



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting: May 18- 9:30 a.m.

"Breakfast and Teacher Musicale"

Our Saviour's Corner of Hope, 1975 S. Garrison St. Lakewood, 80227

FMTA MEETING AND MASTER CLASS-May 18, 9:30 a.m.

We have a wonderful May meeting lined up for you that includes beautiful music, an awesome breakfast, and great camaraderie with your teacher colleagues and friends. We'll begin at 9:30 at Our Saviour's Corner of Hope Church! We hope to see everyone at our final meeting of the year. If you'd like to contribute a breakfast dish, contact Laura Rogers for suggestions. If you can't bring food, come anyway. Everyone is welcome!

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

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

SUNRISE UPDATE

On April 17 students from Lorian Bartle's guitar studio and Elaine Van Dellen's adult piano studio combined for a recital at Sunrise Assisted Care Center. All of the family members and residents, including former FMTA member Betty Rae Marshall, thoroughly enjoyed the program! *We look forward to resuming our recitals at Sunrise next year, but are taking some time away to re-group and reorganize.* For more information contact Lorian Bartle @ 720-353-2902.

AUGUST PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY!!

FMTA has a wonderful performance opportunity that will take place at the beginning of the school year at the **Four Seasons Farmers and Artisans Market** on Saturday, August 27th from 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m! This is an indoor farmer's market located at 7403 W. 38th Avenue in Wheat Ridge. A booth, table, and chairs are provided as well as outlets for portable keyboards/amplification. If you are interested in having your students perform at the FTMA booth or are available to pass out FTMA brochures, please sign up for a 30-minute slot during the May or August meeting or by contacting Lorian Bartle @ [720-353-2902](tel:720-353-2902).

PERFORMANCE GROUP

Performance Group will meet this month on May 13, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Betty Witt. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to RSVP, please call 303-456-7483



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

FINISHING WELL

The end of the school year is just around the corner, and it's a great time to ask the question, "What does it mean for me to finish well?"

I confess this is not a strength area for me. Many half-read books, half-learned pieces of music, unfinished letters and craft projects have moved with me from house to house throughout my adulthood! They line my 'room of good intentions', waiting for that mythological day when I will finally have time to complete them. Please tell me I'm not alone!

I began this year with a goal of asking for feedback, and have accomplished that goal many times throughout the year. I have learned a lot as president of our fine organization and believe we have had a successful year. But for me to finish well, I need to avoid the temptation of resting on past laurels and continue to ask for feedback ~ there are so many more things to learn and improve upon!

So what might it look like for YOU to finish well this year? I encourage you to share your answer with an FMTA colleague for mutual encouragement. ~ *Elaine Van Dellen*

FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS

The Festival for Creative Pianists is coming once again to Denver 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, 2-3piano 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.

SNEAK PEAK AT SOME UPCOMING DATES

November 5, 2016- Achievement Day, CCU Music Center

January 28, 2017- Winter Festival- Theme: Matinee at the Movies, Our Saviour's Corner of Hope.

March 18, 2017- Sonatina Festival, CCU Music Center

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

FMTA 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.

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/>

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 "*Teacher Musicale and Breakfast*"- FMTA Teachers and Scholarship Recipients

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