



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

“Extrinsic and Intrinsic Motivation in Your Studio”

Round Table Discussion and Potluck Lunch

Home of Kathy Hammer, 1690 S. Valentine Way, Lakewood 80228

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

Welcome back to our first meeting of the year! We will be having a roundtable discussion on how you use intrinsic and extrinsic motivation in your studio. Come with ideas to share. I am personally excited to hear the ideas of others and implement them in my own studio. **Please bring a dish to share at our potluck lunch.** And bring a friend, so they can take part in the comradery of FMTA! Door prizes will be available. This is a wonderful meeting to kick-off the year and renew our energy for teaching music!

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Come out on Saturday, August 25th to the third annual Four Seasons Farmers Market FMTA Student/Teacher Performances! The event will take place from 10-1 at the indoor farmers market located at 7043 W 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. Event organizer: Lorian Bartle (720) 353-2902

BARNES& NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT

Slots for our Holiday Recital Event at the Denver West Barnes & Noble store are already filling up quickly! This event raises funds each year for the FMTA Scholarship Fund and provides an opportunity to have your students play their holiday favorites! Many times have been filled but some prime times are still available: Friday, Dec. 7, 6:30 (30 minutes); Saturday, Dec. 8, 7:30; Sunday, Dec. 9, Noon-1, 4:00-5:00, 5:30, 6:00-7:00, 7:00-8:00. Contact Kathy if you would like to help us fill Barnes & Noble with Holiday music. 303-988-9565 or khpiano@msn.com



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 her at 303-955-5790.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY- NOVEMBER 3RD

Achievement Day registration has gone digital! Easy to follow registration instructions and links are on the FMTA website <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/>. The big day is Nov 3rd at Colorado Christian University. Registration and payment must be in the hands of the Chair, Laura Trefethen, by 10 pm, Oct. 3. Laura is available to help if you have questions: (303) 656-6184 (cell) or lauratrefethen@gmail.com. We welcome Jonny Sterling as our new co-chair this year!

Are you not sure what Achievement Day is all about or how to prepare your students for it? Laura will be available for questions directly after our FMTA meeting on Aug 15. At our September meeting, she is also walking through Achievement Day, and will give a step-by-step process on the new digital registration system. You won't want to miss that! There is also a wonderful Achievement Day Brochure for you to print and give to your students for their information- just click here [Achievement Day Brochure](#)

Achievement Day always brings lots of excitement and fun for students and teachers. Please come and join us!

WINTERFEST- JANUARY 26

Hooray! Jazz Combo is back for Winterfest, and is scheduled for January 26, 2019. During this "Jazz, Pop and Improvisation" themed festival, students will have the privilege of performing their piece with a live percussionist and bass player, or they can choose to play alone if they want as well! Depending on the number of entries, there will be a morning recital and afternoon recital. Students will have a brief rehearsal with the combo before their assigned recital. Students may select to play a jazz, blues, boogie woogie, pop piece, or create their own improvisation. They may even use a lead sheet or chord chart if desired. Duets, vocal and instrumental selections are welcome.

This is a time for creativity and, most of all, FUN! Some suggestions as you start your students on their repertoire this Fall: check out living composers such as Uri An Rovner, Bradley Sowash, and Lee Evans or past composers like Bill Boyd. Dust off older repertoire like Starer's Shades of Blue or find a book on [Amazon by clicking here!](#)

The Co-chairs are Davina Perret and Helen Gleason. Location TBA. Fee: \$20/student or duo. The deadline for registration will be December 31, 2018.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone, welcome to a new school year and season of teaching! It has been a whirlwind summer for me, with many things still up in the air. I would love for everything to be settled, but that is not how life works. We are all very busy with many things on our plates. Because our lives as teachers are often full throttle ahead, sometimes we get stuck in teaching grooves. We are good at teaching. Doing what we have always done (and what we are good at!) makes one part of our lives controllable and easy. But I encourage you to shake something up this fall! Attending our monthly meeting is a great way to keep your teaching fresh. Maybe you will decide to teach a new class this fall or try teaching group lessons. Maybe it's finally time to update your website (or get one) or to join our Facebook page!

I know I have some pretty exciting goals for my studio this year, I am just waiting for us to find our new house. I am so grateful for FMTA and my association with fabulous teachers that encourage me to be better each month. We are still in need of a few chair positions, *Cares and Congrats, Hospitality and Scholarships*. Each of these positions are minimal in the commitments they take and it is a great way to serve our organization and contribute to our community of musicians! Thank you to everyone for your faithful contributions and service. What we do matters and helps to spread the message that music is important in our community!

April Larsen
FMTA President

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 by **September 1st**: Your name, city, instruments taught, phone number, email address, website link (if you have one), and whether you are currently accepting students. If you miss this chance, the next update will be in January.

FOR SALE:

Adjustable Piano Bench. Lowest level is even with a standard bench. Seven notches allow the bench to rise between 18"- 23". New condition. \$50. Contact Kathy Hammer, 303-988-9565 or khpiano@msn.com.

ORGANIST/PIANIST NEEDED

Part-time organist/pianist sought by active Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) congregation in Littleton to play for worship services and accompany the choir. Instruments available: Rodgers T968 organ, brand new Boston baby grand piano model GP193PE (made by Steinway), and HP507 Roland Digital Piano. Experience on organ and leading of worship desired. Some flexibility in scheduling possible. Compensation will be commensurate with experience. Detailed job description available upon request. Please send cover letter, resume, and references to Janet Shibly, Director of Music Ministries, at jshibly@stphilip-co.org. Deadline for applications is August 6, 2018.

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!

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE -see full details at [FMTA EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

August 15, 9:30-12:00- FMTA Meeting, Program, and Luncheon- Home of Kathy Hammer
August 25, 10:00a.m.- Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market
September 14, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, Rocky Mountain Village Estates- Phyllis Pieffer host
September 19, 9:30-11:30a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program -Rockleys Music Center
October 3- Achievement Day Registration Deadline

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 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.