



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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September 18- 9:30 a.m.

"Building the Foundation: Technique"-Sara McDaniel, NCTM

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

FMTA MEETING: SEPTEMBER 18- 9:30 a.m.

Teachers, you won't want to miss our program this month! We have Sara McDaniel coming to give us a presentation on *Laying The Foundation: Technique*. Sara is known throughout the western region as a performer, teacher, clinician, and adjudicator. She has given piano pedagogy workshops and master classes throughout Colorado and many other states. She'll be sharing with us her expertise in building a firm technique right from the first lesson. Come join us at our new meeting location at Rockleys Music Center in Lakewood.

FALL FESTIVAL 2013 - OCTOBER 19

The deadline to register for the Fall Festival is **September 19!!** The theme this year is "Jazz and Improvisation" and I want to encourage you to get your students started on a jazz piece or an improvisation. It's not too late to learn something for the Fall Festival! This is really a unique opportunity for your students to play with a live ensemble. If they would like to play solo, that is an option too. There are lots of great jazz books available these days. Composers such as Uri An Rovner, Bradley Sowash, Lee Evans, and Bill Boyd all have good collections available at all levels. You could consider having your students play down a level or two for quicker and more secure playing. This will be a FUN, creative event!! We do need a copy of each student's music so that our ensemble players can look it over prior to the big day. And please, write in chord symbols. They needn't be complicated! Notating 9ths, 13ths, or augmented 5ths is NOT necessary. Our bass player just needs a bass line to read. MEMORY is OPTIONAL! Since this Festival is a prototype, memory is not required. We want *all students* to participate and since they're working with other musicians on stage, having the music in front of them may help certain students this first time around. We really are looking forward to this event and excited to be offering something new and creative. Help us make it a success! You will find all the forms and details online at <http://www.fmtamusic.org/fall-festival/> If you have any questions or concerns please call Laura Rogers-303-706-9079.

CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY UPDATED WEBSITE!

Be sure to check out our beautiful new website at <http://www.fmtamusic.org/> All the dates, information, standing rules, forms, contact information, newsletters, a "Find a Teacher" feature, and the full member directory is available at your fingertips. If you are not on the current, "Find a Teacher" online list and would like to be added or if you need to update your information there, please email Jan Tuttle with your name, city you teach in, instruments you teach, phone number, email, and your studio website if you have one. Your information will only be added to that list if you "opt in".

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, Alfred Born at (303) 984-7464 or email him at: bornmenth@comcast.net

MENTORING OUR MEMBERSHIP

A hearty welcome to all new and returning FMTA members! We are a wonderful and diverse group of musicians-educators with much to learn from each other. I'd like to invite 'veteran members' of FMTA to consider mentoring a newer member. Sound interesting? Contact Elaine Van Dellen 303-955-5790 to find out more.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY AT SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

CALLING ALL STUDENTS who want to share a piece or two with residents @Sunrise Assisted Living Center. FMTA students have the program from 3 - 4 P.M. on Sunday, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17. This is a great opportunity for students to play in a casual setting for a very appreciative audience; all ages and levels welcome. Contact Alfred Born at bornmenth@comcast.net to reserve a spot.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

FMTA now has a Facebook page! This page will be used to keep up to date on upcoming events, as a community page for support for teachers, and as a place to encourage your students and parents. If you post pictures, you must get permission from parents first. If you would just like to use it as a forum, be sure to "like" the page and use it as much as you want. If you have suggestions for making the page better, please contact Becky at rsbfitzmaurice@gmail.com. <https://www.facebook.com/foothillsmta>

PLAN AHEAD!

It is not too early to begin planning to attend the MTNA Conference in Chicago in March and the CSMTA Conference in Fort Collins in early June. Why not set aside some funds each month in an envelope to pay for these expenses so you don't have a big chunk at the time of registration? We put a high educational value on the FMTA monthly programs but the MTNA and CSMTA conferences should not be missed. There is much excitement in a room with several hundred people who are excited to be learning new strategies for teaching. You will be glad that you were able to attend.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS

September 13, 10:00a.m.-Performance group, home of Janyce Austin-Peck, (303-216-2159)

September 15, 3:00p.m.- Performance Opportunity at Sunrise Assisted Living Center

September 18, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting; *Building the Foundation: Technique* - Sara McDaniel, NCTM

September 19, Entry Deadline for Fall Festival

October 11, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Margaret Wahl, (303-238-3465)

October 16, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting; *Honing Listening Skills and Musical Intuition*- Hsing-ay Hsu

October 19, All Day- Fall Festival Event at Our Saviour's Church, Lakewood

October 20, 3:00 p.m.- Performance Opportunity at Sunrise Assisted Living Center

November 8, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Betty Witt, (303-423-9709)

November 17, 3:00 p.m.- Performance Opportunity at Sunrise Assisted Living Center

November 20, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting; *Teaching the Artistry of Pedaling-The Gateway to Sensitive Playing and Growing Young Pianists-A Creative Look at the Classic Repertoire*- Dr. Carol Ann Barry

December 11, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting; *Preparing for Achievement Day*- Carrie Christensen (at her home)

December 13, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Diana Gaide, (303-568-0885)

December 13-15- Barnes & Noble Holiday Music Event – Denver West

January 15, 9:30a.m.-FMTA meeting; *Effective Adjudicating and Comment Writing*- Tamara Goldstein

February 8, Entry Deadline for Achievement Day

February 14, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Kathryn Hammer, (303-988-9565)

February 19, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting; *Master Class*- Fernanda Nieto

March 5, Entry Deadline for Sonatina Festival

March 8, all day-Achievement Day – CCU

March 14, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Janyce Austin-Peck, (303-216-2159)

March 19, -No Meeting This Month- (MTNA conference)

March 22-26,- MTNA National Conference, Chicago, Illinois

April 5, all day- Sonatina Festival – CCU, **Honors Recitals same evening!**

April 11, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Margaret Wahl, (303-238-3465)

April 16, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting; *20th and 21st Century Repertoire for the Beginning and Intermediate Student*-Christelle Menth

May 9, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Betty Witt, (303-423-9709)

May 21, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting; *Teacher Musicale*- FMTA Teachers and Scholarship Recipients

June 4-6- CSMETA Conference, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO.