



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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December 2017

No December Meeting-Happy Holidays!

Next Meeting is January 17, 2018

JANUARY 17, 2018--FMTA MEETING AND PROGRAM

There will not be a meeting in December, but please join us for our January meeting for a wonderful program presented by Davina Perret on “How to Start Up Your Own Group Piano or Guitar Studio”.

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

Please come join us for our Holiday Music Event weekend fundraiser, December 8-10th 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: **#12202792**. It will be valid online December 8 through 15 at www.bn.com. Pass along the word to all your students and support FMTA! Click [here](#) for a sheet of vouchers you may pass out to your students!

WINTER FESTIVAL, “GO BAROQUE!”- FEBRUARY 3, 2018!

Teachers! Are you preparing your students for the fun-filled and exciting “Go Baroque!” in February? Our plans are coming together and its going to be a great event. We need all of you to save empty toilet paper rolls and bring them to our meetings in November and January. Additionally, we need some volunteers. Would you be willing to teach the Minuet dance or a primer in ornamentation? Plan now and let us know how you'd like to help out. Contact Davina or Laura with questions. Don't forget that the **application deadline is JANUARY 3, 2018!!**

THANKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT DAY!

Thank you to all who participated in Achievement Day this year! We had a wonderful turn-out and fabulous time for all involved. Thank you to teachers who came to help who didn't have students and to everyone for helping to make the day a success. Please return the Achievement Day evaluation form that was emailed to you so we can know how to make it better for you each year. The first question on the evaluation is for teachers who did not participate, so please check it out even if you did not attend this year.

Laura is also looking for a person to be her assistant next year, one who would then take the lead in the future. Please contact her if interested.

SONATINA FESTIVAL-MARCH 10, 2018

The Sonatina Festival will be coming up quickly after the holidays, so now is a good time to be planning and preparing students who will be participating! It will be held March 10th at the Colorado Christian University Music Center. Registration is due by February 10th.

The FMTA Sonatina Festival is a competition that takes place each spring. Students will be in a Class according to their grade level. They are challenged to perform two memorized movements of a Sonatina from the approved Sonatina Festival Repertoire list. The winners perform at a special Honors Recital and may receive a trophy.

Click [here](#) to find all the forms including the Standing Rules, Sonatina Festival Registration Form 2018, and FMTA Sonatina Festival Repertoire List for 2018.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What a wonderful start to our FMTA events this school year! Achievement Day was a smashing success, thanks to everyone who helped with that event. I am really looking forward to Barnes and Noble this weekend, it's always fun to hear all the cheerful holiday music my students prepare. I also have quite a few students working on a Baroque piece. Don't forget that deadline is coming up over the holidays!

As we look forward to the new year, I encourage you to make some new goals for your music studio and to include FMTA in those goals. How can you serve our organization next year? What will fit into your busy life? We are all busy, but our fabulous organization only works through the service of its members. I have been grateful for the opportunity to serve each of you and I know there is a fit for you to help too!

I have recently started listening to the Creative Piano Teaching Podcast with Tim Topham. It is really inspiring and encouraging me the weeks we don't have our meetings. One of my goals for the new year is to listen to at least one music/education podcast a week. Try it out while you are driving, working out or making dinner!

I just want to take a second to thank each of you who give of your time and talents to make this organization work and to mentor those around you. I am grateful to know such amazing music educators. Merry Christmas, happy holidays and please have a Happy New Year!

~April Larsen, FMTA President

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a community-based performance opportunity for your students this upcoming winter or spring? If so, contact Lorian Bartle and she will coordinate with other FTMA teachers and 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 2-3 pm and she is looking for one other teacher to share this performance time with her students. [Email:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com) or [\(720\)353-2902](tel:(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!

ATTENTION TEACHERS!

Have you created your studio policies and made them available to your students? Do you have a hand out or website that tells prospective students about you, your musical training, and teaching experience? Can you articulate your teaching philosophy? If your answer is 'yes', you have already completed over half of the requirements for National Certification. Why not get recognized for what you are already doing? All that remains is to apply, submit these things, analyze 4 teaching pieces, and record a few of your lessons. Once you are officially certified by MTNA, FMTA will reimburse ½ of your application fee. For complete information, visit www.mtnacertification.org. Submitted by Elaine Van Dellen, NCTM

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

December 8-10---Barnes and Noble Holiday Event, Lakewood
January 3--- Deadline for registration for Winter Festival
January 17, 9:15-11:30 a.m.---FMTA Meeting and Program
January 24, 9:30-11:00 a.m.---PRP at home of Arlyce Black
February 3- Winter Festival--- "Go Baroque!" at Our Saviours Corner of Hope Church
February 10- Deadline for registration for Sonatina Festival
March 10- Sonatina Festival at CCU, all day

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.