying first in the US and continuing in Milan, Italy with Alberto Mozzati of Conservatorio Verdi, she then received BM and MA degrees from USC and CSUN, studying with Bernardo Segall and Jacob Gimpel, and harpsichord with Malcolm Hamilton. She has received coaching from Andre Watts, Gabriel Tacchino (Paris Conservatory), and others. Her expertise in music of the French and Spanish styles was acknowledged with the prestigious Mu Phi Epsilon Memorial Foundation Grant for study in Paris with Francoise Labroquere, longtime protegee of Marguerite Long.

Ms. Aitken's concert work as soloist, collaborator, and concerto artist has taken her throughout the US and to Europe, Mexico, Asia and Russia. She has performed for film, LA television stations and radio, including a recital on Vatican Radio, broadcast throughout Europe.

Known for her sensitive and expressive touch, Ms. Aitken is completing a teaching DVD on "Piano Technique and Tone Color." She has a CD entitled "Piano Recital" in general release and is planning to release a CD of Latin American music later this year. Currently she serves as professor of piano for El Camino College and LA Harbor College besides teaching award-winning students privately at her studio in Redondo Beach. In demand as a Master Class clinician and competition adjudicator, she returned to Tokyo in June for the eighteenth year to perform and conduct Master Classes, promoted by Yamaha Corporation and other entities.

CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS

Adrienne Albert

This past summer, Adrienne Albert had the great honor of composing a piece commissioned by the Mu Phi Epsilon Foundation to commemorate its 50th Anniversary. Titled "A Golden Celebration," the work is written for piano trio. Magnificently premiered by former Winners of MPE competitions, Jorge Avila, violin (2001), Marek Szpakiewicz, cello (2003), and Yukiko Sekino, piano (2011), "A Golden Celebration" received a standing ovation from the SRO crowd at the July 30th concert honoring past winners of the MPE competitions. To hear the live premiere of this work, please go to:

<https://soundcloud.com/mpefoundation/a-golden-celebration-trio/recommended>



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUES STATEMENTS

Dues notices have been e-mailed to all members with e-mail addresses; paper invoices have been mailed to all members without e-mail addresses. [Dues are due on October 1, 2014 and may be paid by mailing a personal check or by PayPal/credit card online.](#) Please e-mail Deborah How, treasurer, with any questions at dhow.music@gmail.com. THANKS!

RALPHS

Hopefully you who shop this store have signed up, once again, to participate in this project which nets us close to \$500.00 a year.

One doesn't have to be a Mu Phi to participate. Ask your family members, neighbors-- anyone who shops at Ralphs is eligible. It costs you nothing and gives back to us much needed funds. If you prefer to have a scan bar letter you can take to the market so the checker can scan, please contact me, and I'll send you one via mail. Shogasan@msn.com or 310-459-5150. Please help your chapter! Ginger Curea, Chair

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Our new Alumni Advisor, Ruth Cuccia has asked us to be on the lookout for a new District Director for the Pacific Southwest Province. The candidate must be in good standing with the Fraternity and hold a Bachelor's Degree. The responsibilities include some travel and staying in touch with both the Alumni and Collegiate Chapters and performing reviews for the Chapters. President Rosemary Ames makes the final decision on the person(s) for this three-year position. If you have any nominees or are interested yourself, we will discuss at the next meeting.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all news (150 word maximum) and photos by email only by the 20th of the previous month prior to publication on the first.
THANKS! Mary Lou Newmark, Editor - MLN@greenangelmusic.com

