



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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October 15- 9:30 a.m.

"Transitioning Out of Methods" & "Memorization"

presented by Sara McDaniel

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

FMTA MEETING: October 15, 9:30 a.m.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the October meeting so you can join us to hear Sara McDaniel. She's going to cover two topics, "Transitioning from Methods/Early Intermediate Repertoire", and "Memorization". Those of you who know Sara know what a professional she is. Her ideas are well thought out, tried and true, and always relevant. We'll begin the program at 10:15 and go to 11:45, a little longer time to accommodate both topics.

FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 25, 2014

Fall Festival is just a couple of weeks away! We have a great schedule of students who will be participating! Even if you don't have students participating, please stop by and say hello and see the wonderful music being created. You'll be inspired. It's all takes place on October 25 from approximately 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Our Saviour's Church.

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, October 19 and November 16. 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.

BARNES AND NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT

There are still prime hours available for performances at Barnes and Noble on Dec. 13th and Dec. 14th. Money received from book sales during these recitals go into our scholarship fund. Students and parents always enjoy these recitals so call soon to reserve your time. Call Kathy, 303-988-9565.

FINDING A TEACHER

Elaine Van Dellen NCTM, FMTA VP for Membership, has written an article on "How to Find a Teacher" which will soon appear in local Sentinels and the Hub section of the Denver Post. Let her know if you see one of these articles. Thank you, Elaine, for taking on this task for FMTA.

From the President:

We are fortunate in Foothills MTA to have members who are willing to take on a short term/one time responsibility when it is needed. At the August meeting, three opportunities were mentioned and three members immediately stepped up: Davina Perrot, AD ribbons, Robin Braun, gift basket for the silent auction for the MTNA Foundation, and April Larsen offered to be on the committee to plan our 40th Anniversary celebration. THANK YOU to each one.

We have Laura Rogers to thank for leading a discussion at the September meeting of Philip Johnston's book, "The Dynamic Studio". She gave many suggestions on how to put more vitality into our lessons and has sent an email with suggestions garnered from the book and from members who participated in a round table discussion. After our fine presentations at the August meeting, this was an exceptional leap up the ladder in our programs planned for the year.

A page on practice suggestions for parents, students, and teachers, that first appeared in "A Parents' Guide to Music Lessons", a booklet written by FMTA members in 2006, can now be found on the FMTA website if you click on News and Updates. Because we are always on the lookout for helping students develop productive practice habits, you will be able to print this page and give to parents and students. The page was edited by Nancy Kaesler NCTM, one of the contributors to the 2006 booklet.

Also, there are several articles in the October/November 2014 *American Music Teacher* magazine, which we all receive, on practicing. If you are short on time this week, you might want to begin with the single page article on the last page of the magazine by Bruce Berr. He has many thoughts on "The Art of Repetition" and is well worth reading.

Sara McDaniel NCTM, our speaker for the October program, always presents us with ideas we can put to immediate use in our studios. Time with her is always well spent. What an opportunity for our own educational growth! See you there! ~Kathy

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

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 3-5- CSMTA Conference, Colorado State University Pueblo