



Foothills Music Teachers Association

*Professional Growth ~ Educational/Musical Excellence ~ Inclusive/Diverse Community*

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FMTA Meeting: October 19- 9:15-11:30 a.m.

***"You Be the Judge!"- Nancy Kaesler, NCTM***

Rockley Music Center, 8555 W. Colfax Ave. Lakewood, 80215

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**FMTA MEETING AND PROGRAM- October 19, 9:15 a.m.**

Nancy Kaesler will be sharing her knowledge from years of experience as an adjudicator and teacher. To address the questions of giving honest, fair and non-threatening critiques for student performance, here are some things to think about:

- \*How can we learn to be helpful evaluators without being harsh?
- \*How can we be supportive and still offer suggestions to both student and teacher?
- \*Can we be honest and affirming without flattery?
- \*How can we give feedback that will encourage the "magic" in the students' performance development?
- \*What is the connection between preparing our own students for performance and giving feedback to students who play for us?

Join us for our October meeting to discuss the questions above and much, much more!

**BARNES AND NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT**

Many thanks for all who have chosen a recital time at Barnes and Noble Denver West for December 9-11. Times still available are 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday or Sunday, and 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Saturday. Call Kathy Hammer at 303-988-9565 for more information.

**PERFORMANCE GROUP**

The October Performance Class will be held at Rocky Mountain Village Estates, Genesee Building, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 14th (Residence of Phyllis Pieffer). Take I-70 west to Evergreen Parkway (just after the Chief Hosa Road exit). Exit at Evergreen Parkway. At the stoplight at the bottom of the Evergreen Parkway ramp, continue straight ahead on Evergreen Parkway to County Road 65 (the stoplight just after Bergen Parkway at King Soopers). There are 3 stoplights--1) El Rancho at the bottom of the Evergreen Parkway ramp; 2) Bergen Parkway--King Soopers sign; and 3) Colorado 65. By the time you reach the second stoplight (Bergen Parkway) be in the left lane. Turn left onto County Road 65 and immediately left into the entrance for Rocky Mountain Village Estates. It would be best to **park either in the Park n'Ride across CR 65 or in the church parking lot and walk up the hill to the second building, Genesee House**. Enter the building and go into the Mountaineer Room on the left. Phyllis will be there to greet you! **Try to carpool if you can as parking is limited.**

## **ACHIEVEMENT DAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH!**

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful event! If you have student volunteers who would like to help, or you don't have students participating but have a little time to spare on Nov. 5 to help out with the day's events, please let Laura know – [303-656-6184](tel:303-656-6184). 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 November 5th 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 Laura Trefethen with any questions.

## **A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

What are the pros and cons of national certification? Come prepared to share your thoughts about this opportunity of professional growth at our October meeting.

## **MENTORING**

In August and September many experienced FMTA teachers and some new ones indicated areas in which they would be willing to share their expertise. Mentors are available for: Certification, MTNA Competitions, Composition, Ensembles, Internet Music Programs, iPad and technology, Piano Methods, Voice Methods, Guitar Methods, Music History, Music Journals, Performance, PRP, Studio as a Business (policies, taxes, etc.), Styles of Music, Supplemental Music, Voice Technique, National Federation of Music Clubs, "Guild", and Face Time Lessons. Call Kathy Hammer at 303-988-9565 and she will connect you with someone who can answer your questions.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you looking for a venue for your students to perform a winter or spring recital? Sunrise Assisted Living is a welcoming, community-based environment for your students to perform and share their musical gifts. In addition, an FTMA student/teacher performance/informational session will take place at the Wheat Ridge Farmers & Artisans Market on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 10 a.m. Duration of the event will be determined by number of teachers and students who sign up to participate. (A big thank you for all FTMA teachers and students who participated this past August!) If you are interested in either performance opportunity, please contact Lorian Bartle @ [720-353-2902](tel:720-353-2902) or [info@LorianBartleStrings.com](mailto:info@LorianBartleStrings.com).

## **CSMTA STA (THEORY) PROGRAM**

CSMTA has made changes in the Student Theory Assessment (STA) program in which students are stimulated and recognized for their theory competency. The testing offered by the California Merit Program is no longer available. Instead the Keynote Independent Theory Service (KITS), which offers tests in Reading, Vocabulary, Listening, and Skills Performance will now be used. The student workbooks, teacher manuals, and the tests are not expensive. Information can be found at [www.keynotetheory.com](http://www.keynotetheory.com). The October issue of *Notes & News*, page 16, has the dates for testing and more information. Teachers who value the importance of a strong theory program for students of all instruments and voice will be interested in pursuing this testing program.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### *The Majesty of Mountains*

On a recent bike ride to and from Chatfield reservoir I was, once again, awe-struck by our beautiful Rocky Mountain Front Range. My appreciation may be heightened because I grew up in the Midwest and transplanted to Denver in 1993. To this day, hardly a week goes by when I don't say to my husband, "Can you believe we LIVE HERE?!" We proud Coloradoans love our Rocky Mountains, don't we?

What it is about mountains that are so captivating, so compelling, so breathtaking? Maybe their size, grandeur and constancy draw us to something bigger than ourselves. Perhaps we all long to be part of a larger story to make sense of and to give meaning to our daily lives. What is your larger story?

As you ponder that question, perhaps it's also helpful to consider the foundation of FMTA's Core Values: Musical/Educational Excellence, Professional Growth, and Inclusive/Diverse Community. All of our creative energy can flow from this solid bedrock with a sense of purpose and meaning.

May our Rocky Mountains and glorious fall colors serve as a reminder to each of us this week of both our foundation and bigger purpose. ~ Elaine Van Dellen NCTM

### **COLORADO SYMPHONY**

Are you interested in attending the Colorado Symphony ? Betsy Nelms is looking for someone to go with her. Specific concert depends on calendar and programming. If you would like to carpool or get seats together, please email Betsy Nelms at [bnelmflute@aol.com](mailto:bnelmflute@aol.com).

### **VIOLINISTS WANTED**

Golden Chamber Orchestra, sponsored by Golden Music, is looking for more intermediate violin players for this season. This is the perfect small ensemble for home-school students or adults who are learning or returning to the violin. Rehearsals are one hour on Monday evenings (early). Music level is equivalent to middle-school or easier high school level materials. Materials range from classical to familiar pops tunes. Concert is early December for fall term and May for spring term. <http://goldenmusic.co/pages/chamberorchestra>

### **FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS 2017**

The 2017 Festival for Creative Pianists will be held June 7-10, 2017. Early registration prior to November 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. For more information please visit <http://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-for-creative-pianists.html>

### **PIANO FOR SALE**

Steinway Model O, 5ft. Mahogany Grand Piano for sale. Please contact Gay Page at [gaypage@comcast.net](mailto:gaypage@comcast.net) or call 303-756-7368 for more information and photos.

## **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](mailto:janetmtuttle@gmail.com) by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.

## **CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2016-2017**

**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, "You Be the Judge!" - 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 1-3-** CSMTA Conference, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley