



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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May 2018

FMTA Meeting:
May 16, 2018- 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Brunch and Teacher Musicale!

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

FMTA MEETING MEETING-May 16, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

It is time for FMTA's annual May Musicale!! The program is filling up, so if you would like to play then please contact Carrie Christensen (carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com) no later than May 10th. Please provide your name, the piece you will be playing, the composer, and duration of the piece. We are looking forward to a wonderful program from our many talented teachers!!

We will begin with a brunch and business meeting at 9:15. You are more than welcome to bring a food item to the brunch, even if you didn't get a chance to sign up at our last meeting. We will wrap up our end-of-the-year business and induct the new officers for next year. The May Musicale will begin at 10:30. We are looking forward to our May celebration and hope you will all join us!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019

President: April Larsen
V.P. for Programs: Carrie Christensen
V.P. for Membership: Robin Braun
Secretary: Brenda Ohlschwager
Treasurer: Elinore Quander

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 to reserve a time slot for the event.

RENEWAL TIME IS HERE- DON'T BE LATE!

The deadline for renewing your membership to MTNA, CSMTA and FMTA is **July 1!** You should have received your renewal reminders both online and by mail, 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 in June! Questions? Please contact our membership VP, Robin Braun at 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 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 if you'd like her to announce your information at our monthly meeting!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The end of my first year as president is here and I can't believe how quickly it has gone! I am so grateful to all those who have served this year and helped our events run. I have learned and grown so much from our teacher development this year. I am so glad that we have the opportunity to grow together and become better teachers. I was so grateful to have gone to the National Conference in March, I can't believe what an amazing experience it was and the amazing people I met.

I am so excited to attend our State Conference in at the end of the month. The opportunity to grow and learn should never be passed up by any of us no matter how many years we have been teaching or what our higher education pedigree may include. There is always room for learning and growth as music teachers. Attending our State Conference can help us make goals for improvement and growing our business and the summer is a great time to implement new ideas. I can't wait to see all of you at our State Conference!

April Larsen
FMTA President

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 CSMFTA 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!

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!

FREE COMPOSING WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS!

The **Festival for Creative Pianists** is inviting teachers and their students to join them for the workshops which they are holding during the festival this year. There is no charge for these workshops! Be sure to take advantage of this great opportunity for learning more about composing! These workshops will take place at Classic Pianos, 1332 S. Broadway, Denver, CO 80210. Questions? Contact Evelyn Billberg at ev.billberg@gmail.com Here are the times for these workshops:

Friday, June 8, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 Workshops- Theme: Composition

John Salmon- “*Should We Put Ourselves in Harmony's Way? Of Chords!*”

Wynn-Anne Rossi- “*Creative Composition in the Studio*”

Evan Mazunik- “*Using Improv to Spark New Compositions*”

Martha Hill Duncan- “*Musicianship: Tips on notation, finding the beat, key signatures, staff writing for piano, cross staff notation*”

Evelyn Billberg- “*Notation Software*”

Martha Hill Duncan Mini-Workshops

Thursday, June 7, 1:00: “*Making Melodies: The art of designing successful, forward moving, dramatic, arching and tapered melodic lines.*”

Friday, June 8, 1:00: “*Taking Chances: Using random elements from cards, dice, telephone numbers, names, etc to get a start on original composition.*”

Saturday, June 9, 11:00 a.m: “*Matrix Madness: The exploration of 12-tone writing in composition*”

Martha will also work one-on-one with students, \$25 donation, 30 minutes. Contact Evelyn Billberg to sign up.

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

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

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

May 31-June 2- CSMFTA 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 by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.