



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting: January 20- 9:30 a.m.

"Finding Time to Be Creative"- Leila Viss

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

FMTA MEETING: JANUARY 20, 9:30 a.m.

Start the New Year with fresh, creative ideas in your studios. Our program this month will feature Leila Viss, "Finding Time to Be Creative". It's hard to imagine squeezing one more element into a 30-minute lesson. By uncovering the components of creativity, learn how creativity simply begins with teaching creatively. Accumulate tips on how to infuse creativity into every lesson with examples of creative-based activities for private and group instruction and gather a list of savvy resources to trigger musical imaginations.

Leila Viss owns a tech-savvy, creative-based piano studio in Centennial. She's an organist, blogs at 88pianokeys.me, writes for Clavier Companion and authored The iPad Piano Studio. Viss cofounded 88 Creative Keys, an improvisation camp, with Bradley Sowash, and is chair of the National Conference Keyboard Pedagogy Creative Pianist Track. We are excited to host Leila and look forward to seeing you all.

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

ACHIEVEMENT DAY REGISTRATION DUE!

Achievement Day will be held on February 20th at Colorado Christian University. Registration must be in the hands of Carrie Christensen NO LATER than **January 20th**. This happens to be the date of the January FMTA meeting which makes this very convenient! Registration forms may be found on the FMTA website at: <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/> If you cannot make it to the January meeting, please send registration forms to 2195 Zang St., Golden, CO 80401. You are welcome to call or email Carrie if you have any questions about the paperwork- 720-635-1178 (cell) or carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com. Please remember a stamped and self-addressed envelope and Carrie will mail you your schedule the week of February 1st. If you have any teenage students that would like to volunteer anytime during the day of February 20, please contact Carrie at 720-635-1178(cell). We are excited for a fun-filled day for teachers and students alike! Please come and join us!

PERFORMANCE GROUP

Performance Group will meet next on February 12, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Margaret Wahl. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to RSVP please call Margaret at 303-238-3465.

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.

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

LOOKING FOR MORE STUDENTS?

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 janetmtuttle@gmail.com by January 22nd: Your name, city, instruments taught, phone number, email address, website link (if you have one), and whether you are currently accepting students. Please remember that this is an 'Opt In' directory; your information will not be included in the public directory unless you have asked to be included in order to protect your privacy.

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, January 17th. 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.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Welcome back, teachers! Our calendars declare January 2016 the start of the "new" year; however, in our world January is merely the beginning of the second half of the school year. FMTA's first half was filled with NEW experiences:

August - new Bylaws adopted

September - FMTA 40th Anniversary

October - Fall Festival of Collaborative Music

November - New Member Breakfast

We also added monthly "A Penny For Your Thoughts" discussions and used music donations to benefit our Scholarship Fund.

What will *your* second half highlights include? Our NEW Adult Sonatina Festival will test drive in March. Maybe you will participate in some of our traditions - Achievement Day, Sonatina Festival, Master Class, or CSMTA State Conference - for the first time. Perhaps 2016 is the year you will complete your MTNA certification. Or maybe you will venture out to join our Performance Group or PRP book discussions.

Whatever NEW looks like for you, I would encourage all of us to step out of our comfort zones and try something new. Looking forward to sharing this "new" year together! ~Elaine

BARNES AND NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT

FMTA's Scholarship Fund thanks all members for supporting the book sales and coffee café during the Barnes and Noble recitals during December. We have received a check for almost \$3,800! THANK YOU, FMTA!!!

ROOMMATE NEEDED FOR MTNA CONFERENCE

Nancy Kaesler, NCTM and lifelong FMTA member, is looking for a female roommate to share housing costs. Interested? Contact Nancy at nkaesler@q.com

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

This month's discussion will be led by Jan Tuttle, FMTA website manager and newsletter editor, who will demonstrate how easy it is to cruise our state of the art website. Bring your questions and be ready to be enlightened!

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.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2016

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

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 I-Pad 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