



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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April 16- 9:30 a.m.

***"Master Class"*** with Fernanda Nieto

Bear Valley Church, 10001 W. Jewell Ave. (at old Kipling, 3 blocks E. of Kipling)

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**FMTA MEETING: APRIL 16, 9:30 a.m.**

FMTA Members, our Master Class is this month! You won't want to miss Dr. Fernanda Nieto, faculty member at Metro where she teaches Piano and Piano Pedagogy. Fernanda received her Doctor of Musical Arts from University of Colorado at Boulder. We still need 2 more performers so please let Laura Rogers know if you have a student that is ready to perform. **Please note that we will be meeting at Bear Valley Church this month!**

**FMTA SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships applications are due by the April 16th 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.

**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.

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY 2014**

Thank you to everyone that participated in Achievement Day last month! I appreciate all of the time volunteered by the teachers to make the day a wonderful success. We have some missing tests and evaluation forms for some students. PLEASE check all of your papers carefully and make sure that you do not have a test or form that does not belong to your studio. I have some projects, sight-reading books, and a couple of items that were left at Achievement Day. I will bring them to the FMTA April meeting. I also have extra ribbons, so if your student did not get a specific ribbon for an option then I will have them at the April meeting as well. I appreciated all of your hard work and help that made this day run as smoothly as possible. Thank you!!  
Carrie Christensen – Achievement Day Chair

From Our President's Desk:

Attending an MTNA Conference should be on every member's list of things to do in the next three years. Don't wait for it to appear on your "bucket list". Hearing your favorite composers of this century present their newest publications and then being able to visit with them in the exhibit areas, sitting in on the National Finals of the MTNA Student Competitions, listening to teaching demonstrations by Jane Bastien NTCM, Marvin Blickenstaff NCTM, and Jane Magrath NCTM, being inspired by recitals given by featured guests such as Jon Manasse and Jon Nakamatsu, and Spencer Myer, being introduced to Dave Brubeck's classical music, learning about the newest update of Finale, choosing between a wide range of workshops such as Haydn's unknown gems to online teaching to 20<sup>th</sup> century ballet music and the list is almost endless. Choosing which of six sessions to attend that are all planned for the same hour is more difficult than deciding where to eat. Your President is humbled by having FMTA's support in attending this year's conference. Thank You! Next year's conference is in Las Vegas. Let's plan for several car pools to drive over with our members. You will be so encouraged by the educational topics and the caliber of the presenters. ~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](mailto: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, 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](mailto:bornmenth@comcast.net) to reserve a spot.

### **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 [rituttle@comcast.net](mailto:rituttle@comcast.net) by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.

### **CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS**

**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-** 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.