



Foothills Music Teachers Association

Professional Growth ~ Educational/Musical Excellence ~ Inclusive/Diverse Community

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FMTA Meeting:
May 17- 9:15-11:30 a.m.

"Breakfast and Teacher Musicale"

Rockley Music Center, 8555 W. Colfax Ave. Lakewood, 80215

FMTA MEETING AND PROGRAM- May 17, 9:15 A.M.

You do not want to miss the fabulous program that is outlined for our May Musicale!! We have teachers performing with different instrumentations and ensembles for each number. We will experience a wonderful variety of music from new and veteran members alike. Everyone will come away uplifted and inspired!

Our breakfast and business meeting will begin at 9:15 at Rockley Music Center, 8555 W. Colfax Ave. in Lakewood. Please contact April Larsen at 303-862-0860 if you are able to bring food. We will be choosing the theme for Winterfest 2018, inducting our new officers, showing our thanks for the hours of service from many of our members, and enjoying each other's company. You don't want to miss this extraordinary end-of-the-year event!

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

FMTA has elected a new slate of officers for next year! These officers will be installed at our May meeting! Congratulations to the following:

President: April Larsen
V.P. for Programs: Carrie Christensen
V.P. for Membership: Robin Braun
V.P. for Publicity: Laurie Brown
Secretary: Gaylene Bickmore
Treasurer: Elinore Quander

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY

An FMTA student/teacher performance/informational session will take place at the Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market located at 7043 W. 38th Ave.; Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 on Saturday, August 26, 2017. The event will take place indoors and a keyboard will be provided. Come out and join us for some music making! The duration of the event will be determined by the number of teachers and students who sign up to participate. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during the May FMTA meeting if you or your students are interested in performing or if you would like to pass out brochures, and all participants will be emailed a few days following the meeting. For more information, contact Lorian Bartle at info@BartleGuitarStudio.com 720-353-2902.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND THE CSMTA CONFERENCE?

When attending this conference, you will be surrounded by others who have similar interests as you. Being immersed in live sessions (as opposed to a social media chat) and hearing live polished performances (as opposed to a CD/DVD where perfection reigns) allows you to escape the regular schedule of your week.

We are social beings – as evidenced by the chatter during our refreshment times at our meetings. We want to be with others who share our interests and we often gain as much from having conversations during lulls between sessions or meal times as we do from the session speakers. These speakers have a passion for their topic that cannot be ‘heard’ in a written article. Sam Holland says, “Attending a live 3-day conference is a veritable Woodstock of pedagogy.” We will be able to hear favorite presenters along with newcomers; each will present practical insights into the teaching we do with our students.

What you gain from attending the conference far outweighs the cost. And if you choose to car pool to Greeley this summer, you will have even more time to engage in networking with others. Plan NOW to attend. See you at the conference! Schedule and registration forms are all available at www.comusicteachers.net. See you there!

HELPERS NEEDED

Are you attending CSMTA conference this year? If so, please consider serving as a presider over one of the many workshops and/or a ticket taker to meals and/or concerts. You can sign up on line via this link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0949ACAD2BA6F58-csmta or you can email Vasana de Mel directly at: resonations.studio@gmail.com. This is an easy and fun assignment!



FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as FMTA President the past two years. What a wonderful journey! Together we have implemented several changes – updated By Laws, identified 3 Core Values, added 4 new chairs (librarian, community outreach, northern PRP and mentoring), moved Achievement Day to the fall, created WinterFest in place of fall festival, and added a March Board meeting. We have also learned that some changes are not good – like alternating Sonatina Festival with a Masterworks Festival. ☺

My tenure began with FMTA’s 40th Anniversary celebration in September 2015 and culminated with my attending the MTNA National Conference in Baltimore in March 2017. In between these stellar bookend events, it has been my genuine privilege to work among you in this dynamic group we call “Foothills”.

Our future is bright! We have a unique legacy of leadership within our organization, and I am confident that April Larsen will continue this legacy as she serves as our next president.

With love, thanks, and gratitude ~ Elaine Van Dellen NCTM

CONGRATULATIONS TO FMTA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following students who will be awarded scholarships from FMTA: Delaney Santoro, student of April Larsen, will be majoring in K-12 Music Education at Colorado Mesa University. She will be awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship. Kaylyn Schoen, student of Jan Tuttle will receive a continuing scholarship of \$300.00. She is minor in music at Hastings College in Nebraska and doing really well. Summer Enrichment Camps are still pending.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Several great ideas were shared at our April meeting for a theme for our WinterFest event in January. Some are: Living Composer (The Music of Dennis Alexander), Baroque Bash, Jazz (Bb Blues), Dessert Cabaret Style, Jazz Combo, Chamber Music (using college students to compose easier music), and College Quartet. The theme will be voted upon at our May meeting. Please bring your ideas and let your vote count!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

A big congratulations to Lorian and Chris Bartle on the arrival of Sylvia Rose Bartle on April 28th at 10:08 p.m. Mother and baby are now home and doing well.

LOOKING FOR A MENTOR?

Do you wish you had someone who could help you with a certain area of teaching that you would like to be stronger in? Check out the list of Mentors on the website! Click here for a direct link!

<http://www.fmtamusic.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/FMTA-Mentor-List-2017.pdf>

GRAND OPENING – NEW VENUE OPPORTUNITY

Kerry Cottingham, President elect of AMTA, is announcing the Grand Opening of Colorado Music Institute, which has a recital space available. They are having a Grand Opening celebration THIS SATURDAY, May 6, from noon to 4 P.M. Come check it out! 12201 E. Arapahoe Road, Unit C-6, Centennial, 80112.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like to submit an article to be included in our monthly newsletter, please email Jan Tuttle at janetmtuttle@gmail.com by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2017

May 12, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Betty Witt, call 303-456-7483

May 17 9:15 a.m.-FMTA Meeting and Program, "*Teacher Musicale and Brunch*" - FMTA Teachers and Scholarship Recipients

June 1-3- CSMTA Conference, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley

August 26- 10:00 a.m.- Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market, call Lorian Bartle, 720-353-2902