



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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

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FMTA Meeting:  
April 17- 9:30-11:30 a.m.

## “Breakfast and Teacher Musicale”

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

### **FMTA MEETING MEETING AND PROGRAM -APRIL 17, 9:30-11:30a.m.**

It is time for FMTA's annual May Musicale!! The program is filling up fast, so if you would like to play, please contact Carrie Christensen ([carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com)) no later than May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please provide your name, the piece you will be playing, the composer, and duration of the piece. We are looking forward to a wonderful program from our many talented teachers!! Please join us right at 9:30 for breakfast and our last meeting of the school year, and the induction of our new officers!

### **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](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com).

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019**

President: Carrie Christensen  
V.P. for Programs: Davina Perret  
V.P. for Membership: Robin Braun  
Secretary: Brenda Ohlschwager  
Treasurer: Elinore Quander

### **CSMTA CONFERENCE- MAY 30-JUNE 1**

Don't forget to register for our fabulous State Conference! It is at Regis University this year (nice and local!) on May30- June 1st. See <https://www.comusicteachers.net/conference> for more details and to register now!



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My dear FMTA friends,

My chapter as your President is coming to a close. I finally feel like I know what I am doing and it is already time to move on. I can't believe how quickly time flies! I am so grateful that FMTA is still standing! hahaha I have grown so much. I have learned so much. It has been a great privilege to serve in our organization. It has opened my eyes to the great amount of work and effort it takes to keep a group going. We all benefit from FMTA, CSMTA and MTNA in some way, how can you give back? I have not been perfect in my service as president. As I look back on what my goals were two years ago and what was actually accomplished, I can see room for improvement. But what's more important is that I showed up, tried my best and gave it all I had. That is all our community of musicians is asking. That we each be willing to step outside our comfort zone, show up, be willing to learn and give our best. I know that as we each do this, our local, state and national organizations will grow and thrive. Thank you all so much for your love and support through out my two year serving as FMTA president.

April Larsen  
FMTA President

### **FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS- JUNE 5-8, 2019**

We would like to invite Foothills teachers to join us at the festival. All activities are free admission. The adjudications run Wednesday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. A detailed schedule will be posted on our website by June 1. We will have a clinician, Evan Mazunik, available Thursday and Friday for one-on-one composition sessions at a fee of \$25/hr. Contact Evelyn Billberg to schedule a time. Here is a list of free activities:

- Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM will be an Alumni Concert –Schmitt Music.
- Thursday evening concert at 7:00 PM will be Written Composition Finalists Concert.
- Friday morning workshops are free and available to all teachers and students.
  - 8:25 – 8:55 a.m. John Salmon: Improv 101
  - 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Wynn-Anne Rossi: Muses and Demons
  - 9:35 – 10:05 a.m. Kevin Olson: The Science of Creative Habits
  - 10:20 a.m. – 10:50 Evan Mazunik: Developing Motives
  - 10:55 – 11:25 a.m. Karali Hunter: "Chopin's Shorter Forms – No Less Important"
  - 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Arthur Houle: "Chopin's Mazurkas, Waltzes, & Nocturnes"
- Friday evening 7:00 p.m. Judges and Guests Recital.
- Saturday afternoon/evening Celebration of Students' Best Recital at 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

On November 1-3rd, Regis University is offering up-to a full tuition scholarship to their University for upcoming high school seniors through a Piano Competition. See [www.regis.edu/pianocompetition](http://www.regis.edu/pianocompetition) for more information or email [musiccompetition@regis.edu](mailto:musiccompetition@regis.edu) with questions.

## **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](http://www.csupfestivals.com) and Contact: [socoamc.pueblo@gmail.com](mailto:socoamc.pueblo@gmail.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](http://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 calendar with details at [FMTA EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

May 10, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group at the home of Betty Witt, RSVP to 303-456-7483

May 15, 9:30-11:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, Rockleys Music Center

May 30-June 1- CSMFTA State Conference, Regis University, Denver

August 24, 10:00 a.m.- Farmers Market Festival Performances, contact Lorian Bartle

*If you would like to submit an article to be included in our monthly newsletter, please email Jan Tuttle at [janetmtuttle@gmail.com](mailto:janetmtuttle@gmail.com) by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.*