



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting: August 17- 9:15 a.m.

***"Roundtable Discussion-Studio Policies"
and Luncheon***

Home of Kathy Hammer NCTM, 1690 S. Valentine Way, Lakewood, 80228

FMTA MEETING AND LUNCHEON- AUGUST 17, 9:15 a.m.

Please join us for our first FMTA meeting for the year of 2016-2017! We will be meeting at the home of Kathy Hammer (1690 S. Valentine Way, Lakewood, 80228) for a short business meeting, round table discussion, and then a luncheon. We will be sharing ideas on how to organize a studio policy. Please come prepared to discuss the following topics: When and how to charge tuition, Make-up lessons, Group lessons, Festivals/competitions/recitals, Buying sheet music and books, and Practicing. Everyone is welcome to bring a copy of their studio policy and you can take notes on where you might want to make changes or improve. The theme of the luncheon is *Salads & Sweets*. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share. We look forward to seeing you on August 17.

AUGUST 27th- PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY!

FMTA will have a booth at the Four Seasons Farmers and Artisans Market on Saturday, August 27 from 10:00 am. to 1:00 pm. FTMA students and teachers will be performing and music teachers will be passing out FTMA brochures to give the community a chance to get know our group. This is an indoor farmer's market located at 7403 W. 38th Avenue in Wheat Ridge. If you are available to pass out FTMA brochures, please contact Lorian Bartle at 720-353-2902. Come and stop on by on the 27th to support this FTMA community event!

PERFORMANCE GROUP

The next Performance Group meeting will be September 9, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Kathy Hammer. Everyone is welcome! Come to play or even just listen! For more information or to RSVP, please call Kathy at 303-988-9565.

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, or 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 in our Scholarship Fund. We will call that our Free Music Collection. The Lending Library along with the Free Music Collection will be available at each meeting starting in August. Donations for the Library or our Free Music Collection can be brought to monthly meetings. Contact Davina Perret with questions. 225-301-2058

ACHIEVEMENT DAY 2016

Achievement Day comes earlier this year! The big day is **Nov 5th** at Colorado Christian University. Registration must be in the hands of the new Chair, Laura Trefethen, by **Oct. 5**. Registration forms may be found on the FMTA website at: <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/> Please call or email Laura if you have any questions about the paperwork (303) 656-6184 (cell) or lauratrefethen@gmail.com.

Are you not sure what Achievement Day is all about or how to prepare your students for it? Need help filling out forms? Laura will be available for questions directly after our FMTA meeting on Aug 17. Achievement Day always brings lots of excitement and fun for students and teachers. Please come and join us!

Here to Serve YOU

Ready or not, here we go – time to launch a new school year! I trust your summer plans included time to relax and recharge; maybe a memorable family vacation (aren't they all?), a few Colorado hikes, or simply reading a good book in the shade of your backyard patio. If you're like me, you're wondering, 'wow, where did summer go?' and wishing we had a few more weeks remaining to savor.

On the other hand, I'm very excited to embark on another FMTA year. We have wonderful monthly programs lined up, as well as our hallmark student events with a few new twists! Be sure to read all about them in this newsletter and on our FMTA website.

Finally, I want to go on record and say FMTA is here for YOU. So many of you faithfully serve our organization – and your service is essential to our success. But bottom line, **FMTA is here to serve YOU, the teacher and your students**. We want to scratch where you are itching, so please don't hesitate to let your voice be heard - via monthly meetings, conversations with our officers, or directly to me. My door, phone, eyes and ears are open at all times. ~ Elaine Van Dellen NCTM

PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM

Professional Reading Program (PRP) meetings will now be offered in West Arvada. This is in addition to meetings held at Arlyce's home further South in Littleton. Meetings will be held at the home of Carol Williams at 12748 W. 56th Place, Arvada as follows:

Thursday, October 6th at 9:30 - The Great Pianists: From Mozart to the Present by Harold C. Schoenberg.

Thursday, February 9th at 9:30 - Clara Schumann: The Artist and the Woman by Nancy B. Reich.

