



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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November 19- 9:30 a.m.

"Feel the Beat, Off the Seat" - presented by Barb Grout

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

FMTA MEETING: November 19, 9:30 a.m.

Teachers! We have another exciting presentation planned for you at our November 19 meeting. Barb Grout will be presenting "Feel the Beat, Off the Seat". As the name suggests, Barb will be giving us ideas to get our students off the bench and feeling rhythm. This workshop will be full of hands on, fun new activities for our students. Please join us at 9:30 for our meeting and stay for this exciting program!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Did you know that FMTA has added 8 new members since August? Perhaps it's our inspiring programs, various student events, updated website, and/or good ol' word-of-mouth that's attracting new members. At any rate, be sure to look for and welcome Davina Perret, Joy Knipps, Elinore Quander, Chris Cogswell, Terry Branton, Marcia Bryant, Skye Barker Maa, and Laura Trefethen at our next meeting. Our morning refreshment break is a great opportunity to make new friends (as well as get caught up on current friends.)

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival was a huge success! We had 53 students from 13 FMTA teachers. Each student had a rehearsal with the band and then a performance opportunity for their families and friends. Our bass player and percussionist were awesome. They encouraged the students and helped each one to feel confident and successful. We've maxed out 2 recitals so if we choose this event next year, we'll have to have 3 recitals! To all the teachers who entered students and helped the day run smoothly, THANK YOU!! It was a team effort and it worked really well. A big thanks to Laura Rogers and her team for organizing this wonderful event!

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, 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.

Congratulations to all Teachers and Students who participated in FMTA's Fall Festival! And THANK YOU to the committee of Laura Rogers, Evelyn Billberg and Joy Knipps for organizing this very successful event. The string bassist, a CCU senior, and the percussionist were very sensitive to the students with the result being lots of smiles all around.

Everyone should put January 15th on their calendar for that is when *The Talent Code*, a book on the current PRP list will be discussed at Arlyce Black's home. We always encourage FMTA members to attend these discussions, even if they did not have time to read the book. The subtitle for this book is "Greatness isn't born, it's grown." If your busy schedule hasn't provided you with time to read this book, then come to this particular session for sure. You will go home with many thoughts for your studio, thoughts which have been affirmed by many research projects.

A few thoughts from this book: Repetition can be very boring but when we understand how repetition causes myelin to wrap more layers around nerve fibers we can, hopefully, convince our students of the necessity of accurate repetition. Students are more encouraged when the response to their efforts is "you must have worked really hard" rather than being told "you must be very smart at this". Reminding students that their "brains are muscles" (p.153) and the more they work that muscle, the smarter it will become. Talent requires deep practice and deep practice requires huge amounts of energy. It is encouraging to us as teachers to know that research affirms what we are trying to instill in our students.

Come to PRP to hear and to discuss how these ideas fit into your studio. FMTA is not only about providing performance opportunities for our students but for our professional growth as well. See you on Jan. 15th. We always have goodies, too. ☺ ~ Kathy ~

BARNES AND NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT

Our Holiday Event/Fund Raiser is coming up on December 12-14. This is a fun and important event for our association as a fund raiser for our scholarship fund. Many thanks for all who have chosen recital times. Two hours are still available: 7:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Call Kathy to reserve one of these times-303-988-9565. More information to follow next month.

PIANOS FOR SALE

Beautiful 6'8" Samick World Series Grand for sale. I am asking \$7,000 for it. Need to downsize. It is a wonderful instrument and I regret having to let it go. Please call Sue Brownson at [303-980-1019](tel:303-980-1019).

Yamaha P22 Light American Oak 45" Studio Piano - \$3200 (Stapleton) This lightly used Yamaha P22 is a great piano for all skill levels. It is Light American Oak and in great shape, with few if any cosmetic flaws. It was purchased brand-new in April of 1997, and has been used for casual playing only. It has only had one owner and has been well-cared for. Please contact tremblkl@gmail.com if interested or click on the following link for more information: <http://denver.craigslist.org/msg/4745100768.html>

ORGANIST/PIANIST NEEDED

St. Philips Lutheran Church in Littleton is looking to hire an organist/pianist to play on Sundays and accompany the choir and other ensembles. For more information please contact Dr Nancy Beyer at nbeyer@stphilip-co.org before November 26, 2014.

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

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- Barnes and Noble Holiday Event, call Kathy Hammer 303-988-9565

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