



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting:
October 17th- 9:30-11:30 a.m.

“Performance Breathing Techniques”
Presented by Deborah Berioli

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

FMTA MEETING MEETING-OCTOBER 17th - 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Deborah Berioli, vocal and piano instructor at The Cat's Meow Studio in Mount Vernon will offer some insights into posture, breathing and the impact on the student's learning. What to spot in your students, guidelines and tips! Deborah is a Certified Orofacial Myofunctional Specialist and is completing a master's of science degree in behavioral breathing sciences. A teacher and performer of over 25 years, these disciplines can be of great value to student and teacher alike. We hope you'll join us for this informative program!

ACHIEVEMENT DAY- NOVEMBER 3RD

Achievement Day is Saturday, Nov. 3! Online registration and payments are due October 3rd by midnight at <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/>. Don't forget to do these three things: Register yourself as a teacher, register each student, and pay for your students. Laura Trefethen is available to help if you have questions: (303) 656-6184 (cell) or lauratrefethen@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful event. If you have student volunteers who would like to help, or you don't have students participating but have a little time to spare on Nov. 3 to help out with the day's events, please let Laura know. The energy at Achievement Day is contagious! Thank you to teachers, parents, and students that work hard to make this event successful.

Laura and our new co-chair, Jonny Sterling, are working hard to schedule teachers and students. Watch for an **EMAIL** with all registration info and materials on Friday Oct 12. We urge you to read and reread everything to make sure our day goes smoothly.

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Are your students interested in having the opportunity to perform in senior living communities or other community-based venues throughout the year in order to gain performance experience? If so, please contact Lorian Bartle @ 720-353-2902 or info@BartleGuitarStudio.com for community referrals and ideas to make this happen!

BARNES & NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT

The holidays are just around the corner, and before you know it, it will be time for our Barnes and Noble Holiday Event! We'd love to have you and your students participate in this performance as we support our scholarship fund by raising money and filling the store with holiday music for 3 days! If you haven't selected a time for your December recital at the Denver West Barnes & Noble, there are still opportunities waiting for you! Teachers, bring your students or you can even come and play music by yourself or with a small group. 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 Hammer to find out what times are still available at khpiano@msn.com.

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.

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.

MONSTER ENSEMBLE BASH

The Musicians Society is opening repertoire choices for their Monster Bash Concert which will take place on Saturday, October 20th at the Lakewood Cultural Center. Ensembles may now choose their own repertoire. We would like to invite "performance ready" ensembles to join in the fun! There will be 10 pianos on stage as the student perform these pieces together. Go to the website at www.msdmusic.com to register your ensemble today! The registration deadline for the event is October 13th. Registration is \$25 per student. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Ohlschwager Mrs.Osstudio@gmail.com or Evelyn Billberg ev.billberg@aol.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.

FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS- JUNE 5-8, 2019

Plans for the festival next June are under way. We are hoping that teachers are talking to students and families about participation this year. The website will be ready for registration the first of October. Please visit our website at <https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-homepage.html> for all the details.

Our judges this year will be: John Salmon, Kevin Olson, and Wynn-Anne Rossi. The festival will take place at Classic Pianos, Rockley Family Foundation Recital Hall and Schmitt Music.

We have added a venue because we have added another evening concert which will be held at Schmitt Music. We are planning an evening concert on Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 pm. We have invited two alumnae to return to the festival and give us a concert. One is a student from the early years of the festival when it was held in Boise, Idaho. The second student is here in the Denver area, active in several festivals. We will be putting out more information about this concert and our two alumnae guests later in the coming months.

We are also pleased to let you know that there is a new prize in place. Howard and Karen Pancoast are offering a \$100 prize for Howard's duo entitled "Two Piano Rondo." Karen is offering a \$100 prize for her duo entitled "Rondo Andalusia." I have copies of both duos if you would like to take a look at them. They can be purchased from the Pancoasts. Their contact information is: Howard and Karen Pancoast, 845 Balsam Street, Lakewood, CO 80214, (303) 232-2302. Their website is: <http://coloradopowerpiano.com>. We are excited about the coming year and are looking forward to seeing you and your students!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I just love Fall! I hope that everyone's teaching is inspired and feeling fresh. I have been listening to my favorite music teaching podcast and it is really helping me shake up my teaching ideas! We are looking forward to an amazing Achievement Day in a month. The new online registration has been getting fantastic reviews. I am just so grateful to all those who serve in our organization. We are bringing musical opportunities and experiences to our community. It is of such value, thank you for all you do to continue on the great traditions of FMTA.

April Larsen
FMTA President

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

October 3- Achievement Day Registration Deadline- online!

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, 9:30-11:30 a.m- FMTA Meeting and Program- Rockley's Music Center

November 3, all day- FMTA Achievement Day, CCU

November 8, 9:15-11:00 a.m.- Professional Reading Program Meeting, Home of Arlyce Black

November 9th, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, Home of Kathy Hammer

November 14th, 9:30- 11:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, Home of Jan Tuttle

December 7-9, Barnes and Noble Holiday Event, Denver West Barnes and Noble

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.