



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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December 2015

FMTA Meeting: December 16- 9:30 a.m.

"Preparing for Achievement Day- Q &A"

Home of Carrie Christensen, 2195 Zang Street, Golden

FMTA MEETING: DECEMBER 16, 9:30 a.m.

Not sure what Achievement Day is all about or how to prepare your students for it? Need help filling out forms? A meeting for members with questions about Achievement Day will be held on December 16th at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be at Carrie Christensen's home at 2195 Zang Street in Golden. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. (303-238-1796)

BARNES AND NOBLE

The FMTA Barnes and Noble event is Dec. 11-13 and we need your help to make this Scholarship Fund Raiser a success! Please let all your families know the details about how they can support FMTA while making purchases there! All they have to do is say they support FMTA and we receive a portion of that sale to put in our Scholarship Fund! Even beverages from the coffee area counts! Please also remember that anyone can make online purchases from the Barnes and Noble website (think great Christmas gifts!) anytime during the week from Dec. 11-19 and use this online promo code **11750502** and FMTA will receive a portion of the sale! You all received an email with attached flyers to print and hand out to your students. It doesn't cost anyone anything extra, your Christmas shopping gets done and supports our scholarship fund at the same time! It's a win-win! Questions? Please contact Kathy Hammer at 303-988-9565.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY IS COMING!

The deadline for registering for Achievement Day is January 20th. Achievement Day is a fun and non-competitive event for students that is designed to encourage, challenge and recognize the individual talents and interests of each student involved. We hope you will plan to participate in this great day! To find out more details about this fantastic day or to download registration forms and see the rules for this event, please click on the link on our website <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/> or call Carrie Christensen with any questions at 303-238-1796.

PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM MEETING

Please come join us as we discuss The Musician's Way by Gerald Klickstein, Oxford University Press (Available through Amazon). The PRP Meeting will take place at the home of Arlyce Black on January 14, 2016 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Terrific book for all teachers. Come and share and be inspired. RSVP to Arlyce Black at [303-795-8162](tel:303-795-8162) or arlyceb@gmail.com

FMTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND UPDATE

So far, \$82.00 has been collected and deposited into our scholarship fund from our "gently used music" donation table. Thanks to all for your participation! Look for the table again at our January meeting.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Take time to breathe IN and OUT

I am writing this on December 1~ believe it or not, we are entering the coda of 2015!

A few weeks ago Barb Grout and friends demonstrated to us the need for musicians to *internalize their music*, both melodically and rhythmically. Similarly, we need to know where we are before we decide where we are going. Think of the maps posted at large shopping malls. The first step to navigate your way to a particular store is to find the large red dot labeled "You Are Here".

So after the final concert has been performed ~ after the last gift has been wrapped, shared and opened ~ after the family and friends return to their homes ~ I hope you all will take time to *relax, reflect, and rejoice* on your journey of the past year before diving into those well intentioned New Year's resolutions and goals.

See you next year!

~Elaine

SONATINA FESTIVAL 2016

It's time to start preparing for the 2016 Foothills Sonatina Festival. The deadline for the FMTA 2016 Sonatina Festival Entries is Saturday, February 12, 2016 by 9 p.m. We have a wonderful panel of judges to hear your students. Forms are on the website, <http://www.fmtamusic.org/sonatina-festival/> 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, March 12, 2016 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 again to post the winners on the website 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 February 12th. Plan ahead as needed. Don't forget to include an envelope addressed to you, with postage attached so you will receive your schedule in a timely fashion!

We are in need of 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.

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

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 by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.

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, December 20 and January 17. 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.

ANNOUNCING A NEW SONATINA EVENT FOR ADULTS

There were so many adult students performing in the Ensemble Event in October that a motion was passed at the November meeting to give them another opportunity to perform via their own Sonatina Festival. For this event an "adult" is considered to be anyone having graduated from high school. All adult students of FMTA members are encouraged to participate in this non-competitive and non-rated event. Written evaluations will be given and students may perform on any instrument, including guitar and voice. Participants will follow the rules for the FMTA Sonatina Festival, with the exception being pianists may ignore the required list and may perform any sonatina/sonata of their choice and memorization is not required for any instrument. Instruments other than piano will perform two contrasting selections using the guidelines in the Standing Rules. Students will perform in a recital setting but it may be possible to request a private audition. We are planning this event for the afternoon of March 12th. The fee will be \$15 and all participants will receive a written evaluation and a certificate. An entry form will be posted on the FMTA website soon. Questions? Call Kathy Hammer 303-988-9565

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2015-2016

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

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

December 16- NO REGULAR 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