



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting: February 17- 9:30 a.m.

" Unleashing the Power of Your I-Pad and Android Tablet" with Alejandro Cremaschi

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

FMTA MEETING: FEBRUARY 17, 9:30 a.m.

Teachers! Are you using technology in your studio? There are so many new, exciting, and effective ways to enhance your teaching that it can be a challenge to keep up. Therefore, you won't want to miss our next presentation by Alejandro Cremaschi, Unleashing the power of your i-Pad and Android tablet. This presentation introduces practical uses of your i-Pad or tablet in your studio, including using music apps in your daily teaching, helping your students use their tablets at home to support their practicing, video recording and uploading your studio recital to YouTube, and other effective uses. Bring your own tablet and let's exchange tips and ideas!

ACHIEVEMENT DAY IS FEB. 20th!

We have 118 students and 16 teachers participating. We are still looking forward to an exciting and successful event! If anyone has any time to spare on February 20th to help out with the day's events then please let Carrie know – [720-735-1178](tel:720-735-1178). The energy at Achievement Day is contagious!

Please remind your students to:

- Bring both their STUDENT INFORMATION sheet and EVALUATION FORMS to Achievement Day.
- Be 15 minutes early to be able to check in and be on time.
- They can play on the grand piano in the hospitality room to earn an extra ribbon.
- Collect all of their ribbons by the front desk before they leave.

Reminders for teachers:

- Arrive to CCU at 8:15 on February 20th in order to set up projects from your students. All projects need to be labeled with the labels provided on the Achievement Day forms.
- Wear a watch!! You will need to change your shifts on your own.
- Stay on time when evaluating students.
- Be positive and provide constructive comments in your evaluations.
- Don't forget to pick up your students' evaluation forms and tests from the theory room, and projects in the hospitality room after the event!

Thank you to teachers, parents, and students that work hard to make this event successful! We are looking forward to a fabulous day! Please contact Carrie Christensen with any questions.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

"Part of the draw (and difficulty) of teaching is that there is always something to learn from and improve on."
(Source unknown)

We would all likely agree with this quote. As teachers we are continually honing our musical and educational skills. Just like our students, WE are works in progress! That's why I am so thankful for FMTA. The camaraderie and support we receive from each other, plus the inspirational and stretching programs that we experience each month is critical to my growth.

Another valuable resource is our upcoming state (CSMTA) conference June 2-4. Three days of extraordinary workshops, master classes and concerts among a broader range of professional colleagues is at our fingertips for the amazingly low price of \$100. I don't know of ANY other profession that offers so much for so little.

And the timing of the conference is perfect ~ following a busy year of giving, giving, giving, this is our opportunity to receive and be refreshed. Please make plans now to attend part or all of this year's conference. *You* are worth the investment and your studio will reap benefits all year! ~Elaine Van Dellen

SONATINA FESTIVAL -MARCH 12, 2016

It is time to send in your Sonatina Festival Entries! Deadline for the FMTA 2016 Sonatina Festival Entries is February 12, 2016 by 9:00p.m. Why not send yours in early this year? The event is Saturday, March 12, 2016 and winners Recitals are the same day at Colorado Christian University.

Make sure that you include an evaluation sheet for each student, with only their first name and last initial. Remember to include 2 evaluation forms for class VI students. Send entries, **one** check payable to FMTA and postage paid return self-addressed envelope by deadline date or before to: Linda Pott, FMTA Sonatina Chair, 6042 Field Street, Arvada, CO. To receive your schedule for your students as quickly as possible, be sure to address an envelope to yourself and affix postage. Please read the standing rules posted on the website to make sure you and your students understand the rules, as they have been updated. All students need to have a legal copy (not a photocopy) of their music, with every measure numbered. If you renewed your FMTA membership by July 1, 2015, you do not need to pay the late fee. Add the \$20 late fee if you renewed your membership after July 1, 2015.

To have the event run smoothly, all teachers are expected to work the day of the festival. If you have a special scheduling need for yourself that day, let us know and we will try to have you work per your request. Absolutely *no student* scheduling requests can be honored due to the volume of students participating in the festival.

