



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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October 16- 9:30 a.m.

"Honing Listening Skills and Musical Intuition"-Hsing-ay Hsu
Rockley Music Center, 8555 W Colfax Ave. Lakewood, CO

FMTA MEETING: OCTOBER 16- 9:30 a.m.

Be sure to come to the October meeting! We'll be continuing our series on *Laying the Foundation, Part 2: Honing our Listening Skills*. Our presenter is Hsing-ay Hsu. She'll be speaking to us about *Conscious Listening*™. We will practice listening with specific goals and discovering the character inside each piece. This is a great opportunity to refresh our skills with new ideas from a wonderful pianist/clinician.

Since her stage debut at age 4, Chinese pianist Hsing-ay Hsu has been performing at such venues as Carnegie Hall and internationally. Born in Beijing, Hsu studied at Juilliard and Yale. She is the Artistic Director for Pendulum New Music and visiting piano faculty at CU-Boulder, and creator/teacher of Conscious Listening Seminars.

FALL FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 19

We are looking forward to a great day of "Jazz and Improv" with two recitals, one at 12:00 p.m. and another at 3:15pm. We have 36 students participating and 11 teachers who entered students. Please come join us to see some creative and talented performances from our own FMTA students as they perform with a jazz combo.

BARNES AND NOBLE-DECEMBER 13-15

Be sure to support FMTA's Scholarship Fund by having your students perform holiday music at Barnes and Noble. There are still times available on Sunday, December 15th and 6 p.m. on Saturday the 14th. The shoppers enjoy hearing our music while we encourage them to support FMTA with their purchases. Call or email Kathy Hammer to reserve your time now. 303-988-9565 or khpiano@msn.com.

COLORADO MTNA COMPETITION

Colorado MTNA Competition. October 19-20 at CU-Boulder. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Contact JillHanrahan@hotmail.com if you can help.

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.

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.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY AT SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

CALLING ALL STUDENTS who want to share a piece or two with residents at Sunrise Assisted Living Center. FMTA students have the program from 3 - 4 p.m. on 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. The location of Sunrise is the intersection of Sheridan and Quincy. All are welcome!

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>

A Message From Our President:

The support of our FMTA members at our August and September meetings was exceptional. This shows how eager we are to increase our bag of teaching tools. Becoming acquainted with old and new sonatinas and then hearing how Sara McDaniel uses technique to develop strong pianists has encouraged all who were able to attend. If you haven't been able to attend yet, you will want to come and meet our 6 new members. And in October we will be inspired to help our students hone their listening skills.

If you have never entered students in Achievement Day, let this be your first year. By helping students choose options they will see how important it is to learn scales, arpeggios and chords and to play different styles of music. Our Sonata Festival is competitive but this encourages students to really dig into the details of the music for details are what set students apart from each other. Perhaps this will be the year you choose a couple of students to try this event.

CSMTA has removed the Student activities from the conference and placed them in late April. This event is now called "Rising Stars Festival" and details can be found on the newly revised CSMTA website. This event, which has both non-competitive and competitive tracks, gives your students another performance opportunity. There's nothing like knowing others will be hearing pieces to give students the impetus to practice more. Try this Festival this year and see how it will encourage growth in your students.

Kathy Hammer

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS

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

October 21, 9:30 a.m.- PRP at the home of Arlyce Black (303-795-8162 to RSVP)

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 7, 2014- CSMTA Concerto Competition Deadline: Judged via DVD or electronic video submissions
January 15, 9:30a.m.-FMTA meeting; *Effective Adjudicating and Comment Writing-* Tamara Goldstein
January 21, 9:30 a.m. - PRP at the home of Arlyce Black (303-795-8162 to RSVP)

February 8, Entry Deadline for Achievement Day
February 14, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Kathryn Hammer, (303-988-9565)
February 18, 9:30 a.m.- PRP at the home of Arlyce Black (303-795-8162 to RSVP)
February 19, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting; *Master Class-* Fernanda Nieto

March 1, 2014 CSMTA Concerto Competition Winners Concert at Littleton United Methodist Church.
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, **NOTE: Honors Recitals same day!**
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 Students-*Christelle Menth
April 26-27- CSMTA Rising Stars Festival- Regis University, Arvada
April 26, time TBA- CSMTA Student Theory Assessment (STA). at Regis University

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- CSMTA Conference, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO.