



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting:
September 19, 2018- 9:30-11:30 a.m.

“Online Achievement Day Registration”

Laura Trefethen-Achievement Day Chair

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

FMTA MEETING MEETING-SEPT. 19th- 9:30-11:30 a.m.

You do not want to miss this meeting!! Laura Trefethen has spent hours creating an online registration process for Achievement Day and she is enthusiastic to show us how to use it. The board tried it over the summer and it is fabulous! This will help alleviate mistakes while transferring information about our students' options. It also diminishes our paperwork significantly. FMTA is hoping to create online registrations for Winterfest and Sonatina Festival, so even if you are not planning on participating in Achievement Day then this program will still be invaluable for future events. Many thanks to Laura for all her hard work and we hope to see you all there!

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and families for coming out to the third annual Farmers' Market Festival this past August! Much appreciation for those who shared their musical talents in the beautiful Farmers & Artisans Market venue with the Wheat Ridge community. The Farmers' Market Festival is a non-competitive, community-based indoor performance opportunity that takes place annually on the last Saturday of August. Questions? Contact Lorian Bartle @ 720-353-2902 or info@BartleGuitarStudio.com.

BARNES & NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT

If you haven't selected a time for your December recital at the Denver West Barnes & Noble, there are still opportunities waiting for you on Friday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 (30 minutes) or Sunday, Dec. 9th noon-1:00p.m. or 4:00-5:00p.m. or 5:30-7:30p.m. Teachers, bring your students or you can even come and play music by yourself or with a small group. We are wanting to fill the book store with Christmas/Holiday music. Remember, this is our only fundraiser for the FMTA Scholarship Fund, so come be a part of helping the future of our students! Email Kathy with the time you would like at khpiano@msn.com.

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? 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 will be Our Savior's Corner of Hope Church. Fee: \$20/student or duo. The deadline for registration will be December 31, 2018.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fall is around the corner and we are all busy jumping back into teaching. I hope that your summer was full of teaching and vacations! I am so excited for the structure that the new school year brings. As you are deciding how to manage your time in the fall, be sure that our monthly meeting fits into your busy schedule! We will meet on the third Wednesday at Rockley Music at 9:30am. I am going to do my best to keep the business meetings short this year and maximize on the networking and professional development. We are always looking for more members to choose to be involved and help in running our organization. Please consider how you can leave your mark on the musical growth in our community. Thank you to all who have stepped up to serve this year, it's shaping up to be amazing!

April Larsen
FMTA President

SONATINA FESTIVAL

The following Proposed Change to Item 8 in the Standing Rules for Sonatina Festival will be called for a vote at the September meeting. Please review these changes and be prepared to discuss and vote.

Current Wording:

8. Original scores (**no photocopies accepted**) of the music shall be provided to the judges, with all measures numbered from the beginning of each movement. Students not using an original score will not be eligible for the competition, but may still play for evaluation only.

Proposed Change:

8. FMTA holds the teacher responsible for insuring that all music presented to the judge is legal. Arrangements are not permitted. *Photocopying of copyrighted music is illegal. All music must be an original publication, licensed for reprint, or in the public domain.*

Original scores (no photocopies accepted) of the music shall be provided to the judges, with all measures numbered from the beginning of each movement. Students not using an original score will not be eligible for the competition. The student may still play for evaluation only.

Sources for the original score:

- Original Publication.
- Authorized download of printed music.
- Free on-line score with permission to print.

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! You can also contact our Mentorship Chair, Robin Braun.

MUSICIANS SOCIETY OF DENVER

Two MSD sponsored events are coming up very soon. Saturday, September 8th at the Rockley Family Foundation Recital Hall, MSD is planning a **morning symposium** for the music community. Bringing musicians of all types together to share professional goals and endeavors, the morning will include mini-concerts and special sessions with professionals discussing interesting topics:

- Ellen VanDellen – “Who Are You?”
- The CSMTA Tale of the Teacher project
- Professional reading/teaching materials
- Colorado composer print music resources.

The morning will end with “lunch bunch” networking from 12:00-1:00 pm. Come enjoy a morning guaranteed to motivate your Mindset and kick-start Fall music-making.

Monster Bash! Saturday, October 20th at the Lakewood Cultural Center. This will be an exciting collaborative performance opportunity for your students. Go to the website at www.msdmusic.com and review the duets, trios, and quartets which will be played. There will be 10 pianos on stage as the student perform these pieces together. Registration for the event is available at the website. If you have questions contact Brenda Ohlschwager or Evelyn Billberg.



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.

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

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 -Rockley's Music Center
October 3- Achievement Day Registration Deadline
October 11, 9:15-11:00a.m.- Professional Reading Program Meeting, Home of Arlyce Black
October 12, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, Home of Diana Gaide
October 17, 9:30-11:30a.m- FMTA Meeting and Program- Rockley's Music Center
November 3, all day- FMTA Achievement Day, CCU

FULL CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2018/2019

A detailed list of all this year's calendar events, meetings and other happenings including maps to the locations 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.