



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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September 16- 9:30 a.m.

## ***"Collaborative Music Making"- Grace Asquith***

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

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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

*"Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other's gold."*

The words and melody of this little chorus are rooted in my memory from my initiation ceremony as I graduated from Brownies to Girl Scouts at age 10. Today, almost 50 years and many friendships later, I appreciate the wisdom of these lyrics. Friends are, indeed, treasures; each one uniquely special, but all equally valuable.

As we gather on September 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate FMTA's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, we will have the perfect opportunity to reconnect with former friends and colleagues, as well as deepen our current friendships. I hope you all can join us that night as we create more memories together! ~Elaine Van Dellen

#### **FMTA MEETING: September 16, 9:30 a.m.**

Plan now to come to the September meeting and hear Grace Asquith discuss Collaborative Music Making. She will be sharing valuable insights into working with our students in their ensemble preparation. As you know, Grace brings a wealth of experience, humor, and knowledge and she is especially enthusiastic about ensemble participation.

#### **FALL FESTIVAL**

The Fall Festival is just around the corner! It's not too late to get those students prepared. "Tons of Fun With More Than One" is the super exciting theme, with collaborative performances taking the center stage. Duets, Trios, Quartets, or ensembles of any kind and size, including vocal and instrumental selections are welcome. There will not be two pianos available. It will take place at Our Saviour's Church located at 1975 S. Garrison St. Lakewood, 80227, October 17, 2015. The entry deadline is September 17, 2015, submitted to chairperson. Laura Rogers, 17 Spyglass Dr., Littleton, CO 80123 [Laurarogers88@gmail.com](mailto:Laurarogers88@gmail.com)

#### **FMTA IS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!**

Our big 40th Celebration is coming together and it's going to be so much fun! We really look forward to seeing colleagues and old friends while enjoying a special meal and wonderful music. Thank you to all who responded!

### **A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

An excellent question was raised at our August meeting: How can FMTA advertise/promote/connect with our community in order to recruit new students? Let's continue the discussion this month; many of us would like more students. Please bring your ideas on how to effectively recruit new students and grow your studio.

### **TEACHING LESSONS WITH FACETIME**

Following the roundtable discussion in August (a lot of it centering on technology), I will be doing a 20 minute lesson with one of my students in Billings, Montana, on Facetime, before the September meeting. Many of you expressed an interest in seeing how this works, so I will start at 9:00a.m. before the meeting on September 16 at Bear Valley Church. I hope to have my iPad hooked up to the television so you can see a bigger screen. The student (Chloe) is very excited to help me present this to you. Hope to see you there. Any questions, feel free to contact me at [Eequan@aol.com](mailto:Eequan@aol.com). ~ Elinore Quander

### **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

### **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)

### **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, September 20th and again on October 18th. 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 [janetmtuttle@gmail.com](mailto:janetmtuttle@gmail.com) by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.

## **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