



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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December 11- 9:30 a.m.

"Preparing for Achievement Day"

Home of Carrie Christensen, 2195 Zang St. Golden, CO. 80401

FMTA MEETING: DECEMBER 11- 9:30 a.m.

Achievement Day always comes up fast after the holidays. Now is the time to start thinking about getting involved! Come for an Achievement Day Crash Course at the home of Carrie Christensen on December 11th at 9:30. If you have never participated in Achievement Day then this is a great time to find out new information and how everything works. If you have participated in the past and need a refresher course then come with all of your questions and have them answered. Carrie will explain how the day works, how to fill out the paper work, what the teachers' assignments are during the day, scheduling, practice tests, and any other concerns people may have. Come and learn about a fun event that students love! 2195 Zang St. Golden, CO 80401. 303-238-1796.

BARNES AND NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT- DECEMBER 13-15

Please invite your students and parents and friends and family to come and do their holiday shopping and listen to the festive holiday music performed by our own FMTA students. FMTA will be given a percent of sales this weekend if at the time of purchase, the buyer says they want to support the Foothills Music Teachers Association organization..... this includes items bought in the coffee/café area! You may also use the Barnes and Noble website www.bn.com/bookfairs for online shopping the entire week of **Dec. 13-20** using code **11039955** to benefit FMTA. You have been sent some forms that you may print and pass out to your studio families and friends. This is our big scholarship fund raiser for the year, so please come out and support us this weekend or do your holiday shopping online, and share this with your friends and family as well! Thank you for helping to make this fund raiser a success!

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, December 15. 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.

MTNA CONFERENCE

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.

May your Holiday Season be filled with merry music, hearty laughter, and treasured family times. While we know that planning will continue during the holidays, be sure to take time for yourself to read the book you've put on the top of your stack, to collect thoughts, to reflect on the wonderful programs we have been fortunate to hear and to plan for the New Year. Planning for the Master Class, Achievement Day, Sonatina Festival, the MTNA Conference and CSMTA Conference will all be accomplished more smoothly if accompanied by a cup of tea and yummy homemade cookies.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!---- Kathy Hammer

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.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS

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.