



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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No March Meeting- Happy Spring Break!

Next General Meeting is April 17th at Rockley Music Center

FMTA MEETING BOARD MEETING-MARCH 13, 9:30-11:30a.m.

There will be no general meeting this month, but the FMTA Board will meet at the home of April Larsen on March 13th, 9:30a.m. at 4855 S. Parfet St. Littleton 80127.

Please join us next month for our general meeting and a great program, presented by Carol Tarr, on Techniques for Memorizing Music!

SONATINA FESTIVAL - MARCH 9, 2019

The Sonatina Festival is close approaching...this Saturday. Thank you to all who have helped in preparation for the festival and your help this Saturday to have it run smoothly. If you have any questions please contact Evelyn or Brenda. One reminder, please let us know by noon if you have a special request for the recital should you have a winning student. We work through the day to put the Recital Program together and by afternoon we are wrapping up the programs and preparing to get them printed.

During the Festival, please think about the Repertoire. We will be asking for your input for suggestions in adjusting our Repertoire. Make notes if you would like to see something added. Also, Brenda is going to develop a Sonatina Resource Library. If you have old music that is on the list, please donate it.

Brenda has prepared a special certificate as the second option to the Classical Certificate which you can print up for your students, it is a nice alternative. Also, Brenda has a special surprise for students in the Winner Recital and the Honorable Mention students. You will be pleased! See you on Saturday. Evelyn Billberg and Brenda Ohlschwager

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendars! The third annual Farmers Market Festival is coming up on Saturday, August 24th starting at 10:00a.m. at the Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market in Wheat Ridge. The festival is a non-competitive, community-based opportunity for students to perform in a beautiful indoor setting. This is a great opportunity to keep your students practicing throughout the summer. If you are interested in having your students participate, a signup sheet will be passed around during the April and May FMTA meetings. Confirmation for performance times will be made in early summer. Questions? Contact Lorian Bartle at 720-353-2902 or info@BartleGuitarStudio.com.

PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM 2018-2019:

All Meetings are at the home of Arlyce Black, 6708 W. Arbor Drive, Littleton, Co. 80123, from 9:15-11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to her at arlyceb@gmail.com or call 303-795-8162. The next meeting is Thursday, April 18, 2019 and we will be discussing "*The Musician's Way*" by Gerard Klickstein, (Oxford University Press, 2009). Everyone is welcome to attend! If you have not read the book, you will be inspired to read the selection of books.

Suggestions for getting the most out of the reading program:

- Apply new ideas as you and your students work on music from these composers.
- Share ways you have been and are being influenced by the great composers
- Come to the 2019 Professional Reading Conference Workshop so that we can learn from each other!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!

Scholarship applications from seniors intending to be music majors or minors are due at the FMTA April 17th meeting. Also, high school undergraduates wanting to attend a summer music camp or a summer training institution can apply to help with expenses. Standing rules and the application forms are located on the website on the Scholarship page. Notice the change that digital videos are acceptable. Applications can also be mailed or emailed to:

Laurie Brown

laurie.e.brown@gmail.com

11930 W 70th Way, Arvada, CO 80004

cell: (303)422-0822

Please call with any questions. Laurie will be attending the April 17th meeting and can accept your applications in person as well.

FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS- JUNE 5-8, 2019

We are encouraging teachers to have their students register now as there will only be 40 students accepted. For all students under age 19, the registration fee is \$95. Composition Competition – No additional fee. There are three levels this year so beginners will have a winning opportunity. Repertoire is due May 18. The judges are: John Salmon, Kevin Olson and Wynn-Anne Rossi. For questions, contact Evelyn Billberg at ev.billberg@gmail.com

Prizes: Review the prizes and consider how to arrange the 15 minutes of playing to take advantage of the prizes offered. <https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-prizes.html>

Schedule of Events: Take a look at the events there is a lot going on this year. We have added Wednesday evening with a recital of alumni. <https://www.abundantsilence.org/schedule-of-events.html>

Application Forms:

Festival: <https://www.abundantsilence.org/application-form.html>

Composition: <https://www.abundantsilence.org/written-composition-submission-form.html>

Repertoire: Due May 18, <https://www.abundantsilence.org/repertoire-submission-form.html>

CSU PUEBLO MUSIC CAMP

Consider the Southern Colorado Music Adventure Camp for part of your summer music plans! At CSU Pueblo Campus on July 8-12 for Pianists and String Players, age 8-18. Cost: Tuition \$300, Room and Board \$280 See their website for more information!

Website: www.csupfestivals.com and Contact: socoamc.pueblo@gmail.com



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring is here! I am so excited for all the professional growth available to all of us in the next few months. I am so glad that our State Conference is close to home at Regis, be sure to look and see which classes you would like to attend. With springtime comes Sonatina Festival and end of year recitals. It is always such a fulfilling time as a teacher to measure the progress of our students. Our goals as teachers is to share the love and joy of music to those in our community, both young and old. Don't forget to include FTMA, our State and National organizations on our lists of places to give back. It is important work to grow and encourage musical development and awareness in our communities and FTMA is the perfect platform for that work! I am looking forward to our board meeting this month and the opportunity it provides to build our programs going forward. I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday!

April Larsen
FMTA President



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.

ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you have a student interested in the organ? Look into the scholarships and summer programs offered through the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. See their website for more detail. www.ago.drmc.org

FREE PIANO!

There is a free Brambach console piano in Golden. Contact Glenn Sprenger, 303-525-9924 if you or a student might be interested.

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

March 8, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, Home of Jan Austin-Peck
March 9, all day- Sonatina Festival, CCU
March 13, 9:30- Board Meeting at the home of April Larsen
March 16-20- MTNA Conference in Spokane WA.
April 12, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, Home of Kathy Hammer
April 17, 9:30-11:30a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, Rockleys Music Center
April 18, 9:15-11:00- Professional Reading Program, home of Arlyce Black

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.