



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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January 21- 9:30 a.m.

"Embracing Improvisation"- presented by Tim Kennedy

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

FMTA MEETING: JANUARY 21, 9:30 a.m.

Teachers! Welcome the New Year with fresh, creative ideas for your students. Our presentation will be "Embracing Improvisation" with Tim Kennedy. He'll give us a background in the ground rules of improvisation and how we, as studio teachers, can incorporate those rules in our teaching, leading to better improvisations, but also better artists when they are performing already composed pieces.

WEBSITE TEACHER DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you are not currently in the FMTA Website Public Directory (Find a Teacher) and would like to have your information added so that potential students may know how to contact you, or if your information has changed, please send the following information to Jan Tuttle at rjtuttle@comcast.net by January 28th: Your name, city, instruments taught, phone number, email address, website link (if you have one), and whether you are currently accepting students.

PRP (PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM) MEETING

We would like to encourage everyone to read *"The Talent Code"* by Daniel Coyle, and to attend the PRP (Professional Reading Program) meeting this month. If you are unable to read the book before the meeting, please come anyway to join the discussion. There are loads of good ideas to share with all teachers. The meeting is **January 15, 2015**, 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the home of Arlyce Black, 6708 W. Arbor Drive, Littleton, Co. 80123 (303-795-8162). Please call to let her know you are coming.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

IT IS TIME TO GET READY FOR ACHIEVEMENT DAY!! It will be held on March 14, 2015 in the music building of Colorado Christian University. If you are new to Achievement Day then please call Carrie Christensen and she will guide you through the process (cell: [720-635-1178](tel:720-635-1178)). It is a fun event and students enjoy earning ribbons all throughout the day. Registration **MUST** be in the hands of Carrie **no later than February 14th** (2195 Zang St. Golden, CO 80401). Forms can be found at www.fmtamusic.org. Please go to www.comusicteachers.net for information about option levels. We are looking forward to a successful 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

From Our President:

For those of us who teach in the private sector, music teaching can be a very lonely occupation. The FMTA Executive Board is encouraged by the number of members who come to monthly meetings and programs for networking and professional growth. In addition to FMTA monthly meetings, our CSMTA Board provides an excellent resource for growth during the annual conference. We can attend workshops and recitals that will invigorate us with new techniques and new materials...all in the space of three short days.

Plan NOW to set money aside each month so you can attend one day or the entire conference. Plan NOW to car pool and share hotel rooms. Plan NOW to share child care with others so you can attend one day if that fits into your family life better. Plan NOW to be present in CSU - Pueblo June 3-5. ~Kathy~

ATTENTION!

Plan now to make purchases at Rockley Music Center February 1-7. As announced in the January *Notes & News*, p. 16, CSMTA is partnering with music stores to raise donations for the CSMTA Memorial Fund. A percentage of purchases made during these dates will go into this fund which assists MTNA state winners and representatives with travel expenses to divisional and national auditions. This fund also provides for the professional development/education of CSMTA teachers including assistance with teacher certification projects. Nine music stores throughout Colorado are participating and the Rockley Center is nearest to most FMTA teachers. Remember: February 1-7!

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, January 18th and Sunday, February 15th. 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.

MISSING A STAND?

A stainless folding music stand was left at Barnes and Noble after a recital at the Christmas Event. To claim it, please give Kathy Hammer a call, 303-988-9565.

BARNES AND NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT

Many thanks to every teacher who took students to B&N for Holiday Recitals in December. B&N gives FMTA a percentage of purchases made with these monies going into our scholarship fund. After deducting FMTA expenses for renting the sound system and paying the moving fee for the piano our distribution was \$1,622. Because this is the lowest amount we have received from this event, we would love to hear some fresh ideas on how we can raise awareness for this project.

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

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