We hope to notify teachers of winning students on the website again this year. Teachers may pick up their evaluations after 4:00 p.m. Teachers are responsible for contacting their students who will play in a recital. All winning students are expected to play in the recitals.

Food is needed for the judge's luncheon. If you would like to donate a hot lunch entree, salad, side dish or dessert, please contact Linda Pott, Teresa Hegyi or April Larsen, the hostess to contribute. Label food and bring to the event in the morning by 11:00 AM. Thank you for helping make this event run smoothly.

Linda Pott 303-422-3360 or lindasmusicstudio@gmail.com
Teresa Hegyi 303-989-2793 or teresahegyi@comcast.net
April Larsen 303-862-0860 or aprillarsenmusicstudio@gmail.com

SONATINA EVENT FOR ADULTS

All adult students of FMTA members are encouraged to participate in this new, 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. The entry form is posted on the FMTA website. <http://www.fmtamusic.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Sonatina-Festival-Adult-Form-2016.pdf> Questions? Call Kathy Hammer 303-988-9565

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.

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, February 21. 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.

FACULTY RECITAL

FMTA member Dr. Irina Moreland, piano, will be giving a Faculty Recital along with Gregory Walker, violin, Iris Reyes, mezzo-soprano, Evan Shelton, cello, Kim Bird, bass, and Dan Salisbury, drums, on Friday February 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the CCU Music Center, 9200 W. Ellsworth Ave. in Lakewood, CO. Admission is free!

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

How have you benefitted from CSMTA and MTNA conferences? Please join us this month to share your thoughts.

FMTA LENDING LIBRARY

FMTA is forming a lending library. Davina Perret is looking for teacher resources such as past and present PRP books, videos from Master Classes, Van Cliburn series, and the Shaak studio to name a few. Do you have other materials, helps, guides that you would be willing to donate to our library? In addition to our library we will continue to collect print music that teachers can take home for personal or studio use for a donation which will go to our Scholarship Fund. We will call that our Free Music Collection. The Lending Library will be catalogued and up and running by our August meeting. Donations for the Library or our Free Music Collection can be brought to monthly meetings. The Free Music Collection will be available to peruse and “purchase” by donation at the May meeting. Contact Davina Perret with questions. [225-301-2038](tel:225-301-2038)

FTMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are due by the April FTMA meeting from seniors intending to be music majors or minors, or from high school undergraduates wanting to attend a summer music camp or a summer music training institute. Standing rules and the application forms are located on the website at <http://www.fmtamusic.org/student-scholarships/> You can also mail the application to LaVon Cooper, P.O. Box 77, Granby, CO. 80446. For any questions call LaVon at [970-887-2954](tel:970-887-2954)

SPECIAL WELCOME TO SOME OF OUR NEWER MEMBERS

Lorian Bartle- Lorian is a classically-trained guitarist with an M.M. in music theory who performs regularly around town, has a private studio in Wheat Ridge, and augments her schedule to play for weddings and private parties as an integral part of the Colorado Lark Flute & Guitar Duo!

Gaylene Bickmore- Gaylene has a degree in Business Education with a minor in music. She is a pianist and Organist and is studying Flute, Guitar and Bass. She recently stepped down from being the Director of her church choir as well as the Marshdale Elementary Honor Choir. Gaylene is also an accomplished accompanist.

Leslie Noyes-Leslie is a returning member and has been teaching for 25 years via Alaska. Leslie uses a holistic approach to piano teaching that she hopes will carry into all aspects of everyday life. She enjoys seeing the role that music plays in our world and applying that knowledge in every day interactions.

Dr. Irena Moreland—This Dr. of Music Arts is a returning member who originally came to us from Russia. She is on staff at Colorado Christian University and teaches Piano, Composition, Theory, Ear Training and Improvisation.

Laura Trefethan-Laura specializes in Piano, Voice and Choral Work. She is the current director of the Marshdale Elementary Honor Choir.

Elizabeth (Betty) Witt- is a former FMTA member (1982-2007) and is happy to be back chairing the FMTA Performance Group. She has a masters of Music from CU-Boulder and has taught piano in the Denver Metro area for 33 years.

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/>

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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