



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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August 20- 9:30 a.m.

"The Girl in the Yellow Dress"-presented by Nancy Kaesler

Kathy Hammer's home-1690 S. Valentine Way, Lakewood

FMTA MEETING: AUGUST 20, 9:30 a.m.

Door Prizes! Lunch! Friendship! Inspiration!! These are some of the wonderful benefits you'll receive when you attend our August Luncheon at Kathy Hammer's. We'll be reviewing some inspirational composers that students love to play, giving out door prizes and best of all, listening to Nancy Kaesler as she tells us about her new book, *The Little Girl in the Yellow Dress*. Bring a salad or dessert to share. See you on August 20, 9:30am.

FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 25, 2014

You won't want to miss the Fall Festival this year! The kids had such a great experience last year, we're doing it again. Students will prepare a Jazz, Pop, Boogie piece, or an Improvisation to be performed with our jazz ensemble. You must have photocopies of each piece sent in with your application. Please, number the pages, clearly mark all repeats, and make sure the student's name is on the front page of the music. Read all rules on the website! Applications and music must be in the hands of Laura Rogers, 17 Spyglass Dr, Littleton, CO 80123, by September 25.

KATIE MAHAN BENEFIT CONCERT

Steinway Artist Katie Mahan, daughter of our own member, Bobette Mahan, will be performing a concert. The concert will take place at the Holiday Event Center in the Denver Highlands. The evening is a benefit for Spinal Cord Injury (SCI), and will begin with a VIP reception followed by a concert featuring beloved classical works including her own arrangement of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." In addition to solo piano works of Beethoven and Debussy, she will be joined onstage by Jürgen De Lemos in Rachmaninov's Sonata for Cello and Piano, as well as Maestro David Rutherford and the Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra for Mozart's Concerto in A major K. 414.

Tickets can be purchased at www.katiemahanfoundation.org or by calling 720-210-7270. The VIP reception begins at 6:00pm, and concert begins at 8:00pm. General Admission tickets (\$50) and Student tickets (\$25) are for concert only; VIP tickets (\$100) are for VIP reception + concert. Concert and VIP reception will take place at the Holiday Event Center, 2644 W 32nd Ave, Denver, CO (parking included). Contributions are tax deductible.

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

From Our President's Desk:

So you've had a busy summer? You must be a music teacher!!! Teachers are ALWAYS busy...planning for the next lesson...or planning to attend the next FMTA program where we can add another idea to our list of how to keep students interested in progressing...or planning how to juggle our own children's activities with our studio activities...or deciding when you can read that interesting article in the latest *AMT* magazine...or...browsing our Website.

As you go into the FMTA Website to read the minutes from the May meeting, you may notice a couple of changes that were made over the summer. A committee reworked Event sites so Standing Rules are now under the Event rather than tucked in our Yearbook. No big changes were added to the events' information but some "cleaning up" was done making information easier to locate and read.

The committee members are:

- ✓ Kathy Hammer, NCTM, Coordinator
- ✓ Jan Tuttle, Website coordinator
- ✓ Laura Rogers, Fall Festival Chair
- ✓ Carrie Christensen, Achievement Day Chair
- ✓ Linda Pott, NCTM, Sonatina Festival
- ✓ Lavon Cooper, Scholarship chair.

Thank you to the committee for updating the Events portion of our Website.

Laura Rogers has gathered outstanding programs for this year. Our time will be well spent when attending meetings. We will be introduced to new ideas, be reminded of treasures from our past workshops and be recharged for the months ahead. What great opportunities for educational growth! See you August 20th. ~ Kathy ~

MOTION FOR ADDITION TO FMTA BY-LAWS

This is 30 days notice of a motion that will be voted on by the membership at the September meeting:

Motion: that a Section 6 be added to Article 1, Membership of our Bylaws to read: "Lifetime membership shall be offered to FMTA members who have retired from teaching but wish to remain on FMTA membership and mailing lists. They do not have the right to vote or hold office and will not pay FMTA dues."

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, August 17 and September 21. 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 for your students.

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.

WEBSITE "FIND A TEACHER" DIRECTORY

If you would like to have your teacher information added to the "Find a Teacher" directory on the FMTA website, please email Jan Tuttle at rjtuttle@comcast.net with the following information: Teacher name, city you teach in, instruments taught, phone number, email address, website address (if applicable), and whether or not you are currently accepting students. If your information is already on the directory, please check it for any changes that need to be made. If there are no changes, you do not need to contact me, I will leave it as is. The deadline for adding/changing your information is **August 31, 2014**. Please note that changes will not be made after the deadline.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2014-2015

August 20, 9:30 a.m.-FMTA meeting, program and luncheon; "The Girl in the Yellow Dress"- Nancy Kaesler

September 12, 10:00 a.m.-Performance Group, home of Betty Witt (303-423-9709)

September 17, 9:30 a.m.-FMTA meeting and program, "*The Dynamic Studio*" -Teacher Roundtable Discussion

September 25- Fall Festival Registration Deadline

October 10, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Kathy Hammer (303-988-9565)

October 15, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA meeting and program, "*Transitioning Out of Methods*" & "*Memorization*"-
presented by Sara McDaniel

October 16, 9:30a.m.-PRP meeting, home of Arlyce Black, (303-795-8162)

October 25, all day-Fall Festival, Jazz and Improv., Our Saviour's Church

November 14, 10:00 a.m.-Performance Group, home of Diana Gaide (303-568-0885)

November 19, 9:30 a.m. -FMTA meeting and program, "*Feel the Beat Off the Seat*" - presented by Barb Grout

December 12-14, all day- Barnes and Noble Holiday Performances and Fund Raiser

December 17, 9:30 a.m.- "*Preparing for Achievement Day (Orientation)*"- Carrie Christensen's home

January 15, 9:30 a.m.-PRP meeting, home of Arlyce Black, (303-795-8162)

January 21. 9:30a.m.-FMTA meeting and program, "*Incorporating Creativity Into a Private/Group Lesson-
Embracing Improvisation*"- presented by Tim Kennedy

February 13, 10:00 a.m.-Performance Group, home of Betty Witt (303-423-9709)

February 14- Achievement Day Registration Deadline

February 18, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA meeting and program, "*Master Class*" -presented by Grace Asquith

March 11- Sonatina Festival Registration Deadline

March 13- 10:00 a.m.-Performance Group, home of Margaret Wahl (303-238-3465)

March 14- all day, Achievement Day, Colorado Christian University

March 19- 9:30 a.m.- PRP meeting, home of Arlyce Black, (303-795-8162)

March 21-25- MTNA conference, Las Vegas, Nevada

April 10, 10:00 a.m.-Performance Group home of Jan Austin-Peck (303-216-2159)

April 11- all day, Sonatina Festival, Colorado Christian University

April 15, 9:30 a.m.-FMTA meeting and program, "*Teaching the Little Preludes by Bach*" - presented by
Patricia Parraguez-Chen

May 8, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group home of Laura Rogers (303-706-9079)

May 20 9:30 a.m.-FMTA meeting and program, "*Teacher Musicale and Luncheon*" - FMTA Teachers and
Scholarship Recipients

June 4-6- CSMTA Conference, Colorado State University Pueblo