



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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January 15- 9:30 a.m.

" Effective Adjudicating and Comment Writing"-Tamara Goldstein

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

FMTA MEETING: JANUARY 15- 9:30 a.m.

Teachers! Get off to an inspired 2014 by coming to hear Tamara Goldstein (Metro State University) present to us effective and creative comment writing and judging skills. We'll all be asked to listen to other teachers' students at Achievement Day. Will you be a teacher who writes comments that students actually learn from? Come listen to Tamara as she gives excellent guidance in how we can listen and critique in a constructive way.

IT IS TIME TO GET READY FOR FMTA'S ACHIEVEMENT DAY!

Achievement Day is a fun and non-competitive event for students that is designed to encourage, challenge and recognize the individual talents and interests of each student involved. Each student prepares two pieces to play for an evaluator, one which must be memorized. Students may choose from 2-5 of the 20 available options in which to participate. At the end of participating, students receive a ribbon for each option they have accomplished. Achievement Day is a fun day that is sure to motivate and inspire each student who participates and where students can be creative and see their musical progression from year to year.

Achievement Day will be held on March 8, 2014 in the music building of Colorado Christian University. If you are new to Achievement Day then please call Carrie Christensen and she will guide you through the process (home: 303-238-1796 or cell: 720-635-1178). Registration forms may be found on the FMTA website at <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/> and MUST be in the hands of Carrie no later than February 8th. PLEASE NOTE HER NEW ADDRESS: 2195 Zang St. Golden, CO 80401. We are looking forward to a successful event!

SONATINA FESTIVAL 2014

It's time to start preparing for the 2014 Foothills Sonatina Festival. The deadline for the FMTA 2014 Sonatina Festival Entries is Saturday, March 5, 2014. Registration forms, including the Sonatina Repertoire list, are on the website <http://www.fmtamusic.org/sonatina-festival/>. The event is Saturday, April 5, 2014 and winners Recitals are on the same day this year in the evening. Both the festival and same day recitals will take place at Colorado Christian University. Send entries, check payable to FMTA and postage paid return addressed envelope by deadline date to: Linda Pott, FMTA Sonatina Chair, 6042 Field Street, Arvada. CO 80004. We are in need of at least two hot lunch entrees, salads, side dishes and desserts the day of the festival. Please contact Teresa Hegyi at teresahegy@comcast.net to contribute. Label food FMTA Sonatina Festival and bring to the event in the morning by 11:00 AM. Please let us know what you will be bringing so we know we have enough food. **We still need a volunteer to serve and prepare the luncheon tables, place food out, etc. Please contact Teresa Hegyi to volunteer.

MASTER CLASS PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

Calling all Master Class participants for the February meeting! If you have an intermediate or above student that would be willing to play, be sure and let Laura Rogers or Kathy Hammer know. The students will have a unique opportunity to work with Fernanda Nieto-Pulido from Metro State University. She is a wonderful teacher!

PIANO CELEBRATION FESTIVAL

Metro State University's College of Music will be hosting their Piano Celebration on Feb 7-8, 2014. It will include a non-competitive achievement day that has been a huge hit in its first years. Let's be sure and support the awesome musical opportunities hosted by our local colleagues. For more information please visit their website at <http://sites.msudenver.edu/pianocelebration/>

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 3:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 19. 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.

PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM (PRP)- JANUARY 21

Although we had a good discussion at the October Meeting, we were unable to completely review all items in the book *Musicians Journey*: At the meeting in January come join us and share your knowledge and interest in discussing the following books and please bring a list of 3 ideas, points of interests and subjects to share from *Musicians Journey* and *The Savvy Musician*. This will help tie the books together for all readers. Our meeting is on Tuesday January 21, 2014 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the home of Arlyce Black, 6708 W. Arbor Drive, Littleton, Co. 80123 303-795-8162. *The Savvy Musician: Building a Career, Earning a Living, & Making a Difference* by David Cutler, 2010 (350 pages) Helios Press, ISBN-13: 978-0-9823075-0-2

MTNA AND CSMTA CONFERENCES

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.

MTNA CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

After finishing our work for Certification we say "Whew!!! It's over, it's done, I'm finished". ...for a year. Then its panic-time, "Oh no, how am I going to do this renewal?"

1. Go to www.mtnacertification.org (the page is a forest green color)
2. Left side menu list, under MTNA, click on Renewal
3. Left side menu: Procedure – Requirements – Activities – Fees
Right side menu: list of renewal documents + link for online renewal

I recommend you print the Renewal Application Form. Read through the activities you must do to get points for renewal. Find activities you have done or are currently doing and mark them. (I keep a pile of programs where I, or students have performed.) A few times during the year, update your ongoing Renewal form so when the anxious moment arrives to send it in (online or 'snail'), you will be ready. Contact me with questions.

Kathryn Lewis NCTM realifeguitar@comcast.net

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 rituttle@comcast.net by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS

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.