

MTAC SCV BRANCH ROMANTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL GUIDELINES

Sunday April 26, 2026 3pm at Little School of Music

(Participants will be given specific times at least one week prior to competition)

Little School of Music
28306 Constellation Rd.
Valencia, CA 91355

ELIGIBLE WORKS: PUBLISHED works by Romantic era composers in ORIGINAL FORM - no arrangements. No romantic pieces from contemporary composers. All instruments may participate. Solo entries only. No duets. Please bring an ORIGINAL score or part for the adjudicators and an original part for yourself, if needed. NO PHOTOCOPIES ALLOWED.

PARTICIPATION: Students of MTAC teachers to age 18 are eligible, all instruments.

JUDGING: Students will be judged on how well they perform on their instrument, according to their level. There will be several categories:

Early Elementary: Levels Preparatory & 1 (3 minute time limit)

Elementary: Levels 2 & 3 (Burgmuller Op. 100 Sincerity, Arabesque)

Intermediate: Levels 4 & 5 (5 minute time limit) (Burgmuller Op. 100 other than Sincerity, Arabesque)

Advanced: Levels 6 & 7 (7 minute time limit)

Higher Advanced Levels 8 and above

Elementary and Intermediate students must heed the time limit. Judges will be made aware of the time limit for advanced participants as well. If an advanced participant's piece goes over the time limit it will be up to the judges discretion whether or not to cut the student and/or deduct points for not staying within the time limit.

MEMORIZATION OF MUSIC IS MANDATORY: Winners will be announced in each category and receive trophies. In addition, the top 3 will be named OVERALL FESTIVAL WINNER and receive a medal. SCV MTAC requires that only a limited number of MTAC staff members/teachers, judges and participants shall be permitted in the recital hall and a maximum of two family members can attend per participant.

FEE: \$45 per participant. No ensembles. Students of MTAC teachers may enter the festival in more than one instrument, but will be required to include a separate entry fee and application for each performance. Teachers, please collect fees from students and write one check only, made out to SCV MTAC, along with a list of participants.

DEADLINE: Teachers, send one check per studio and email susanc48@hotmail.com for her mailing address. It must be postmarked by Monday April 6. Online entry forms must be filled out online on the branch website, mtacscvbranch.org

DRESS CODE: Concert dress is required for performance in the festival. Girls: Dress or skirt and top with dress shoes. Boys: Dress slacks, collared shirt and tie. No running shoes.