



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting:
November 14th - 9:30-11:30 a.m.

“Webinars 101”
Jan Tuttle

Note location change!-Home of Jan Tuttle
7047 S. Miller Ct. Littleton, CO. 80127

FMTA MEETING MEETING-NOVEMBER 14th - 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Have you ever watched a webinar? Have you wanted to, but didn't know how? Do you want to learn how to be a better teacher without leaving the comfort of your own home? Join us on November 14th at the home of Jan Tuttle (7047 S. Miller Ct. Littleton, CO. 80127). Jan will walk us through how to watch a webinar and the things we can learn from them, as well as watch part of a webinar so you can see how they work. If you already watch webinars, please come prepared to share your favorite resources with us at the end of the program. **Remember to meet at Jan Tuttle's home - 7047 S. Miller Ct. Littleton, CO. 80127.** Business meeting will begin at 9:30 and the webinar program will begin at 10:30.

BARNES & NOBLE HOLIDAY EVENT- DECEMBER 7-9, DENVER WEST

If you received a schedule for Barnes and Noble on Monday, November 5, then you have a time slot reserved. If you did NOT receive the schedule but would still like to have your students perform, the times available are: Friday, 6:30p.m. and you can have as long as you would like. Other times: Saturday, 7:30p.m, Sunday 12:30 (30 minutes), 4:00p.m. for an hour; 7:00p.m. for an hour or longer. When making a purchase, even in the coffee area, **be sure to tell the clerks you are supporting FMTA!!** We are given these days so our parents/students can make purchases and we can effortlessly raise money for our scholarship fund. If you are not planning to be at Barnes and Noble, you can still encourage your parents to purchase items when they are shopping the weekend of December 7-9, or make online purchases all week the week of Dec. 7-14th. We will be emailing you a flyer with a code to use when making online purchases to give to your students! Contact Kathy at 303-988-9565 or khpiano@msn.com for more information.

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

The annual FMTA Farmers Market Festival takes place the last weekend in August at the indoor Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market in Wheat Ridge. In the meantime, are you looking for opportunities for your students to perform in community-based venues throughout the school year? If so, contact Lorian Bartle at info@BartleGuitarStudio.com or 720-353-2902 for community referrals and ideas to make this happen!

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 is December 31, 2018.**

ACHIEVMENT DAY 2019-A BIG SUCCESS!

Thank you to all our amazing teachers! We had 20 teachers who submitted 156 students. We had additional teachers come help us for the day--thank you Elinore, Helen, Angie, and Monica. We also had 7 student volunteers who were a great help! Please thank your volunteers for me.

The day was a huge success. A couple of important things: 1. I still have missing artwork for a student. Please make sure you have only your students' art. 2. I have a few extra certificates if you need them. I will also bring any student forms/art left in my possession to our next meeting. 3. Bring your name tag to our meeting if you accidentally took it home. Thanks, Laura Trefethen

SONATINA FESTIVAL-MARCH 9, 2019

The Sonatina Festival will be coming up quickly after the holidays, so now is a good time to be planning and preparing students who will be participating! It will be held March 9th at the Colorado Christian University Music Center. **Registration is due by February 9th.**

The FMTA Sonatina Festival is a competition that takes place each spring. Students will be in a Class according to their grade level. They are challenged to perform two memorized movements of a Sonatina from the approved Sonatina Festival Repertoire list. The winners perform at a special Honors Recital and may receive a trophy.

Click here to find all the forms including the Standing Rules, Sonatina Festival Registration Form 2019, and FMTA Sonatina Festival Repertoire List for 2019 <https://www.fmtamusic.org/sonatina-festival/>.

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.



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

The Festival website is updated and ready to receive registrations on November 1st. Festival dates are: June 5-8, 2019. We are looking forward to another great festival with judges: John Salmon, Kevin Olson and Wynn-Anne Rossi. Check out the website as there have been a few changes. Also, review the prizes. Howard and Karen Pancoast are offering a prize for students playing their duos: Two Piano Rondo and Rondo Andalusia. For further information please visit the website <https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-homepage.html> or contact Evelyn Billberg.

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

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

December 31- Registration Deadline for WinterFest

January 16, 9:30-11:30a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, Rockley's Music Center

January 23, 9:15-11:30- Professional Reading Program Meeting, Home of Arlyce Black

January 26- WinterFest at Our Savior's Corner of Hope Church

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.