



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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***March- No Meeting this month  
Happy Spring Break!***

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**ACHIEVEMENT DAY- 2015**

Achievement Day is on March 14<sup>th</sup>! We have 113 students and 16 teachers participating. These numbers are significantly lower than past years. We would benefit from any feedback as to why the numbers dropped this year. Please email Carrie Christensen at [carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com). The more feedback we have, the better. Please take the time to express your thoughts so we can raise our numbers for next year.

We are still very excited for this event!! If anyone has any time to spare on March 14<sup>th</sup> to help out with the day's events then please let Carrie know [720-735-1178](tel:720-735-1178). The energy at Achievement Day is contagious!

Reminders for students:

- Bring both your **STUDENT INFORMATION** sheet and **EVALUATION FORMS** to Achievement Day.
- Be 15 minutes early to be able to check in and be on time.
- You can play on the grand piano in the hospitality room to earn an extra ribbon.
- Collect all of your ribbons by the front desk before you leave.

Reminders for teachers:

- Arrive to CCU at 8:15 on March 14<sup>th</sup> in order to set up projects from your students. All projects need to be labeled with the labels provided on the Achievement Day forms.
- Where a watch!! You will need to change your shifts on your own.
- Stay on time when evaluating students.
- Be positive and provide constructive criticism in your evaluations.
- Don't forget to pick up your students' evaluation forms and tests from the theory room, and projects in the hospitality room after the event.

Thank you to teachers, parents, and students that work hard to make this event successful! We are looking forward to a fabulous day! Please contact me with any questions: Carrie Christensen [720-635-1178](tel:720-635-1178).

**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).

## OFFICER NOMINEE SLATE FOR 2015-2016

The nominating committee recommends the following persons to serve as our elected officers next year:

President – Elaine Van Dellen, NCTM

1<sup>st</sup> V.P. of Programs – Laura Rogers

2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. of Membership – Robin Braun

3<sup>rd</sup> V.P. of Publicity – Laura Trefethen

Secretary – Carol Williams

Treasurer – Elinore Quander, NCTM Additional nominees will be accepted from the floor at our April meeting before the membership vote. Please be sure to attend this important meeting. Nominating Committee members: Elaine Van Dellen, Carrie Christensen, and April Larsen

## 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](mailto:bornmenth@comcast.net)

## SONATINA FESTIVAL 2015

Have you spotted a robin yet? It is nearly spring and time to send in your Sonatina Festival Entries. Early bird gets the worm! Make sure that you include an evaluation sheet for each student, with only their first name and last initial. Remember to include 2 evaluation forms for class VI students. Deadline for the FMTA 2015 Sonatina Festival Entries is March 11, 2015 by 9p.m. Why not send yours in early this year? The event is Saturday, April 11, 2015 and winners Recitals are the same day at Colorado Christian University. We plan to have a 5:00 & a 6:00 recital. Send entries, one check payable to FMTA and postage paid return self-addressed envelope by deadline date or before to: Linda Pott, FMTA Sonatina Chair, 6042 Field Street, Arvada, CO. Please read the standing rules posted on the website to make sure you and your students understand the rules, as they have been updated. All students need to have a legal copy (not a photocopy) of their music, with every measure numbered.

To have the event run smoothly, all teachers are expected to work the day of the festival. If you have a special scheduling need for yourself that day, let us know and we will try to have you work per your request.

**Absolutely no student scheduling requests can be honored.** We hope to notify teachers of winning students on the website this year. Teachers may pick up their evaluations after 4 p.m. Teachers are responsible for contacting their students who will play in a recital. Keep their contact information ready and available that day.

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 11<sup>th</sup>. Plan ahead as needed.

Food is needed for the judge's luncheon. If you would like to donate a hot lunch entree, salad, side dish or dessert, please contact Linda Pott, Teresa Hegyi or April Larsen, the hostess to contribute. Label food and bring to the event in the morning by 11:00 AM. Please let us know what you will be bringing so we will have enough food.

Linda Pott 303-422-3360 or [lindasmusicstudio@gmail.com](mailto:lindasmusicstudio@gmail.com)

Teresa Hegyi 303-989-2793 or [teresahegyi@comcast.net](mailto:teresahegyi@comcast.net)

April Larsen 303-862-0860 or [aprilarsenmusicstudio@gmail.com](mailto:aprilarsenmusicstudio@gmail.com)

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 [teresahegyi@comcast.net](mailto:teresahegyi@comcast.net) or Linda Pott at [LindasMusicStudio@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **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, 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](mailto:bornmenth@comcast.net) to reserve a spot for your students.

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

If you would like to submit an article to be included in our monthly newsletter, please email Jan Tuttle at [rijtuttle@comcast.net](mailto:rijtuttle@comcast.net) by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.

### From Our President:

Perhaps you have already decided what to do with the "free" morning time you have on March 18<sup>th</sup> since there will be no FMTA meeting that day. However...if you need some suggestions, try one of these:

- Take your activity planned for the 19<sup>th</sup> and do it on the 18<sup>th</sup> so you can attend the PRP session at Arlyce Black's home on the 19<sup>th</sup>. This time is always an unhurried activity where we share thoughts and ideas...sometimes about the book and sometimes not.
- If you don't usually come to the FMTA meetings, take a look at your schedule and see how things could be arranged so you don't miss even one meeting **next** year.
- Pick up that article in the *AMT* magazine you're been wanting to read.
- If the *AMT* magazine you choose is the most recent, read through the MTNA conference sessions and tell yourself you absolutely **MUST** attend next year. Yes, the conference is an expense but the value of the sessions is worth at least a full year of college work. And there's no homework or tests!
- Check out the CSMTA conference schedule (June 3-5) at [comusicteachers.org](http://comusicteachers.org) and make plans to attend.
- Ask someone to car pool and share a hotel room for the conference in Pueblo. If you can only attend the conference for one day, a car pool with fellow teachers makes the trip more enjoyable.
- Reach out to a potential new FMTA member.
- To refresh your memory, play through some of the Bach *Preludes* which will be discussed during our April program.
- And just maybe you will be able to take your children sledding on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2015**

**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