



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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FMTA Meeting: January 18- 9:15-11:30 a.m.

## **"Healthy Lifestyle, Healthy Teaching" with Hazel Ramsbotham, NCTM**

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

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### **FMTA MEETING AND PROGRAM- JANUARY 18, 9:15 a.m.**

Join us for our monthly meeting and program and our guest, Hazel Roberts-Ramsbotham, music teacher for 74 years, 50 of which as a Nationally Certified Music Teacher. Hazel has begun a new career of health and fitness and she desires to do what she can to help teach ways for all of us to improve our health and wellness. She is now a Certified Health Coach from the Dr. William Sears Wellness Institute. Dr. Sears, America's Pediatrician, has written over 40 books in pediatrics and now several more relating to adult health as he began his institute. Hazel will share helpful tips for us to implement so that we can enjoy a more healthful and productive life as music teachers.

### **PRP AREA MEETINGS**

The next PRP ( Professional Reading Program) for the **south** area will be held on February 22, 2017 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the home of Arlyce Black, 6708 W. Arbor Drive, Littleton, Co. 80123. Please RSVP to Arlyce at [303-795-8162](tel:303-795-8162) or [arlyceb@gmail.com](mailto:arlyceb@gmail.com). The book to be discussed this month is *Clara Schumann: The Artist and the Woman* by Nancy B. Reich. For more information and a map please click on the following link to our website, [http://www.fmtamusic.org/event/professional-reading-program-2/?instance\\_id=370](http://www.fmtamusic.org/event/professional-reading-program-2/?instance_id=370)

The next PRP meeting for the **north** area will be held on February 9, 2017 at the home of Carol Williams, 12748 W 56th Place, Arvada, CO 80002. Please RSVP to Carol at 303-431-1790. The book to be discussed this month is *Clara Schumann: The Artist and the Woman* by Nancy B. Reich. For more information and a map please click on the following link to our website, [http://www.fmtamusic.org/event/professional-reading-program-meeting-north-area-2/?instance\\_id=373](http://www.fmtamusic.org/event/professional-reading-program-meeting-north-area-2/?instance_id=373)

### **WEBSITE TEACHER DIRECTORY UPDATE**

If you are not currently in FMTA's Website Public Directory (Find a Teacher) and would like to have your information added so that potential students may know how to contact you, or if your information has changed, please send the following information to Jan Tuttle at [janetmtuttle@gmail.com](mailto:janetmtuttle@gmail.com) by **January 30th**: Your name, city, instruments taught, phone number, email address, website link (if you have one), and whether you are currently accepting students.

**SONATINA FESTIVAL -MARCH 18, 2017**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Now is a good time to review the requirements for Sonatina Festival. FMTA's Sonatina Festival takes place on March 18<sup>th</sup>, with registration just around the corner on **February 18<sup>th</sup>**. Plan to mail your entry on the **15<sup>th</sup> of February** to be sure it arrives on time. Late entries will **NOT** be accepted, as stated in the directions and in the standing rules. Remember to include an envelope addressed to you with a stamp on it, so you will receive all the scheduling information on time. All teachers are expected to work that Saturday. If this is not possible, it is your responsibility to find someone to cover your work assignment, and inform the chairman with contact information. This is a one day festival, with recitals in the late afternoon/evening.

Do you know the answers to these questions? If not, reread the standing rules posted on the website. If you know these answers, kudos to you! Perhaps you would consider chairing this event in 2018? Please let me know if you are interested.

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE.....TRUE or FALSE?**

- 1. The late fee of \$20 is paid by teachers who renewed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. (false)
- 2. Photo copied music is acceptable. (false)
- 3. A student may compete in more than one class. (false)
- 4. Entries must be received by the chairman by February 18<sup>th</sup>. (true)
- 5. All Sonatinas played must be listed as per the repertoire list. (true)
- 6. In the instrumental/vocal category, 3 or more entrants are required for the event to be a competition. (true)
- 7. Refunds are made for cancellations. (false)
- 8. Judges are not obligated to choose a winner. (true)
- 9. Winners may not receive a cash award. (true, see rule #19 & #25)



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

Happy New Year! I hope you are all rested and restored following the holiday break. Maybe you are wishing for a longer break; or maybe you can't wait to get back into the routine.

At any rate, I hope you can join us on January 18<sup>th</sup> as our longtime colleague, Hazel Ramsbotham, NCTM, will inspire and kick start us into the new year with her fresh ideas on "Healthy Lifestyle, Healthy Teaching."

Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2017! ~ Elaine Van Dellen, NCTM

**A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

Who is currently your favorite composer and/or piece? Come prepared to our next meeting to share who/what you are really jazzed about so we can help jumpstart each other into the new year.

**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.

## **COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

There is an opportunity to perform at Sunrise Assisted Living at Pinehurst on Sunday, February 19th from 3-4 pm. Sunrise offers 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 am. 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@BartleGuitarStudio.com](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.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.

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

**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