

SCVA

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VOCAL ASSOCIATION

JUNE, 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rachelle Randeem

It's June 2020! And, without question, the oddest ending to a school year ever. It also is the close of my time as SCVA President, which has been an enjoyable and spectacular experience. My final exhortation can be summed up in these two statements from a recent webinar...

"Less repertoire, more community." — Troy Robertson (Chor Amor)

"Don't tell the choir you're a community of singers." — Kristina Nakagawa (Resounding A Chord)

While unsure of so much in the coming months, we do know that building the connections within our ensembles will benefit all involved as we navigate this new territory. We have much to be thankful for while we also look forward to sea of unknowns. Lastly, it has been an honor to serve with these spectacular individuals who are saying "adieu" to the SCVA Board. We wish them the very best!



Patty Breitag is a wonderful individual who joined the SCVA Board in 2006 as leader of the SCVA Show Choir Spectacular. As a result of her expertise in that genre, she is credited with bringing many members into SCVA and remains dedicated to show choir being part of a comprehensive music program. Patty continues to stay busy as music director, college educator and accompanist.



Thank you, **Karen Garrett**, for your steady and consistent leadership within SCVA for a decade (6 years in High School Honor Choir, 4 years as President & Past President). You are consistently insightful and ordered, inspiring us all with your planning and organization. The exceptional musicianship and performance skills represented by your choirs exemplifies who you are as a person and choral professional.



Melva Morrison served on the SCVA board for 23 years. One of her former students (SCVA member) reminds us why we love her so... "Mrs. Morrison welcomed me into this world of music. She's the most caring teacher that I've ever had and ignited a passion for music in me that I didn't even know I possessed. A woman of faith, she genuinely cares about her students and made an everlasting imprint on so many peoples' hearts."



Matthew Netto has been on the SCVA board for 24 years. Known for his fun-loving outlook on life, he works diligently to provide the best opportunity for his students to thrive in choir and the larger events he organizes. As an ardent supporter of equality, he works to create excellent choral performance opportunities for young adults in the SoCal region.



Marisa Rawlins-Bradfield is an outstanding choral director who has served on the SCVA board for 6 years. Marisa continued the tradition of excellence built into the Vocal-Solo Competition. Creating an opportunity to complete the competition this year during quarantine represents her heart of always desiring to do what is best for Southern California's advancing vocal students.



As part of the upcoming generation of music makers and people builders, **Kelly Self** served SCVA as secretary for the last two years. A compassionate person, she puts others' needs before her own. Her peaceful heart, strong work ethic, willingness to share insights and attention to detail are a benefit to all who know her.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW SCVA BOARD 2020-2022

Election Results

Past President: Rachelle Randeem
President: Drew Lewis
President Elect: Tammi Alderman
Secretary: Ken Haro
Treasurer: Carolyn Kelley
Membership: Alan Garcia
Honor Choir I: Michael Ushino
Honor Choir II: Bethany Encina
Festival 1: Nancy Ludwig
Festival 2: Kristen Walton

Festival Adjudication: Dan Hawkins
Jr. High Honor Choir: Amanda Benavides
Vocal Solo: Erika Jackson
Jazz Festival: Kaitlin Holt
Jazz Honor Choir: Christine Tavares-Mocha
Show Choir: Sarah Anders
Elementary: Theresa Thomasula
Harmony Festival: Antone Rodich
Newsletter: Karen Bluel
Webmaster: Mark Freedkin

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2020 SCVA Vocal Solo Competition

JR. HIGH DIVISION (ALL GENRES)

1st Place: Madisson Galante
(David Starr Jordan Middle School)

CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

1st Place: Chloe Kim (Los Osos High School)
2nd Place: Flavia Valente (The Bishop's School)
3rd Place: Elizabeth Ford (Buena Park High School)

MUSICAL THEATRE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

1st Place: Sabrina Williams (Providence High School)
2nd Place: Kate Lin (Vocal Arts LA)
3rd Place: Brittany Fisheli (Fullerton Union High School)

SCVA 2020 SUMMER CHATS

Saturday, August 1, 4-6 pm - Pasadena
Host - Molly Peters, mepeters79@gmail.com

Tuesday, August 4, 6-8 pm - Studio City
Host - Marisa Rawlins-Bradfield
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Wednesday, August 5, 4-6 pm - Corona
Host - Rachelle Randeem,
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Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 4-6 pm - Fullerton
Host - Matt Netto, matthew_netto@jUSD.k12.ca.us

Friday, August 14, 6:30-8:30 pm - Rancho Cucamonga
Host - Bethany Encina, bethany.encina@cjuhsd.net

August TBD - Irvine
Host - Tina Peterson tgpeterson@mac.com

SCVA Thanks our retiring teachers for their years of service to the choral art.

Michael Hayden – 40 years teaching. Retiring from Mira Costa High School (Manhattan Beach USD)



Martha Key – 21 years teaching. Retiring from Dale Jr. High School (AUHSD)

Carolyn Kelly – 38 years teaching. Retiring from Bellflower High School/Middle School (BUSD)



Betsy Olson – 24 years teaching. Retiring from La Habra City School District

Tom Oliver – 26 years teaching. Retiring from Menifee Valley Middle School (MUSD)



Congratulations!

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IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

	2020
High School Honor Choir Online Audition Applications Open	August 18
High School Honor Choir Online Audition Applications Close	September 11
High School Honor Choir Audition Times/Locations Posted Online	September 15
High School Honor Choir Auditions @ Various Sites	September 26
SCVA Fall In-Service	September 25
High School Honor Choir Auditions @ Various Sites	October 3
High School Honor Choir Audition Results Posted	October 17
Festival Host Registration Deadline	October 1
Festival Registration Opens	October 15
High School Honor Choir Weekend (3 days THIS YEAR!)	November 19-21
High School Honor Choir Performance	November 21