



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting:
October 18, 2017- 9:15-11:30 a.m.

“Learning and Teaching Styles”
Presented by Phyllis Pieffer

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

FMTA MEETING AND PROGRAM- OCTOBER 18, 2017- 9:15 -11:30a.m.

It is often said we teach as we ourselves were taught, but that is not true! We teach in our own learning style. So first it is important to ascertain how each of us learns and then study our students' learning styles. A teacher can learn to teach in a different style than that in which she learns, but it requires constant attention and adjustment. Our own FMTA member, Phyllis Pieffer NCTM, will focus on three areas in her presentation this month: 1) Right Brain/Left Brain: Feeling and sensitive, or logical and mathematical; 2) Temperaments: Apes, Bears, Owls, and Dolphins! (Dr. Keith Golay), The total configuration or pattern of the whole person; and 3) Modalities: Visual, Aural, and Kinesthetic (VAK). Please join us on Oct. 18th and learn how you can teach most effectively in your studio!

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

Thank you to all who have selected times for your Holiday recitals. It is always exciting to not only hear the music that is presented, but to realize the funds that B&N sends us after our parents and students make purchases that support our Scholarship Fund. Recital times are still available are Friday, Dec. 8th, 7:00 p.m; Saturday, 7:00 p.m; and Sunday, Noon and 7:00 p.m. Call or email Kathy, 303-988-9565 or 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!

ACHIEVEMENT DAY IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4!

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful event. If you have student volunteers who would like to help, or you don't have students participating but have a little time to spare on Nov. 4 to help out with the day's events, please let Laura Trefethen know – [303-656-6184](tel:303-656-6184), or lauratrefethen@gmail.com. The energy at Achievement Day is contagious!

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 4th 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 to teachers, parents, and students who work hard to make this event successful! We are looking forward to a fabulous day. Laura is working hard to schedule teachers and students. Watch for your packet in the mail in 1-2 weeks. Please contact her with any questions.

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a community-based performance opportunity for your students this upcoming winter/spring? If so, contact Lorian Bartle and she will coordinate with local senior living communities to set this up for you! Her students will be performing at Morning Star in Wheat Ridge on Sunday, May 20th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and she is looking for one other teacher to share this performance time with her students.

Email: info@BartleGuitarStudio.com or (720) 353-2902.

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!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I absolutely loved our September meeting, what a great way to kick off the year! I loved getting to know each of you better, our friendship and camaraderie is one of my favorite parts of FMTA. And our program by Leila was so inspiring! I already used the paper plates and Baroque music in my four year old music class, it was a huge hit.

I recently attended the CSMTA Board Meeting and it was so interesting to see how things work at the state (and national) level. We really are all working towards the same goals and it is good to be reminded of that.

I have been reading our PREP book about Grit and it is fascinating. I can't wait for our discussion on the 23rd! April Larsen, FMTA President

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. You can also access this information through our FMTA website. And remember, FMTA will reimburse ½ of your application fee upon completion! Elaine Van Dellen NCTM, would love to help you achieve this goal. Call me at 303-955-5790.

ACCOMPANIST NEEDED!

The Green Mountain High School Performing Arts Department is looking for a piano player for their musical "The Addams Family". Pay is \$1000 and the schedule is below. I am glad to share more details and exact times with anyone interested. Please contact Dave Gleason at David.Gleason@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-8889. Rehearsals: Feb. 8, 9 -3:15-6:00 pm, Feb. 12-16- 3:15 - 6:00 pm, Feb. 20-23- 3:15 - 6:00, Shows: evening unless a matinee, Feb. 26, 27, 28 (matinee), Mar. 1, 2, 3, 3 (one of these is a matinee)

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE see full details at <https://www.fmtamusic.org/events-calendar/>

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

November 10, 10:00-11:30---Performance Group, Rocky Mountain Village Estates, Phyllis Pieffer

November 15, 9:15-11:30---FMTA Meeting and Program

December 8-10---Barnes and Noble Holiday Event, Lakewood

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.