



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting: October 21- 9:30 a.m.

***"Teaching Bach's Two Part Inventions"- Patricia Chen***

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

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

“ FMTA could stand for Friends Maturing Together in the Area of music” - *Margaret Wahl*

In preparation for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration I asked long-time FMTA members to share their thoughts on our organization. Their responses will not surprise you – in fact, they are very consistent with our current core values - professional growth, diverse and inclusive community, and educational/musical excellence.

**The thing I most appreciate about FMTA is** the professionalism; lifelong friends; activities have been inclusive for voice and all instruments.

**FMTA has made me a better teacher by** encouraging certification; all the connections it provides; offering fantastic monthly programs and Master Classes.

**A key element to FMTA's success over 40 years is** its friendly and welcoming attitude; good, dedicated educators; involving all members to welcome their help; professionalism in all aspects of the organization.

FMTA has certainly evolved over 40 years, but the key elements remain the same. Let's take these core values with us into this year and beyond!

**FMTA MEETING: OCTOBER 21, 9:30 a.m.**

Back by popular demand is Patricia Chen. She was so inspiring last year that we've asked her to speak again, this time on Bach's 2 Part Inventions. Patricia comes with a wealth of knowledge, insight, and love, of Bach's music. She will share insights, knowledge, and beautiful playing with us. I hope you can all attend!

**A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

Time is one of our most valuable and limited resources. We all have 24 hours each day - no more and no less. What have you found helpful in prioritizing and managing your time? Bring your ideas to this month's discussion at our October meeting.

## **FALL FESTIVAL**

Teachers! How many of you have heard a trombone, flute, and piano trio? Or a flute, violin, cello trio performed by siblings? Of course piano, violin, and cello is a classic, but how often do you hear this combo played by 5th graders? These ensembles, plus an array of piano duets and vocalists are on our Fall Festival program. We even have a few adult students signed up. You do not want to miss this and these budding musicians would love the support. See you on October 17th at 4:00 at Our Saviour's Church!

## **BARNES AND NOBLE**

There are still a few times available for your students to give a recital at the Denver West Barnes & Noble in December. Remember this is our only fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund so we need to fill all the times AND encourage families to make purchases at B&N. Available times are Friday, Dec. 11, 5 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12, 1 - 1:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 13, 3:30 - 4:00p.m. Call Kathy 303-988-9565 to reserve your time.

## **FMTA 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

Foothills Music Teachers Association held its 40th anniversary celebration to commemorate 40 years of service on September 12, 2015. Our current President, Elaine Van Dellen was our gracious host and MC and knew how to tie everything together in her unique way. A special thank you to April Larsen for her creative ideas in the decorating and executing of this event. The dinner was delicious and the performers did an outstanding job of playing and providing a very musical and entertaining program. A special moment occurred when Phyllis Peiffer spoke about the founding of FMTA and her challenge to go forward as an organization impacting the lives of many students, teachers and the community.

The committee members of Kathy Hammer, Laura Rodgers and Margaret Wahl had fun helping with the anniversary party as well as some of the food. Thank you to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the beautiful venue and allowing us to use their reception facility. It all came together in a lovely evening of remembering past years and past Presidents and life time members. A special thank you to Susan Hutchinson Banning who put together a memorable slide show of the past 40 years. It was a true labor of love. CDs will be available of the slide show if you are interested. ~Margaret Wahl

## **DID YOU KNOW**

Did you know that two students of FMTA teachers played at Martha Hilley's Master Class at the CSMFTA conference last June? Dr. Linda Pott, NCTM and Carrie Christensen will share of their experiences on October 21st. Don't miss it!

## **PERFORMANCE GROUP**

Performance Group will meet October 9, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Betty Witt. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to RSVP, please call Betty at 303-456-7483

## **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, 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/>

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

**October 17**, 4:00- 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