



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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FMTA Meeting:  
January 17, 2018- 9:15-11:30 a.m.

“Starting Up Your Own Group Studio”

Presented by Davina Perret

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

#### **JANUARY 17, 9:15-11:30 p.m.---FMTA MEETING AND PROGRAM**

Have you ever wanted to try out group lessons? Do you want to grow your studio but not increase your weekly work hours? Are you curious about group lesson curriculum? Davina Perret will answer these questions and more at our FMTA monthly program on January 17th. She relaunched her studio this past summer, after teaching individual lessons for 17 years, to teaching in a group format for piano, guitar and ukulele. Davina is certified in Harmony Road Music Curriculum, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy from Colorado State University, and has been a member of FMTA since 2014. She is a former student of Arlyce Black.

#### **BARNES & NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!**

Thank you to all who participated in the 2017 December Holiday Recitals at Barnes & Noble. Congratulations to all teachers, students and parents for adding \$2,540.68 to the FMTA Scholarship Fund. We appreciate You!!! And we know the patrons and Barnes and Noble employees enjoyed hearing the high quality live performances. THANK YOU!

#### **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!!**

#### **IS YOUR STUDIO ON THE FMTA WEBSITE DIRECTORY?**

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 15th**: 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 10, 2018**

The Sonatina Festival is coming up quickly, 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 to Evelyn Billberg by February 10th.**

The FMTA Sonatina Festival is a competition that takes place each spring. Students will be placed 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.

## **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](http://www.mtnacertification.org). Submitted by Elaine Van Dellen, NCTM

## **MUSICIANS SOCIETY OF DENVER**

The Musicians Society of Denver was started in 1918 by a group of musicians who supported the symphony guild and sponsored music performances in private homes. In 1936 it was re-organized to become a scholarship club, joining the National Federation of Music Clubs. For many years the Musicians Society of Denver Senior Club has sponsored the Denver Metro Junior Federation Festival in March for federated teachers in the Denver Metro Area. In addition, the MSD was recently re-committed to reviving monthly club performance events at the new Rockley Family Foundation Recital Hall in Lakewood. These events are diverse in nature and are designed to offer performance opportunities to performers of all ages in the Metro Denver community.

The schedule for the rest of the season is as follows:

Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm – *“Have U Hugged UR Instrument with LOVE?”* featuring Lisa Downing, a local Emmy winning, internationally acclaimed pianist/composer and recording artist. Lisa was a founding member of the Columbine Music Teachers Association.

Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm – *“March Music Madness”* Special Community Recital.

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm - *“Showered With Music.”* Colorado Federation Jr. Composer Contest Participant Recital.

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm – *“Strictly Jazz Improv”* with LaTonya Hall (graduate of Columbine H.S.) and Andy Milne, directly from New York City. LaTonya’s jazz vocals and Andy’s fearless versatile music as pianist and composer will thrill the MSD audience. Andy is a Yamaha Artist/Educator.

We are extending a special invitation to our music friends and teachers to include you and/or your students in the March Music Madness. We still have a few open slots for performers at this recital event. This invitation is extended to musicians of all ages, all instruments and vocalists. Please contact me if you, or musicians you know, would like to join us for this event. Evelyn Billberg, 303-629-9209, [ev.billberg@gmail.com](mailto:ev.billberg@gmail.com)

## **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 strengthen? Check out the [List of Mentors](#) on our website!

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

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/>

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