



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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September 17- 9:30 a.m.

"The Dynamic Studio"- FMTA Teacher Roundtable Discussion

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

FMTA MEETING: September 17, 9:30 a.m.

Our September meeting is right around the corner and the bigger the turn out, the better our program will be. We're having a Round Table Discussion based on Phillip Johnston's book, *"The Dynamic Studio"*. Laura Rogers will be leading us as we brain storm the topic of static or dynamic studios. Bring your creative ideas, your introspection, and an open mind as we challenge ourselves to think about how we teach, motivate students, and run our businesses. This is a meeting you won't want to miss!

FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 25, 2014

Hi teachers! I hope that you're getting your students ready for a really great time at the Fall Festival. Our theme this year is "Jazz and Improv". Our live ensemble is ready to go! Remember, the students choose a morning time or an afternoon time. They'll be assigned a time for a quick run through with "the band", then they'll be expected to come back and perform in the concert. We'll have 2 concerts, one beginning around 11am, and one beginning around 4pm. Parents need to know that there will be a lag time between practice and performance and to plan accordingly. Get your applications and copies of all your students' music, clearly marked with names, repeats, etc to me by September 25. To see more details and download the registration forms please visit our website Fall Festival page! <http://www.fmtamusic.org/fall-festival/>

GROWING AND MATURING

FMTA is growing in numbers! Please welcome our newest members: Joy Knipps, Davina Perret, Elinore Quander, and Ashley Young. We hope you will quickly become 'planted', rooted, and flourish through your association with FMTA.

In addition to growing in size, FMTA has a rich heritage of dedicated members who have faithfully served us and their students for a number of years before retiring from the teaching profession. At our August meeting we voted to grant "Lifetime Member" status to members who are no longer teaching, but who want to stay connected to our group. They will remain on our roster and welcome to attend meetings, but without voting privileges. The following members have Lifetime Member status: Avis Araujo, Judy Bonnell, Kathleen Estes, Nancy Kaesler, Jan Austin Peck, Phyllis Pieffer, Venita Rohe. We greatly appreciate your many years of dedication and service to FMTA.

Finally, to all of our members, let's continue planting FMTA seeds to our friends and colleagues who might like to join our ranks as well.

VOCALISTS NEEDED!

The Lakewood Chorale and orchestra will present Vivaldi's Gloria and various Christmas anthems in the month of December. Voices are needed for each part. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7pm at Our Savior's Corner of Hope, 1975 S Garrison St. Please contact Sue Brownson or Dr. Carolyn Pearson at 303-986-5553 with any questions.

KATIE MAHAN BENEFIT CONCERT

Steinway Artist Katie Mahan, daughter of our own member, Bobette Mahan, will be performing a concert on Friday, September 12. 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

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, 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.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2014-2015

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