



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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April 2016

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

Master Class with Peter Friesen

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

FMTA MEETING AND MASTER CLASS-APRIL 20, 9:30 a.m.

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.

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.

Nominating Committee members: Carrie Christensen, April Larsen, and Kathryn Lewis

PERFORMANCE GROUP

Performance Group will meet this month on April 8, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Kathy Hammer. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to RSVP, please call Kathy at 303-988-9565

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 may 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)



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

"And let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing. . . ."
from the book of Hebrews; author unknown

I am looking forward to reconvening in a few weeks – our February meeting seems so long ago and so much has happened since then! As we enter the last leg of a very busy school year, may I encourage you to make every effort to attend our final two FMTA meetings of the year? **April 20th** we will receive reports from Achievement Day and Sonatina Festival, which are now in the history books. But we will also shift our attention to next year as we vote to elect officers and discuss the schedule for 2016-2017. Plus, you won't want to miss Dr. Peter Friesen's Master Class – always a highlight of every year.

May 18th is our celebration of the past year plus installation of new officers. Remember, we will begin with breakfast and conclude with our Teacher Musicale program.

Every FMTA meeting is important, but you don't want to miss these. See you soon at Bear Valley Church!

~Elaine Van Dellen

SONATINA FESTIVAL - 2016

The 2016 FMTA Sonatina Festival was a great success this year. We would like to congratulate all the winners and their teachers for their dedication to music. The class VI 1st place winner was Bethany Johnson, student of Rachel Wood. The class VI 2nd place winner was Mary Beth Ervin, student of Joan Twedell. The senior instrumental winner was Samantha Inks, student of Pam Gallo. The senior vocal winner was Carolina Skinner, student of Laurie Arnold-Kelly. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make this event possible for our students.

Looking ahead to 2017, please be sure to read the standing rules carefully. Our financial status differs from year to year, and cash awards are not always possible every year for every class. Please be aware of this when working with students who may expect a cash award. Rule #19 of the Standing Rules for Sonatina Festival states "the class VI winners may receive a cash award..." and rule #25 states that the 1st place winners in the "Senior Instrumental Class and the Advanced Vocal Class may receive a financial award..."

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, April 17 and May 15. 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.

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.

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)

JOHN BRANSON MEMORIAL CONCERT

A concert will be held Wednesday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Classic Pianos, 1332 S. Broadway, Denver, 80210. This concert will honor the co-founder of the Clementi Festival and well-respected music teacher John Branson who recently passed away. The event is free, but please RSVP @ gabrielakgottlieb@gmail.com to reserve your spot. If you are interested in playing on the concert, contact Gabriela before April 15th.

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

PIANO FOR SALE-\$8,500

Kawai GS-30: 6' 1" Ebony Gloss grand piano. Low mileage; one owner. Purchased over 30 years ago for my children to take piano lessons on. Beautiful, in very good condition; needs tuning. Call Carolyn Hunt-Munro 719-331-4557 or email at huntmunro@gmail.com

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/>

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 Breakfast*"- FMTA Teachers and Scholarship Recipients

June 2-4- CSMTA Conference, Colorado State University Pueblo