



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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## **No December Meeting- Happy Holidays!**

Next meeting- January 18

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### **NO DECEMBER MEETING**

FMTA does not hold a meeting in December because of the busy time of year. Have a wonderful holiday, and plan to come to the next meeting on January 18.

### **BARNES AND NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT**

Please come join us for our Holiday Music Event weekend fundraiser, December 9-11, as we fill Barnes and Noble Bookstore with the sounds of beautiful music. Students will be performing their favorite Holiday music for your enjoyment. FMTA will receive a portion of the proceeds from every sale during the weekend to support our Scholarship Awards Fund which is used to award deserving seniors and high school students with scholarships. Customers must say that they are supporting FMTA when they check out for us to receive the award. Remember that the drinks and food purchased from the coffee shop also apply, so be sure to purchase a warm cup of something while you're there. If you are not able to attend, you can still support our group for your online Barnes and Noble purchases by using this code: **12035960**. It will be valid online December 9 through 16 at [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com). Pass along the word and support FMTA!

### **"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 as 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!

### **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.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### Two Valuable Resources

The Christmas season and end of the year is marked by generous giving, often in the form of individually wrapped presents or cash donations to organizations. It is also when most of us close out our financial books, assess monetary gains and losses in preparation for taxes, and possibly create a new budget for the coming year. This is all “Good Stewardship – 101”!

Another valuable resource that is more difficult to measure is our use of **time**. We all have 24 hours a day; no more, no less. Unlike money, we can't save time; each day our 'time account' starts over. It is up to us to decide how to spend/invest our time; when it's gone, it's gone.

As we close out our financial books this month, may I encourage each of us to also consider how we will budget our time in 2017. May we have the wisdom to be both generous and frugal, not squandering but making wise investments as we steward one of our most valuable resources.

*See you next year!! Elaine Van Dellen NCTM*

### **COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Are you looking for a venue for your students to perform a late winter or spring recital? Sunrise Assisted Living at Pinehurst 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 10:00 a.m. The duration of the event will be determined by the number of teachers and students who sign up to participate. If you are interested in either performance opportunity, please contact Lorian Bartle at [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.

### **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.

### **TEACHERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ACHIEVEMENT DAY**

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this day a success! A quick reminder to please turn in your evaluation form. This form was sent as an email attachment by Laura Trefethen a few weeks ago. Thank you!

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

**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