



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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March 2014

No March Meeting- Spring Break!

MARCH- NO FMTA MEETING

FMTA takes it's Spring Break in March. Enjoy school vacations and the MTNA conference! See you in April for our Master Class with Fernanda Nieto.

MASTER CLASS STUDENTS NEEDED

We are looking for 3 or 4 students, intermediate level or higher, to perform for our April Master Class with Fernanda Nieto. Fernanda is a piano faculty member at the Metropolitan State University of Denver where she teaches Piano, Piano Pedagogy, and Class Piano. Interested teachers should email Laura Rogers with the name of your student and the piece they'd like to perform.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY 2014

Achievement Day is finally here!! We are very excited for this event as 168 students and 21 teachers congregate to CCU on March 8th to celebrate music!

Reminders for students:

- Bring both your STUDENT INFORMATION sheet and EVALUATION FORMS to Achievement Day.
- Be 15 minutes early to be able to check in and be on time.
- You can play on the grand piano in the hospitality room to earn an extra ribbon.
- Collect all of your ribbons by the front desk before you leave.

Reminders for teachers:

- Arrive to CCU at 8:15 on March 8th in order to set up projects from your students. All projects need to be labeled with the labels provided on the Achievement Day forms.
- Wear a watch!! You will need to change your shifts on your own every hour.
- Stay on time when evaluating students.
- Be positive and provide constructive criticism in your evaluations.
- Don't forget to pick up your students' evaluation forms and tests from the theory room, sight reading books from room 8, and projects in the hospitality room after the event.

Thank you to teachers, parents, and students that work hard to make this event successful! We are looking forward to a fabulous day! Please contact me with any questions: Carrie Christensen 720-635-1178.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We would like to welcome our newest member Elinore Quander. Elinore recently moved from Montana where she was the State President of the Montana State Music Teachers Association. She lives in Golden. Welcome to Colorado and FMTA, Elinore!

SONATINA FESTIVAL 2014

Please enter your students and join us for this year's FMTA Sonatina Festival! Remember the deadline for the FMTA 2014 Sonatina Festival Entries is Wednesday, March 5, 2014! Forms are on the website at www.fmtamusic.org. 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 also need volunteers for food! Please contact teresahegyi@comcast.net to volunteer!

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

President: Kathy Hammer
Vice President (Programs): Laura Rogers
Vice President (Membership): Elaine Van Dellen
Vice President (Publicity): Open
Secretary: Carol Williams
Treasurer: Gary Bishop

If you have any additional names to submit for nomination please contact Susan Hutchinson-Banning. We will vote to elect the slate of officers at the April 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

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY AT SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

Looking for a great way to have your students practice their performing in front of an appreciative audience? Plan to come and bring a few students who want to share a piece or two with the residents at Sunrise Assisted Living Center, located at 5095 W. Quincy Avenue, Denver, 80236. FMTA students have the program from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 16 and April 20. This is a great opportunity for students to play in a casual setting where they will receive lots of affirmation! All ages and levels are welcome. Contact Alfred Born at bornmenth@comcast.net to reserve a spot.

FMTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships applications are due by the April FMTA meeting from seniors intending to be music majors or minors, or from high school undergraduates wanting to attend a summer music camp or institute. Standing rules and the application forms are located on the website at <http://www.fmtamusic.org/student-scholarships/>. Please send to LaVon Cooper, P.O. Box 77, Granby, CO 80446. Call LaVon if you have any questions at 970-887-2954.

CSMTA CONFERENCE

Make plans now to attend this outstanding educational conference in Ft. Collins from June 4-6. If you can only go for a day, plan now for a babysitter or a carpool ride. 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. The early registration deadline is May 1st. See the CSMTA website for complete details. <http://www.comusicteachers.net/conference>

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

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 16, 3:00 p.m.- Performance Opportunity at Sunrise Assisted Living Center

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

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; program, Master Class with Fernanda Nieto

April 26-27- CSMATA Rising Stars Festival- Regis University, Arvada

April 26, time TBA- CSMATA 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- CSMATA Conference, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO.