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January 18: 9:15am – FMTA Meeting and Program:  
**"Scandinavian Piano Music"- Pam Gallo**

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**FMTA MEETING- JANUARY 18**

Our own Pam Gallo will present the pedagogical and musicological aspects of Scandinavian Piano Music at the January 18th FMTA meeting. This lecture/recital is the culmination of Pam's research on this topic and was part of her masters' program at DU. You will want to come and hear this interesting topic and wonderful music that Pam has spent many hours researching and preparing.

**RUNNING THE BIZ TOPIC:**

Are you ready for tax season? If you're at all like me, you dread seeing the CPA's organizer arrive in the mail. How do you keep records? Are they easy to retrieve at this time of year? Do you prepare your own taxes or hire someone else? Come to the meeting and share your tips and lessons learned in managing this aspect of your studio business.

**FEBRUARY MASTER CLASS**

Dr. Alejandro Cremaschi from CU Boulder will be our Master Teacher in February. We are looking for 4-5 intermediate or early advanced students who will be able to play all or a portion of their selection. If you have an interested student, call Kathy Hammer, Program Chair, to reserve a spot for this opportunity. 303-988-9565.

**MONITORS NEEDED**

Colorado is privileged to host the West Central Division Competition at CU Boulder, January 13-15, 2012 and 30 monitors are needed to assist with these competitions. This is an incredible

opportunity to hear very talented musicians from middle school through collegiate levels from 8 states. Winners from this competition move on to the competition during the MTNA Conference in New York City in March. Contact Kathy Hammer, 303-988-9565, if you are able to help for half a day or more. We need you!

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY**

The registration deadline for Achievement Day 2012 is January 11<sup>th</sup>. Rules can be found in the Yearbook located on the website, and you may find the registration forms by clicking on the following link: <http://www.fmtamusic.org/fmtaForms.html>. It will be an exciting time this year as we have help from teen volunteers and hope to also work alongside some of our DAMTA colleagues. This is a fun and enjoyable event that motivates students to achieve and set goals. What better way to start students off in the New Year!

Did you know that there are colorful flyers about this enriching event to share with your students and their parents? Copies are still available for 50 cents each. The flyer lists the 20 choices for option activities. We also have a teacher survival guide to make your life easier. Look for the gold handout on the nametag table at our January meeting. If you can't make the meeting and would like these materials, please let us know and we will mail them to you.

The following volunteers are needed. Please call or email Carrie or Linda if you would like to serve

one of these roles.

1. FMTA poster for art display at library
2. Hospitality Room Coordinator
3. Ribbon Coordinator
4. Theory Room Coordinator

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**SONATINA FESTIVAL**

Please join us for the 2012 FMTA Sonata Festival. The entry deadline is February 10, 2012. Sonata Festival will be held Saturday, March 10, 2012 at CCU Music Building (1<sup>st</sup> & Garrison). Winner's concerts are held Sunday, March 11, 2012 at **Our Savior Reformed Church** (Jewell & Garrison). Note: this is a change from past years, make sure your winning students know where they are going to perform on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. Reminder: No special time requests or sibling scheduling requests will be accepted. Please review rules about festival and see repertoire lists and registration forms in the current year Yearbook . (<http://www.fmtamusic.org/PDFS/Yearbook2011-12NOList.pdf> or click directly on the link, "forms", then "sonatina festival" on the FMTA website. Questions: Chair, Teresa Hegyi 303-989-2793. **We are still in need of a co chair for this festival, please contact Teresa Hegyi if interested!**

## **PREP MEETING**

PREP will meet on Friday, January 27, 2012 from 9:15-11:00 a.m. at the home of Arlyce Black, 6708 West Arbor Drive in Littleton, CO 80123. Please call to RSVP at (303) 795-8162.

Books for discussion: *My Nine Lives: A Memoir of Many Careers in Music* by Leon Fleisher and *Paganini's Ghost* by Paul Adams.

## **THANKS FROM LAURA**

*"Thank you all for your outpouring of love, prayers, and support during this most difficult season of our lives. My children and I are deeply touched by the care you demonstrated. Our lives, though changed forever, are slowly starting to come back into focus."*

Laura Rogers

## **NEW STUDENT REFERRAL**

If you have openings, or if you are receiving calls from students you cannot take, please contact FMTA's Student Referral Chair, Ellen DeJonge, at [gr8piano@q.com](mailto:gr8piano@q.com) or 303-670-8898.

## **CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS**

**January 11-** Entry Deadline – Achievement Day

**January 18, 9:15-** FMTA Meeting; Scandinavian Piano Music

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**February 10-** Entry Deadline- Sonatina Festival

**February 11-** Achievement Day – CCU

**February 15, 9:15-** FMTA Meeting; Intermediate Level Master Class Dr. Alejandro Cremaschi, UC Boulder

**March 10-** Sonatina Festival – CCU

**March 11-** Sonatina Festival Winners Recitals, Our Savior Reformed Church

**March 21, 9:15-** FMTA Meeting; "Teaching Tips and Games", FMTA Members' Forum

**March 24-28-** MTNA National Conference, New York

**April 18, 9:15-** FMTA Meeting; "Breaking the Boundaries: Clara Schumann as Teacher", Eliana Murphy

**May 16, 9:15-** FMTA Meeting; Officer Installation and Member Musicale, and Pot-Luck Luncheon (place TBA)

**June 6-9** CSMTA Conference, Ramada Plaza and Convention Center, Northglenn