



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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FMTA Meeting: November 16- 9:15-11:30 a.m.

"Master Class" with Dr. Adam Zukiewicz

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

FMTA MEETING AND PROGRAM- NOVEMBER 16, 9:15 a.m.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Adam Zukiewicz from UNC for our Piano Master Class this month. A native of Poland, Dr. Żukiewicz has performed across Europe, United States, Canada, Japan and Brazil. Competition successes include several first prizes in competitions in Poland and Canada. Most recently Adam Żukiewicz became a medalist of the 2014 Maria Canals International Piano Competition in Barcelona, Spain.

Enthused by sharing music, Adam also enjoys teaching and lecturing. Beyond music he takes pleasure in reading, connecting with people, sports, travel, and nature, which he finds most inspiring. Adam Żukiewicz holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Toronto and Masters of Music degree from Indiana University.

Adam currently resides in Greeley, Colorado, where he was recently appointed an Assistant Professor of Piano at the University of Northern Colorado. Please join us as we learn new teaching techniques from Dr. Zukiewicz!

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 are still available for 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, and 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Saturday. Call Kathy Hammer at 303-988-9565 for more information.

"IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT!"

This was the consensus at our October meeting, in which we voted to sideline a competitive Masterworks Festival and keep our Sonatina Festival an annual spring event. This will be good news to many of our area colleagues and contacts – so spread the word!

This year's Sonatina Festival will be held on Saturday March 18, 2017, and we already have an all-star lineup of judges, thanks to Dr. Linda Pott, Sonatina Chair. We will also have a non-competitive sonatina recital that day for adult students. Plan ahead!

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What are some of your favorite Christmas/Holiday books that are tried and true? Bring your ideas to share as we prepare our students for Barnes & Noble.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH!

Achievement Day is this Saturday, Nov. 5! We have 147 Students and 18 teachers participating. What a fabulous, fun day we have ahead.

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 again to everyone for their hard work and support. Please contact Laura [303-656-6184](tel:303-656-6184) if you have any final questions.

HATS OFF!

Two FMTA members' students placed in the MTNA Western Division competition held at CU Boulder on October 22. Ben Trader, Junior Composition Honorable Mention, is a student of **Susan Banning**. Joshua Maddox, Senior Composition Representative, is a student of **Arlyce Black**. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

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, i-Pad 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.

LOOKING FOR PRINT MUSIC?

Betty Berry, long time FMTA friend and My Music Skool print music specialist, will join us at our November meeting to showcase their stock of print music and explain their teacher discount program. Don't miss it!

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.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Diverse & Inclusive Community

One of FMTA's hallmarks is our diverse, intergenerational membership. At any given meeting, we have retired founding members sitting alongside new teachers who are building their studios for the first time ~ with everyone else somewhere in between!

We all benefit from the wisdom of our seasoned teachers and the enthusiasm of our younger ones. Let's be intentional on developing new friendships at FMTA while also maintaining our current ones, even if it means stepping across some generational lines. After all, WE, fellow members, are some of our BEST resources for professional and personal growth!

~ Elaine Van Dellen NCTM

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. 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.

WHO IS HELEN KNEDLER?

The FMTA Performance Group was formed in the 1970's. Since then it has been an integral part of teachers' growth through performance opportunities.

An early founding member of the group was Helen Knedler, an avid music lover, teacher and performer. She chaired the group for more than 35 years and hosted the group twice annually in addition to hosting the Teachers' Musicales countless years at her Lookout Mountain home which supplied two 6 foot grands! She helped with finding performers for the FMTA Scholarship Fund Benefit Concerts which were held at the Arvada Center for a number of years in the 1980's. Her husband, Ned, was an architect (as well as a World War II pilot) and he designed the living room especially to accommodate the 2 pianos. Helen's specialty was the 2-piano ensemble and she performed numerous 2-piano works with her ensemble partner, David, at the performance group.

Helen was active in the community as well, hosting chamber concerts by local orchestra musicians. Helen continued her life-long music education at CU-Boulder where she studied privately with professors and enrolled in piano literature courses. She also kept the performance group alive through some rough years where attendance had dwindled due to economics, moves or other life occurrences. She would invite members of other associations' performance groups and musicians from the community to perform always making "performance group" a rewarding experience. Around 2010, she was forced into retirement as chair and performer when her husband suffered a sudden illness from which he did not survive. Thanks, Helen, for all you did for FMTA!

NEW FEATURE

Our music library will be available to teachers, parents, and students during Achievement Day this year. Please get the word out and plan ahead (cash donations go directly into our Scholarship Fund.)

PIANO FOR SALE

1989 Howard, Model C140A, 47160. 5 foot 1 inch baby grand; black glossy finish; bench included. Contact Marlene Kowalczyk at 720-737-8842 or rockyguy.mk@gmail.com if interested.

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.

NOTES AND NEWS

Notes and News has an early deadline for submissions of November 15th for the January issue.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2016-2017

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-South Area, 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