



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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September 2017

FMTA Meeting:  
September 20, 2017- 9:15-11:30 a.m.

“Going Baroque!”  
Presented by Leila Viss

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

**FMTA MEETING AND PROGRAM- SEPTEMBER 20, 2017- 9:15 -11:30 a.m.**

Come join us this month to learn how you can make teaching baroque music an engaging experience for both you and your students. Leila Viss will be sharing her innovative ideas about baroque repertoire, activities, improvisation, and composers to help us prepare our students for FMTA’s Winterfest in February. She is also offering a discount on her resource “Going Baroque” to FMTA for the month of September. Follow this link [https://88pianokeys.me/product/go-baroque/?mc\\_cid=5ab4171b24&mc\\_eid=6f47719763](https://88pianokeys.me/product/go-baroque/?mc_cid=5ab4171b24&mc_eid=6f47719763) and use the coupon code FMTA2017 to receive her discount. We look forward to seeing you on September 20<sup>th</sup>!

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY REGISTRATION DUE OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>!**

Achievement Day will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Colorado Christian University. Registration must be in the hands of Laura Trefethen NO LATER than October 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms may be found on the FMTA website at: <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/>. If you cannot hand it to her in person (for example at our Sept. 20 meeting), please send registration forms to 8257 Zev Lane, Evergreen CO 80439. Please call or email Laura if you have any questions about the paperwork- 303-656-6184 (cell) or [lauratrefethen@gmail.com](mailto:lauratrefethen@gmail.com). Please remember a stamped self-addressed envelope and Laura will mail you your schedule the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any teenage students that would like to volunteer anytime during the day of November 4<sup>th</sup>, please contact Laura. Laura will be available directly after our Sept 20 meeting to answer questions and help fill out forms. We are excited for a fun-filled day for teachers and students alike! Please come and join us!

**COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Thank you to all who participated in the Four Seasons Farmers Market FMTA Informational Session/Student & Teacher performances! More community-based FMTA student performance opportunities will be announced in the near future.

**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!

## **BARNES & NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT- DECEMBER 8-10, 2017**

Thank you to the teachers who will be giving their Holiday recitals at Barnes & Noble! This event is a fund raiser for our Scholarship Fund. Shoppers tell the clerks they are supporting the FMTA music group and we receive a portion of the sale. Times still available for recitals are: Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 p.m. You may ask for a half hour slot, also. Call or email Kathy now to reserve your time: 303-988-9565/khpiano@msn.com.

## **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!



## **TEACHERS: ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE PLUNGE?**

MTNA Certification may be the next step to take your teaching and studio to a whole new level. The 5-part process is outlined at [www.mtnacertification.org](http://www.mtnacertification.org). You can also access this information through our FMTA website. And remember, FMTA will reimburse 1/2 of your application fee upon completion! Elaine Van Dellen NCTM, would love to help you achieve this goal. Call me at 303-955-5790.

## **WORKSHOP- DR. ARTHUR HOULE**

The Musician's Society of Denver will feature Dr. Arthur Houle at their first workshop session to be held at Rockley Family Foundation Community Recital Hall on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. He will be reviewing his recent publication: Muzio Clementi's *Six Progressive Sonatinas for the Piano Forte, OP 36*.

Houle spent more than two decades tracking down primary sources from libraries around the world. He then collated them to produce a definitive scholarly revised edition, free of errors. This new edition, published by Abundant Silence, is considered to be "comprehensive and reliable, a rare combination of solid scholarship and creativity" There is no charge for admittance, donations will be welcome. Please contact Evelyn Billberg 303-629-9209 if you have questions.

## **UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE**

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

November 4- all day---Achievement Day at CCU

## **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/>

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