

## 2019 ASTACAP Overview

### CalASTA San Francisco

The board of the San Francisco Section of CalASTA is very happy to introduce you to our new ASTACAP coordinator, Mayumi Takarabe. Mayumi is looking forward to getting to know the ASTACAP community as she becomes familiar with the ASTACAP program. Mayumi's email is [msmayumit@gmail.com](mailto:msmayumit@gmail.com). Please contact her if you have questions and if you are interested in participating in an exam later in the spring (April or May)

**DATES:** Several ASTACAP exams have already been scheduled. Application deadlines are 6 weeks before the exam date.

Saturday, March 16 in Berkeley (Limited availability) Please contact Cybele D'Ambrosio for more information. [violinstudio@cybele.me](mailto:violinstudio@cybele.me)

Sunday, March 17, Community Music Center, Richmond Branch, San Francisco (Exam times available) Please contact Michele Walther or Monika Gruber Gibbons for more information. [walther.michele@gmail.com](mailto:walther.michele@gmail.com) [monikagruber@hotmail.com](mailto:monikagruber@hotmail.com)

Sunday, March 24, Crowden Music Center, Berkeley- (Exam times available) Please contact Mayumi Takarabe for more information.

Walnut Creek exam is being planned - (Limited availability) Please contact Tristanne Talarico for more information. [tristannetalarico@gmail.com](mailto:tristannetalarico@gmail.com)

### NEW ELECTRONIC APPLICATION

There are bound to be some bumps in the road this year as we all get used to a new system so please be patient. Teachers will fill out a short ***Teacher Registration*** and then a ***Student Registration*** for each student who is participating. **Here are the links:**

Teacher Registration: <https://calastaf.wufoo.com/forms/qbsqz3w107e5j3/>

Student Registration: <https://calastaf.wufoo.com/forms/w1vlletq00gk9do/>

Please check all the entries carefully before clicking SUBMIT. After you submit the applications please collect the fees from your students and write ONE check for all your students made out to "San Francisco ASTA/NSOA" and mail it to:

Cybele D'Ambrosio  
ASTACAP Treasurer  
683 Vincente Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94707

## **NEW ASTACAP HANDBOOK**

There is a **New 2018 ASTACAP Handbook** which can be downloaded from the ASTA website at this link:

[https://www.astastrings.org/Web/Contact\\_Management/Member\\_Content\\_Sign\\_In.aspx?ReturnURL=/Web/Resources/ASTACAP/ASTACAP\\_Handbook\\_Secure.aspx?WebsiteKey=1c05cb19-ddf5-4147-8572-1d5475714715](https://www.astastrings.org/Web/Contact_Management/Member_Content_Sign_In.aspx?ReturnURL=/Web/Resources/ASTACAP/ASTACAP_Handbook_Secure.aspx?WebsiteKey=1c05cb19-ddf5-4147-8572-1d5475714715)

Here are the big changes:

- All scales must be memorized
- Honors requirements have been changed
- There are some repertoire changes so check for updates
- There is a new evaluation sheet-the 100 point grid has been replaced with a simpler grading system leaving more time for written comments