



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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November 20- 9:30 a.m.

"The Art of Pedaling" and "Growing Young Pianists" - Dr. Carol Ann Barry

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

FMTA MEETING: NOVEMBER 20- 9:30 a.m.

Teachers! Come to our meeting and get inspired to be the very best teacher that you can be. We've called our series of programs "Laying the Foundation". The intent is to inspire each of us to evaluate how we teach, why we do what we do, and ask ourselves if we can improve our methods. To that end, our November meeting will be a 2 part lecture given by Dr. Carol Ann Barry, NCTM which will begin promptly at 10:15a.m. She will present Growing Young Pianists (45 minutes) and then The Art of Pedaling (45 minutes). Dr. Barry's training has included several degree programs as well as international study. She is a frequent presenter at music conferences at the state and national levels and she has appeared with several orchestras. If you'd like additional information about Dr. Barry, her website is: <http://carolannbarry.com>

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival on October 19th was a huge success! The students who performed did a great job and we would like to thank our chair, Laura Rogers for a great job organizing this new fall idea! The jazz combo, Sean Plumb and Jeff Youngman did such an amazing job with each of the performers, listening to them, staying with them, and encouraging them, and it was a fantastic day. There were lots of smiles and toe tapping from the students, the parents and the teachers. If you missed it this year, be sure to check out the pictures and videos posted on the website to see what a fun day we had!

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. The shoppers enjoy hearing our music while we encourage them to support FMTA with their purchases. Let Kathy Hammer know if you can fill a slot. 303-988-9565 or khpiano@msn.com.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

A "WARM WELCOME to our newest member, Miyuki Nakano. Miyuki teaches piano from her home in Lakewood, and is a Suzuki colleague of Gloria Apellaniz. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Miyuki (mee-you-kee) at this month's meeting.

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

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 @Sunrise Assisted Living Center. FMTA students have the program from 3 - 4 P.M. on Sunday, 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.

FMTA IS ON FACEBOOK

Check out the wonderful pictures and videos from the Fall Festival that have recently been posted on our facebook page! Visit the FMTA facebook page and "like" it to keep up on the latest news. If you have suggestions for making the page better, please contact Becky at rsbfitzmaurice@gmail.com. <https://www.facebook.com/foothillsmta>

PLAN AHEAD!

The 2015 MTNA Conference will be in Las Vegas. But if you want to avoid the glitter and neon lights, plan to go this year to Chicago in March 2014. Or if you prefer to attend an outstanding educational conference closer to home in Ft. Collins, be sure June 4-6, 2014 is on your calendar. If you can only go for a day, plan now for a babysitter. Or if you can stay a night or two, plan now for a roommate. You won't want to miss out on these fantastic opportunities.

From the President----

Congratulations to Laura Rogers, Chair, the planning committee, teachers and students who participated in the Fall Festival. Being able to collaborate with a bass and percussionist while students played a jazz, blues or improvisation piece was a HUGE success!! The players in the combo were very sensitive, listened well to the students, helped them cover blips, and were so positive in their working with the students. The combo knew this wouldn't be their "normal" jazz gig but they had as much fun as the students. There were vocalists and a guitar as well as pianists. There was so much enthusiasm that we expect this type of Festival will be repeated soon. We should be very pleased as an association to have given students this opportunity to collaborate.

As we prepare our students to become musicians who have the ability to play in the community in many capacities, this festival showed the performers that they don't always have to play as a soloist. Collaboration is fun! Music is powerful and personal and needs to be shared. Thank You to everyone who participated. Kathy Hammer

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS

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.