Thursday, April 6th at 9:30 - Claude Debussy by Paul Roberts

Come join us for lively conversation and refreshments!

FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS 2017

Denver's unique 2017 Festival for Creative Pianists will be held June 7-10, 2017. Early registration prior to September 15 allows each teacher 5 students per studio. After that date there will be no limit on the number of students each teacher may enter. The final application deadline is April 15 (or earlier if maximum 40 is reached). The festival will be held at Classic Pianos and Wash Park Center for Music & Arts. The judges are Dr. Kevin Olson, Dr. John Salmon and Wynn-Anne Rossi. For more information, please contact Evelyn Billberg, Project Director: ev.billberg@gmail.com or [303-629-9209](tel:303-629-9209). More info at www.pianofestival.org

PIANO FOR SALE

Essex by Steinway and Sons 5'1" baby grand piano, \$13k OBO. I am the original owner of this 6-year-old piano that has been lovingly played and cared for by myself and my students. It is polished ebony and has been tuned 4-6 times a year, beautifully prepped by Rick Holcomb, CSO piano tuner and technician, and plays exquisitely. I purchased it from Jacobs Music in Princeton, NJ, and brought it to Colorado with me. I have included pictures and a link to a listing on Craigslist. Please pass along to your studio families in case you know of anyone who is shopping! Laura Klein, lklein@appassionatapiano.com, or call 509-200-1057.
<https://denver.craigslist.org/msg/5668417097.html>

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 2016-2017

August 17, 9:15a.m.- FMTA meeting, program, and luncheon, "Round Table Discussion on Studio Policies"

September 9, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Kathy Hammer, call 303-988-9565

September 21, 9:15 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Find Freedom in Playing" with Michelle Brake

October 5, Achievement Day Registration Deadline

October 6, 9:30 a.m. PRP- North Area, Home of Carol Williams call 431-1790 to RSVP

October 14, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, Rocky Mountain Village Est., call Phyllis Pieffer 360-581-3546

October 19, 9:15 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Adjudication" - with Nancy Kaesler, NCTM

October 27, 9:30 .m. PRP-South Area, Home of Arlyce Black, call 303-795-8162

November 5, All Day, Achievement Day, CCU Music Building

November 11, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Jan Austin-Peck, call 303-216-2159

November 16, 9:15 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Master Class" with Adam Zukiewicz

December 3- Winter Festival Registration Deadline

December 9-11, All Day, Barnes and Noble Holiday Music Event, call Kathy Hammer-303-988-9565

December 16- NO MEETING!

January 18, 9:15 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Healthy Lifestyle, Healthy Teaching" with Hazel Ramsbotham, NCTM

January 28, all day, Winter Festival "Matinee at the Movies", Our Saviour's Corner of Hope Church

February 9, 9:30 a.m. PRP-North Area, Home of Carol Williams call 431-1790 to RSVP

February 10, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Laura Rogers, call 303-706-9079 to RSVP

February 15, 9:15 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Preparing for Auditions and Competitions" with Andrew Cooperstock, Professor CU and Jennifer Hayghe, Assoc. Professor CU

February 18, Sonatina Festival Registration Deadline

February 22, 9:30a.m.- PRP-SouthArea, home of Arlyce Black, call 303-795-8162 to RSVP

March 10, 10:00 a.m.-Performance Group, home of Margaret Wahl, call 303-238-3465 to RSVP

March 15, No Regular Meeting- Board Members Meeting only

March 18, All Day- Sonatina Festival and Honors Recitals, CCU Music Building

March 18-22 MTNA Conference, Baltimore MD.

April 6, 9:30 a.m. PRP-North Area, Home of Carol Williams call 431-1790 to RSVP

April 14, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Diana Gaide call 303-568-0885

April 19, 9:15 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Roundtable Discussion: Summer Programs/How to Run a Music Camp"

April 26, 9:30a.m.- PRP- North Area, home of Arlyce Black, 303-795-8162

May 12, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Betty Witt, call 303-456-7483

May 17 9:15 a.m.-FMTA Meeting and Program, "*Teacher Musicale and Brunch*" - FMTA Teachers and Scholarship Recipients

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