



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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May 21- 9:30 a.m.

"Musicale and Potluck"
featuring FMTA Teachers

Home of Laura Rogers- 17 Spyglass Dr. Littleton, 80123

FMTA MEETING: May 21, 9:30 a.m.

We have a great Musicale coming up at our May meeting with a special guest performance by Andrew Chao. Andrew was our Class VI winner in this year's Sonatina Festival. He's going to play movements II and III of the Beethoven Sonata Opus 53, the "Waldstein". If you'd like to play, it's not too late to sign up. Just let Laura Rogers know right away. The meeting will begin at 9:30a.m. and the Musicale will begin at 10:15a.m. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert, etc. to share afterwards for our pot luck luncheon as we enjoy the end of a great year together. We will meet at the home of Laura Rogers: 17 Spyglass Dr. Littleton, CO 80123.

YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

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

FALL FESTIVAL 2014- "JAZZ, IMPROV AND POP"

Start planning now to have your students participate in our Fall Festival. It's tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 25. We had so much fun and such a great response to last year's theme that we're repeating it this next year. Our bass player and drummer are coming back to accompany our students while they play Pop, Jazz, and Improvisation. This is an incredible opportunity to play with a live, professional ensemble. Your students will not want to miss this! To see some examples of some students from last year, be sure to check out the FMTA website.

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, May 18. 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.

From Our President's Desk:

We have had a great year of programs organized by Laura Rogers, VP for Programs, all centering around topics that encouraged teachers at all levels of experience. Foothills has always had a group of members who attend almost all of the meetings. If you aren't included in this group, plan NOW to reserve your Wednesday mornings so you can attend, too. That would give you three other Wednesdays just for YOU. 😊

Thank you to the Chairs of our Fall Festival, Achievement Day, and Sonatina Festival. Each event was very carefully planned but all the planning would have been for naught if it weren't for YOU, our teacher volunteers. Everyone pitching in to assist helps our activities run smoothly and the rewards come when we see the smiles on our students' faces. THANK YOU, EVERYONE!!!

Summer is a comin' they say. May this one be just as you ordered. Perhaps this is when you learn a new piece or find a new book or two for your students or read a book for your own pleasure or find a new place for a hike or begin the MTNA certification process. Whatever you do, be sure to ENJOY every day.

~Kathy Hammer~

CSMTA CONFERENCE

It's not too late to register for this outstanding educational conference in Ft. Collins from June 4-6. See the CSMTA website for complete details. <http://www.comusicteachers.net/conference>

MTNA FOUNDATION FUND

At the April meeting someone asked what the purpose of this fund is. A more detailed purpose can be found on the MTNA Foundation website. But in a nutshell, this fund supports states' commissioned composers, enrichment grants for teachers for further study, studio fellowships for beginning independent teachers to set up a studio, the outstanding collegiate chapter of the year, grants for special projects for local associations, and MTNA student competitions.

This year CSMTA is raising funds to support Uri Ayn Rovner as the CSMTA Foundation Fellow. When making a donation, please write his name on the 'memo' line, and mail to MTNA Foundation Fund, 441 Vine St., Ste 3100, Cincinnati, OH 45202-3004. Or better yet, drop your check at the Silent Auction table at the CSMTA Conference June 4-6.

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

May 9, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Betty Witt, (303-423-9709)

May 21, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting; *Teacher Musicale and Potluck*- FMTA Teachers and Scholarship Recipients at the home of Laura Rogers

June 4-6- CSMTA Conference, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO.