



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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August 19- 9:30 a.m.

"Fresh Ideas For 2015" and Luncheon

-shared by Foothills Teachers

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



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

CORE VALUES

What words come to your mind when you think of FMTA as an organization? As our Board brainstormed over this question this summer, a long list of descriptors was created, but three surfaced as the most key. They are (in no particular order) professional growth, diverse and inclusive community, and educational/musical excellence.

That pretty well sums up what FMTA is all about! These will be our guiding values that drive all of our meetings, programs, and student events this year. And what a year we have lined up before us! You can check out all of it on our website www.fmta.org and read more about upcoming special events in this newsletter.

But for now let me say a hearty WELCOME BACK TEACHERS to another fabulous FMTA year. I hope to see many of you at our monthly meetings and student events; we truly have something for everyone. If you are not able to attend meetings, please take advantage of this monthly newsletter and our website to stay informed of all of our opportunities for professional growth, community building, and musical excellence.

Warmly,
Elaine Van Dellen, NCTM

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

Welcome to the an exciting year with your friends in FMTA! Please come to the August meeting for lunch and a round table discussion, "Fresh Ideas for 2015". We ask that you bring a potluck dish- a salad, bread, or dessert and be ready to share something new that you're adding to your studio this year. This item might be a new method, a new app, a new technology, a new piano, a new bench, a new inspiration! Let's use our time together to build each other up with motivation and fresh ideas. We'll be meeting at 9:30 at Bear Valley Church. We'll have a short business meeting, our round table, then a luncheon. See you soon!

FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival 2015 is just around the corner! It will take place on October 17th and the deadline to sign up is September 17. It's not too late to get your students working on Collaborative Music Making with a friend or two, or more. Our theme is "Tons of Fun With More Than One". Don't miss this opportunity to give your students the rich experience of playing in an ensemble. Piano duets and trios are welcome, but as you know, many of our students play other instruments in the band and orchestra at school. This is a terrific time to think outside the box! Be sure to take a look on the website for more information! <http://www.fmtamusic.org/fall-festival/>

PERFORMANCE GROUP

Performance Group will meet September 11, 10:00a.m. at the home of Kathy Hammer. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to RSVP, please call Kathy at 303-988-9565

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 August 31: Your name, city, instruments taught, phone number, email address, website link (if you have one), and whether you are currently accepting 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, August 23 and again, Sunday September 20th. 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.

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.

THANK YOU!

It was very humbling to receive a beautiful plaque with its lovely inscriptions and a gift card at the May meeting. It has always been an awesome experience to be a part of FMTA for we have always had a membership that volunteers willingly for whatever task needs to be accomplished. Because FMTA has blossomed and grown as an association over the past 40 years shows us that the membership has always treasured the high standards which FMTA instills in all of its members. It has been a privilege to be a part of FMTA and it has been an honor to serve in many positions. THANK YOU for the gifts and for all the encouragement and support you have given me though-out the years.

~Kathy Hammer NCTM FMTA President 2013-2015

FREE MUSIC!

Kathy Turnbull has a stack of organ music of various levels of difficulty and would like to pass it on rather than toss it in the recycle bin. It is all in excellent condition. Would be happy to deliver if someone can use it. Call Kathy Turnbull at [720-398-9380](tel:720-398-9380) or email her at kittiwake611@gmail.com if you are interested.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2015-2016

Link to detailed calendar on FMTA website: <http://www.fmtamusic.org/events-calendar/>

August 19, 9:30a.m.- FMTA meeting, program, and luncheon, "Fresh Ideas For 2015"- FMTA teachers

September 11, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Kathy Hammer, call 303-988-9565

September 16, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Collaborative Music Making"- Grace Asquith

September 17,- Fall Festival Registration Deadline

October 9, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Betty Witt, call 303-456-7483

October 17, afternoon/evening, Fall Festival, Our Saviour's Church

October 21, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Teaching Bach's Two Part Inventions"-Patricia Chen.

November 12, 9:30a.m.- Professional Reading Program meeting, home of Arlyce Black, 303-795-8162

November 13, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Jan Austin-Peck, call 303-216-2159

November 18, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Teaching Your Students To Think Musically"-
with Barb Grout

December 11-13, All Day, Barnes and Noble Holiday Music Event, call Kathy Hammer-303-988-9565

December 16- NO MEETING!

January 14, 9:30a.m.- Professional Reading Program meeting, home of Arlyce Black, 303-795-8162

January 20, Achievement Day Registration Deadline

January 20, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Creative 'Off The Page' Teaching" - Leila Viss.

February 12, Sonatina Festival Registration Deadline

February 12,10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Margaret Wahl, call 303-238-3465

February 17, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Unleashing The Power of Your iPad and Android
Tablet" -Alejandro Cremaschi.

February 20, All Day, Achievement Day, CCU Music Building

March 10, 9:30a.m.- Professional Reading Program meeting, home of Arlyce Black, 303-795-8162

March 11, 10:00 a.m.-Performance Group, home of Jan Austin-Peck, call 303-216-2159

March 12, All Day- Sonatina Festival and Honors Recitals, CCU Music Building

March 16, NO MEETING!

April 2-6, MTNA Conference, San Antonio, TX

April 8, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Kathy Hammer, call 303-988-9565

April 20, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Master Class with Peter Friesen"

May 13, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Betty Witt, call 303-456-7483

May 18 9:30 a.m.-FMTA Meeting and Program, "*Teacher Musicale and Brunch*" - FMTA Teachers and
Scholarship Recipients

June 2-4- CSMTA Conference, Colorado State University Pueblo