



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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FMTA Meeting:  
April 18, 2018- 9:15-11:30 a.m.  
Round Table Discussion  
“Music Games in Your Studio”

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

**FMTA MEETING MEETING-APRIL 18, 9:15-10:30 a.m.**

Do you wish you had quick-minute games that you could use in your private lessons to reinforce a concept? Do you need more ideas for games to use in your group classes? What about teenagers? Are they too old for games or have you found some that work in your studio? Come ready to share your ideas about music games and leave with even more ideas at our April meeting. Be prepared to discuss the following topics:

- Quick-minute games that can be played with your student one-on-one during a private lesson.
- Games for group classes.
- Games that work with teenagers.

We look forward to sharing and learning from one another!!

**SONATINA FESTIVAL A BIG SUCCESS!**

The 2018 FMTA Sonatina Festival was a great success this year! There were 26 teachers with 103 students. We would like to congratulate all the winners and their teachers for their dedication to preparing students with Sonatinas for this festival. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner for class class VI was Ze-Ning-Ong, student of Bobette Mahan. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make this event possible for our students.

Looking ahead to 2018, please be sure to read the standing rules carefully. We will be reviewing the repertoire list this summer and will have any changes included by August. In September please review the list carefully to be sure you have your students preparing their pieces appropriate to their age and Class.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped. It was fun to chair this wonderful Sonatina Festival, though it was certainly a challenge to take on for the first year. Much was learned and we will work hard to provide another dynamic event next year.

Evelyn Billberg, Chair  
Sonatina Festival 2018

## **SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>**

Scholarship applications from seniors intending to be music majors or minors are due at the FMTA April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, high school undergraduates wanting to attend a summer music camp or a summer training institution can apply to help with expenses. Standing rules and the application forms are located on the website on the [Scholarship page](#). Notice the change that digital videos are acceptable. Applications can also be mailed to LaVon Cooper, P. O. Box 77, Granby, CO. 80446. For any questions call LaVon at 970-531-5195.

## **OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2018-2019**

The nominating committee recommends the following persons to serve as our elected officers next year:

President: April Larsen

V.P. for Programs: Carrie Christensen

V.P. for Membership: Robin Braun

Secretary: Brenda Ohlschwager

Treasurer: Elinore Quander

Additional nominees will be accepted from the floor at our April meeting before the membership vote. Please be sure to attend this important meeting. Nominating Committee members: Elaine Van Dellen NCTM and Laura Rogers.

## **RENEWAL TIME IS COMING UP- DON'T BE LATE!**

The deadline for renewing your membership to MTNA, CSMTA and FMTA is **July 1!** You will be receiving your renewal reminders both online and by mail soon, so be sure to take a few minutes to renew your membership right away so you won't be late! There are consequences to renewing your membership late, after the July 1 deadline, including:

- Added fee for entering your students in an event
- Your name will not appear in our Membership Directory
- Your name will not appear on our online "Find a Teacher" directory
- You will not be on our email list to receive information from FMTA

When you renew with MTNA, please double check that all your information is current and correct so that your information will be correct in our directory as well. To be sure to be on time, tell yourself to renew by June! Questions? Please contact our membership VP, Robin Braun at [robinbraun815@gmail.com](mailto:robinbraun815@gmail.com)

## **HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT FMTA MEMBERS TO KNOW?**

If you have an announcement about an FMTA event, community event, a concert, a piano for sale, accompanist needed or anything that you think FMTA members should know about, please remember to contact Jan Tuttle at [janetmtuttle@gmail.com](mailto:janetmtuttle@gmail.com) by the first Wednesday of every month, by noon, so she can put it in the newsletter! It is FMTA's policy not to bombard our member's email accounts with individual announcements and flyers that you forward to us, so please plan ahead if there is something you'd like to share in the newsletter. You may also contact April Larsen at [aprillarsenmusicstudio@gmail.com](mailto:aprillarsenmusicstudio@gmail.com) if you'd like her to announce your information at our monthly meeting!

**DID YOU KNOW** – that in addition to giving a stellar piano recital in February, Laura Rogers has been awarded the Schmidt Music Center Teacher of the Year Award for both 2016 and 2017? Congratulations, Laura!

## **MTNA CERTIFICATION**

If you have been waiting for the “perfect” time to begin your national certification process, that time is right around the corner. Plan now to attend “*Jump-Start Your MTNA Certification!*” workshop on Saturday, June 2 from 2:10 – 3:00 at the CSMTA State Conference in Greeley. Jill Hanrahan, NCTM and Karen Greenhalgh, NCTM will answer all of your questions and walk you through the process. Don’t miss this golden opportunity!

## **COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES**

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, August 25th, the third annual FMTA Recital/Information Session will take place at the Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market in Wheat Ridge starting at 10:00 a.m. This beautiful indoor venue is a great space for your students to gain valuable performance experience in a community setting. Give your students a motivating goal to work towards during the summer months! Students and teachers alike are welcome to perform for the community. Contact Lorian Bartle at [720-353-2902](tel:720-353-2902) or [info@BartleGuitarStudio.com](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com) to reserve a time slot for the event.

## **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 our [List of Mentors](#) on our website!

## **THE FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS**

Greetings Everyone, reminding you that the deadline for registering for the Festival for Creative Pianists is April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping you will join us for this fun event. It will be held June 6 to 9. The daytime adjudications will be held at Classic Pianos and the evening Concerts on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be held at the Rockley Family Foundation Recital Hall.

Here are some websites to check out the events and prizes. Remember that there are over 40 prizes, mostly at \$50, so review them carefully as you determine the repertoire for your students.

<https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-eligibility--info.html>

<https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-prizes.html>

<https://www.abundantsilence.org/performer-only-application.html>

Review the opportunity available for submitting the student’s original composition.

They have the option of playing an original composition in their 15 minutes or they can submit it in this category. <https://www.abundantsilence.org/performer--composer-application.html> Looking forward to seeing you at the festival this summer. For more information, contact Evelyn Billberg, Program Director.

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

April 13, 10:00-11:30 a.m. – Performance Group at the home of Betty Witt

April 18, 9:15-11:30- FMTA Meeting and Program at Rockleys Music Center

May 11, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group at the home of Kathy Hammer

May 16, 9:15-11:30- FMTA Meeting and Program at Rockleys Music Center

May 31-June 2- CSMTA Conference, UNC, Greeley

August 25, 10:00 a.m.- Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market

## **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](mailto:janetmtuttle@gmail.com) by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.*