



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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December 17- 9:30 a.m.

"Achievement Day Crash Course" - presented by Carrie Christensen

Home of Carrie Christensen, 2195 Zang St. Golden, CO 80401

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

Achievement Day Crash Course!! – Preparation for Achievement Day (March 14, 2015) always comes up fast after the holidays. Now is the time to start thinking about getting involved! Come for an Achievement Day Crash Course at the home of Carrie Christensen on December 17th at 9:30. If you have never participated in Achievement Day then this is a great time to find out new information and how everything works. If you have participated in the past and need a refresher course then come with all of your questions and have them answered. Carrie will explain how the day works, how to fill out the paper work, what the teachers' assignments are during the day, scheduling, practice tests, and any other concerns people may have. Come and learn about a fun event that students love! **2195 Zang St. Golden, CO 80401. [720-635-1178](tel:7206351178).**

BARNES AND NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT

Please come join us for our Holiday Music Event weekend fundraiser, December 12-14, as we fill Barnes and Noble Bookstore with the sounds of beautiful music. Students will be performing their favorite Holiday music and FMTA will receive a portion of the proceeds from every sale during the weekend to support our Scholarship Awards Fund. **Customers must say that they are supporting FMTA when they check out for us to receive the award.** Remember that the drinks and food purchased from the coffee shop also apply, so be sure to purchase a warm cup of something while you're there. If you are not able to attend, please support our group for your online Barnes and Noble purchases by using this code: **11287760**. It will be valid online December 12 through 19 at www.bn.com. Be sure to hand out the flyers that were emailed to you to each of your students.

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, December 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.

From Our President~

December is always a busy month, for who does Holiday baking in June, or who has Holiday recitals in August, or who sends Holiday greetings in September? When activities become hectic, don't forget to take deep breaths and exhale slowly. This probably falls into the category of "practice what you preach". And how many times have you heard "if you don't take care of yourself, who will do it for you?"

The times for our FMTA Barnes & Noble recitals have all been claimed. Remind everyone you see that when purchases are made, they need to say they are supporting the Foothills Music Teachers Association....even in the coffee/café area. Purchases can also be made online by using the code on the sheet which Jan Tuttle has sent to everyone.

Every program we have had this fall has spoken to each of us and the spring programs contain this same promise. Be sure to keep your Wednesday mornings free so you can take advantage of these fine programs which support our personal growth as teachers. Our business meetings have been brief so we have more time to network during the social time. And.....plan NOW to attend our state music conference in Pueblo June 3-5. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL! ~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

December 12-14- Barnes and Noble Holiday Event, Denver West, 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