



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting:
August 16, 2017- 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Roundtable Discussion: FMTA Teachers “Building Your Own Website”

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

FMTA MEETING AND PROGRAM- AUGUST 16, 2017- 9:15 -11:30 a.m.

Welcome back to our first meeting for the year! We will be having a roundtable discussion on how to build your own studio website with information such as what you should include, how to go about building your website and how to make this tool work for you! This is beneficial in communicating with parents, students, and most importantly, promoting our own FMTA organization. The following teachers already have websites for their studios and are willing to share their ideas with you! Please check them out before our next meeting and come with questions and your own ideas as well.

<http://www.jantuttlemusicstudio.com/> , <http://www.dovemusiclessons.com/>,<http://www.lorianbartlestrings.com/>
<http://dperret.mymusicstaff.com/> , <http://lakewoodschoolofmusic.com/>,<http://rhinelanders.com/> ,
<http://aprilsacademyforyoungmusicians.blogspot.com/>

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY

An FMTA student/teacher performance/informational session will take place at the Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market located at 7043 W. 38th Avenue; Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 on Saturday, August 26th from 10am-2pm. The event will take place indoors and will feature performances by piano, voice, flute, and guitar students and teachers. Come on out and join us for a community-based musical FMTA event! For more information, contact Lorian Bartle at info@BartleGuitarStudio.com or 720-353-2902.

FMTA SEPTEMBER MEETING: LEILA VISS- GOING BAROQUE

FMTA's Winterfest Theme this year is Baroque Music. Leila Viss will be joining us in September to share her wonderful ideas about baroque repertoire, activities, improvisation, and composers to help us prepare our students for this festival. She is also offering a discount on her resource “Going Baroque” to FMTA for the months of August and September. Use the following coupon code to purchase this resource and watch your studio embrace baroque music in a fun and creative way for your Fall semester. Coupon Code: FMTA2017

LOOKING FOR A MENTOR?

Do you wish you had someone who could help you with a certain area of teaching that you would like to be stronger in? Check out the [List of Mentors](#) on our website!

ACHIEVEMENT DAY-NOVEMBER 4TH

It's time to start thinking about Achievement Day! The big day is Nov 4th at Colorado Christian University. Registration must be in the hands of the Chair, Laura Trefethen, by Oct. 4. Registration forms may be found on the FMTA website at: <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/> Please email or call Laura if you have any questions about the paperwork at 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 August 16th.

Achievement Day always brings lots of excitement and fun for students and teachers. Please come and join us!

WINTER FESTIVAL- "GO BAROQUE!"

Calling all FMTA teachers to GO BAROQUE! Don't miss out. Get your studio off to an exciting start this Fall with the amazing repertoire of the Baroque Era. There are fantastic resources out there to help you create a memorable introduction to this time period. Then, on February 3, 2018, you'll wrap up your Fall activities with a "GO BAROQUE" Winter Festival. We'll have a great day of recitals and activities for students of all ages. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with one of two all Baroque Recitals. About half of the day's participants will play in this time slot. After they play, they'll be directed to stations that include wig-making, ornamentation and stylistic lessons, snacks, and other crafts. Plus, we'll all be taking Minuet dance lessons and dancing the Minuet together. About 11:30 we'll conclude the day with a 2nd Recital for the remaining students. They will each get a participation award and we'll be giving a prize for Best Costume and Best Wig! Your students will love this fun and interesting introduction to the Baroque Era and they'll be begging you to teach them more and more Bach and Scarlatti in the future. Now, how great would that be!



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome back to all the fabulous FMTA teachers! I am so honored to be the president of this organization this year. I have been a member only a few years but I am excited about the opportunity to serve alongside you!

I just wanted to take a moment to tell you a little about myself. My husband and I have five children (ages 13 to 4) and we love to hike, watch the Broncos and play music. I play clarinet in different interfaith orchestras and in a chamber ensemble. I have been teaching piano/clarinet for about 15 years and I have loved the growth and opportunity that FMTA has given to me personally and professionally.

FMTA has been such a wonderful support and source of mentoring for me! I am so grateful for the friends, advice and ideas I get from our meetings. I have also loved the opportunities for my students to compete and perform in the many outstanding events FMTA offers. I know that all of this is possible because of the people that are a part of FMTA.

What a wonderful year of programs and student events we have in place for this year! We hope to see you often at our monthly meetings and events! ~April Larsen

CONGRATULATIONS TO FMTA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following students who will be awarded scholarships from FMTA: Delaney Santoro, student of April Larsen, will be majoring in K-12 Music Education at Colorado Mesa University. She will be awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship. Kaylyn Schoen, student of Jan Tuttle will receive a continuing scholarship of \$300.00. She is minor in music at Hastings College in Nebraska and doing really well. Summer Enrichment Camps are still pending.

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 by **September 1**: Your name, city, instruments taught, phone number, email address, website link (if you have one), and whether you are currently accepting students.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! For the beautiful roses you presented me at our May meeting! Of course, they are now long gone (as is the "salad" plant you surprised me with last year); but I will always remember your love and support that they represent. ~ *Elaine Van Dellen NCTM*

ACCOMPANIST NEEDED

Heritage UMC, near Chatfield HS needs a pianist. If interested in learning about the position, contact Bill Anderson at 303-972-8167

RISING STARS FESTIVAL!

Congratulation to Sue Brownson whose voice student, Shir Dallal, received Honorable Mention in the Lower Senior Voice category at the recent CSMTA's Rising Stars Festival. Way to go, Sue and Shir!

GOLDEN TEEN HONORED AT INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION

Linus Woodard of Golden received an honorable mention earlier this month from the prestigious Bradshaw & Buono International Piano competition. The 15-year-old competed against more than 100 high school teens for a chance to perform at Carnegie Hall. Woodard is a Golden High School sophomore and a student of piano instructor and FMTA member, Leslie Noyes, NCTM.

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE

August 16, 9:15-11:30 a.m.---FMTA Meeting and Program
August 26, 10:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.---Four Seasons Farmers and Artisans Market
September 8, 10:00-11:30 a.m.---Performance Group at Laura Rogers' home
September 20, 9:15-11:30 a.m.---FMTA Meeting and Program
October 4---Achievement Day Registration Deadline
October 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m.---Performance Group at Margaret Wahl's home
October 18, 9:15-11:30 a.m.---FMTA Meeting and Program
October 26, 9:30-11:00 a.m.---Professional Reading Program, home of Arlyce Black

FULL CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2017/2018

A detailed list of all this year's calendar events, meetings and other happenings is just one easy click away on the FMTA website calendar! <https://www.fmtamusic.org/events-calendar/>

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.