



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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February 18- 9:30 a.m.

"Master Class"- presented by Grace Asquith

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

FMTA MEETING: FEBRUARY 18, 9:30 a.m.

We have a wonderful line up of aspiring students ready to play for our Master Class this month. Grace Asquith will be guiding four of our accomplished young pianists through pieces that we all love and probably have, or will teach. We'll be hearing the 1st movements of Beethoven's Op. 49 and Bartok's Sonatine, Mozart's Rondo alla Turca, and Rustles of Spring by Sinding. We promise that you'll glean many insightful teaching tips from this wonderful master teacher.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

ACHIEVEMENT DAY REGISTRATION IS DUE!! Achievement Day will be held on March 14th at Colorado Christian University. Registration must be in the hands of Carrie Christensen NO LATER than February 14th. Please send registration forms to 2195 Zang St., Golden, CO 80401. You are welcome to call or email her if you have any questions about the paperwork – [720-635-1178](tel:720-635-1178) (cell) or carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com. Please remember a stamped and self-addressed envelope and Carrie will mail you your schedule the week of March 1st. You will find all the registration forms at <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/>. If you have any teenage students that would like to volunteer anytime during the day of March 14th then please contact Carrie at [720-635-1178](tel:720-635-1178) (cell). We are excited for a fun-filled day for teachers and students alike! Please come and join us!

FMTA SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are due by the April FMTA meeting from seniors intending to be music majors or minors, or from high school undergraduates wanting to attend a summer music camp to institute. Standing rules and the application forms are located on the website at <http://www.fmtamusic.org/student-scholarships/>. You can mail the application to LaVon Cooper, P.O. Box 77, Granby, CO 80446. Call LaVon if you have any questions at [970-887-2954](tel:970-887-2954).

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!

SONATINA FESTIVAL 2015

It's time to start preparing for the 2015 Foothills Sonatina Festival. The deadline for the FMTA 2015 Sonatina Festival Entries is Saturday, March 11, 2015 by 9 p.m. We have a wonderful panel of judges this year to hear your students. Forms are on the website, www.fmtamusic.org. Remember to check the standing rules for the festival as they have been updated. Remember that 2 evaluation forms are needed for class VI students. The event is Saturday, April 11, 2015 and winners Recitals are on the same day in the late afternoon and evening. Both the festival and recitals will take place at Colorado Christian University. We hope to notify all teachers via email of the winners list, to help you quickly notify students and their families.

Send entries, check payable to FMTA and postage paid return addressed envelope to: Linda Pott, FMTA Sonatina Chair, 6042 Field Street, Arvada. CO 80004 before 9p.m. on March 11th. Plan ahead as needed.

We are in need of at least two hot lunch entrees, salads, side dishes and desserts the day of the festival. Please contact Teresa Hegyi at teresahegy@comcast.net or Linda Pott at LindasMusicStudio@gmail.com to contribute. Label food FMTA Sonatina Festival and bring to the event in the morning by 11:00 AM. Please let us know what you will be bringing so we know we have enough food. We need a volunteer to serve and prepare the luncheon tables, place food out, etc. Please contact Teresa or Linda to volunteer.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN FMTA

We all know that our group depends solely on the volunteer efforts of its members in order to provide all of our monthly meetings and student events. Many of you already serve as elected officers, chair or co-chairs of various events and committees. To each of you, I offer a heart-felt THANK YOU!!! As with any successful organization, "many hands make light work."

But being an active member can look like other things, too. May I suggest a few ideas to stimulate your thinking?

- Offer assistance for an upcoming event, maybe even before the actual event (buying supplies, making copies, contact judges, set up, etc.)
- Carpool with another member to our meetings.
- Invite another teacher/colleague/friend to visit a FMTA meeting.
- Call another member between meetings, especially if you missed them last time.
- Come early or stay late to help with meeting set up and take down.
- Speak up at our meetings - we need everyone's input.
- Do you have an idea of how we can improve any aspect of our organization? Don't just complain - volunteer to serve and make a difference!

This is a short list. What does active membership mean to you?-- *Elaine Van Dellen, V.P. Membership*

POSITION OPENING

Lakewood United Church of Christ at 100 Carr (1st and Carr in Lakewood) is looking for a choir director, handbell director, and accompanist. They can be all one person or one for each position. Please call 303-233-4401 for more information.

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

ROLAND SD/CD RECORDER

Did you know that FMTA owns a SD/CD recorder for FMTA members to use? If you are interested in using it please let Elaine Van Dellen know and she can bring it to our next meeting. Elaine Van Dellen 303-955-5790

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 Sundays, February 15th and March 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.

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 2015

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