



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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***March- No Meeting this month
Happy Spring Break!***

APRIL MASTER CLASS-APRIL 20

We're excited to have Peter Friesen conduct our April Master Class. Peter has a Master of Music in Piano Performance from the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he studied with David Korevaar and Robert Spillman. Other past teachers include Caryl Smith and George Fee. A passionate performer, his area of expertise is classical piano repertoire, but his interests include jazz, rock and modern piano music.

As a performer, Mr. Friesen is active in collaborative and solo performance in the greater Denver/Boulder area. He has recently contributed to performances at the Metropolitan State College of Denver's 8th Annual Piano Celebration, the Pendulum New Music concert series at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and faculty recitals at the Rocky Mountain Center for Musical Arts.

If you have students, intermediate and up, who are willing to participate in this class, please contact Laura Rogers at laurarogers88@gmail.com with their name, title/composer, and length of the piece by March 20.

SONATINA FESTIVAL -MARCH 12, 2016

Sonatina Festival Teachers may check the FMTA website on Saturday, March 12th throughout the day as winners are announced. Teachers are encouraged to have parents/students check the website as well, about 30 minutes after their class has finished. Recital times are 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Please invite your entire studio, winners, participants and others. Plan to contact your winning students ASAP that day and inform them which recital they are scheduled to play at. Teachers can go to www.fmtamusic.org, check the homepage and click on the 2016 Sonatina Festival Winner's List. Results will begin to be listed after 11:00 a.m. The list will be updated as the day progresses, so check it periodically. All results should be in by 3:30 p.m. Remember to pick up your forms between 3:30 -4:00 p.m. that day in room 213. We hope this makes it fast & easy to notify students. Special thanks to Jan Tuttle for her work with our website!

The Sonatina Festival Certificate has been updated. Teachers have the option to use the new certificate or choose the traditional one. Participating teachers will receive an emailed file of the certificate choices, and may copy them as needed. Blank certificates will not be in your file at the end of the day. The traditional version as well as the updated certificate will be available for you to print as you choose. Special thanks to Emily Rogers for her creative design and support of FMTA!

The repertoire list will be updated this summer. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. It will be a fun session of music and delicious treats. Also if you have a suggestion for a new Sonatina to be added to the list, please email the title and composer, and the class you think it fits into. Thanks!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The month of March always seems to be pivotal. March 2016 is unique in that we will experience Daylight Savings time, Spring Break, the first official day of spring, and the complete Easter holiday all before April 1st!

In place of our general meeting this month, the FMTA Board will be meeting to discuss next year's scheduling of student events. Specifically, we will consider spacing Achievement Day and Sonatina Festival further apart. If you have ideas on this topic, please contact me or any Board member before March 16th. All of our contact information is available on the FMTA website.

Meanwhile, I hope you have a very enjoyable transition to spring. See you April 20th!

~Elaine Van Dellen

ACHIEVEMENT DAY 2016

Thank you to all of the teachers and students that participated in Achievement Day last month! The day was a success! Everything ran smoothly and that can be attributed to all of the wonderful teachers that donated their time that day. It is a pleasure to work with you all. Thank you for all of your hard work!

~Carrie Christensen , Achievement Day Chair

PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM

If you've ever wanted to get more out of your practice, or wondered how to teach your students to practice more effectively, the CSMTA 2015-16 Professional Reading Program will guide your way. Members are invited to participate in our discussion group. The book being discussed this month is Practicing the Piano, by Nancy O'Neill, Breth-Hal Leonard Publications (Available at Rockleys). The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the home of Arlyce Black: 6708 W. Arbor Drive, Littleton, Co. 80123. Please RSVP to Arlyce at 303-795-8162.

PERFORMANCE GROUP

Performance Group will meet this month on March 11, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jan Austin-Peck. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to RSVP please call Jan at 303-216-2159.

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

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, March 20. 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.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2016-2017

The nominating committee recommends the following persons to serve as our elected officers next year:

President – Elaine Van Dellen, NCTM

1st V.P. of Programs – Carrie Christensen

2nd V.P. of Membership – Robin Braun

3rd V.P. of Publicity – Laurie Brown

Secretary – Gaylene Bickmore

Treasurer – Elinore Quander, NCTM

Additional nominees will be accepted from the floor at our April meeting before the membership vote. Please be sure to attend this important meeting. Nominating Committee members: Carrie Christensen, April Larsen, and Kathryn Lewis

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)

FREE RECITAL

Ann-Helena Schluter will be presenting a recital performance as part of the Piano Masterworks Series on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Schmitt Music in the Piano Recital Room, 155 W. Hampden Ave, Englewood, CO 80110. She has performed worldwide, has won numerous international competitions, and in this concert will be presenting works of Chopin, Beethoven’s Waldstein Sonata, Bach, and one of her own compositions (Himmelslieder, or Mountain Songs). For further information and/or to reserve tickets, please contact Harv Mahan (303-931-2396).

DID YOU KNOW ?

Did you know that first time attendees of the CSMTA conference can register for only \$75? This includes a special orientation breakfast on Friday morning. For the rest of us, \$100 before May 1 gives you access to all workshops, meetings, master classes, and exhibit hall (shopping!) Or for \$60 you can attend one day of your choice. **Did you know that ALL conference costs are tax deductible?**

I strongly encourage ALL of us to attend Saturday’s Local Association Luncheon to celebrate our FMTA camaraderie. After our enthusiastic discussion last month of all the benefits of attending conference, what are you waiting for? Sign up today @ www.comusicteachers.net and start making those housing and/or car-pool arrangements.

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.

FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS

The Festival for Creative Pianists is coming once again to Denver on June 9-11 at Wash Park Center for Music & Arts. This event combines both classical and jazz idioms in a constructive, educational setting. Participants (19 yrs. and under) play up to 15 minutes of any repertory (solo, 2-3 piano ensembles, or concerto) and receive written and verbal feedback from three judges: John Salmon, Kevin Olson, and Luke Gillespie. For more information view the website www.pianofestival.org or contact Evelyn Billberg at 303-629-9209.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2016

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

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