
FMTA October Newsletter

Happy Fall Y'all!!! Inside this newsletter you will find info on our next meeting, links to Achievement Day registration (**DEADLINE OCTOBER 2!!!**), important upcoming FMTA events, community announcements and a note from our President, Carrie Christensen.

Do you have an announcement for the monthly newsletter? Please email davina.perret@gmail.com by the first of the month to have it included in the next edition.



Googly Eye Power

Wednesday, October 16th

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting

10:30a.m. “Practicing, Parents and Policy, Oh My: How to Turn Around Any Bad Day!”

Presented by April Larsen

A teaser from April~ “I am so excited to share with everyone this life changing philosophy called “The Model”. Created by life coach Brooke Castillo, this thought work can help improve our mental health as music teachers as we learn to have our thoughts come from a place of strength and encouragement instead of resentment and shame. Come join us for a lively discussion about how to deal with the most common problems music teachers face - your own thought download and group coaching.”

Achievement Day is Saturday, Nov. 2!

Online registration and payments are due Oct. 2 by midnight at <http://www.fmtamusic.org/achievement-day/>.

Don't forget to do the 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 or April 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, April Larsen, will be working hard to schedule teachers and students. Watch for an [EMAIL](#) with all registration info and materials by Friday Oct 11. We urge you to read and reread everything to make sure our day goes smoothly.

Holiday Benefit Recitals: For many years FMTA students have presented Holiday recitals at the Denver West Barnes & Noble store. Our Scholarship Fund was the beneficiary of purchases made during these weekends of recitals. Because B&N has changed their rebate policy and ‘book fairs’ will not be longer than one day the FMTA Board has had to look at other options to raise monies so the scholarship fund can continue.

This year Holiday Recitals will be presented at Our Savior’s Corner of Hope Church (where the Winter Festival has been held), on December 7th and the 14th from 9 AM -6 PM. While some times were filled at the August meeting, many times are still available, especially on December 7th.

To raise monies for the Scholarship Fund we will be asking a suggested donation of \$10/family. A suggestion – that families donate to their teacher’s studio during the fall with the teacher sending their studio donation to the FMTA treasurer, Elinore Quander.

Teachers who present Holiday recitals elsewhere can donate to this fund, also. Without monies being added each year FMTA will not be able to continue to offer scholarships to collegiate music majors and minors nor to high school students attending summer camps. To reserve a recital time, contact Kathy khpiano@msn.com or 303-988-9565.

Winter Festival: Saturday, January 25, 2020 @ Our Savior’s Corner of Hope Church. 1975 S. Garrison St. Lakewood, CO. 80227. *“The Age of Romance”* is the theme for the 2020 FMTA Winter Festival. Students are invited into the 19th century Salon to perform music of romance, nature, emotions, and imagination. Soloists and ensembles are welcome to share masterworks written between 1820 and 1900. Entice your students to hone those rubato skills and explore the rich repertoire of familiar giants- Schubert, Schumann, Chopin, Liszt, Mendelssohn, and Glinka, Sibelius, Moussorsky, Grieg, Albiniz, and Granados! Maybe your student is ready for Burgmüller and Heller? These are familiar names but there are many others from the period. The students will perform in a recital setting and will receive evaluations. See details on FMTAmusic.org. Co-chairs are Laura Rogers and Jonny Sterling.

Sonatina Festival: Saturday, March 7th @ CCU Music Building 9200 W. Ellsworth Ave. Lakewood, CO 80226. Co-chairs are Evelyn Billberg and Brenda Ohlschwager

“Pilot Program for FMTA”

CSMTA has invited FMTA to be a part of a pilot program as the Professional Reading Program (PRP) is revised. Instead of reading 3 books through the year, we will be reading only one book and then connecting themes from within the book with TED Talks or other online sources. **“Soprano on Her Head” by Eloise Ristad is the book for this year.** Eloise lived and taught in Boulder and enjoyed helping her students look at music from many angles. Do read the book but if you would like to go the digital route first, check these out on You Tube:

1) Loser’s Club by Jon Nakamatsu (9+ minutes); Jon was the CSMTA Conference Artist about 10 years ago.

2) Tinnikling - Failing is as much fun as succeeding (3 minutes);

3) Failing Forward, a Motivational Video, Your World Within, Victor Kiam (man is looking through a high-rise window)(3+ minutes).

If you would like a head’s up for next month’s digital offering, then this MTNA webinar will give you many insights into preparing your students for the Winter Festival and the playing of Romantic era pieces – and put you into a perfect place for our January program, “Practicing Feelings”. Check out MTNA’s [webinar](#), “The Art of the Phrase” with Peter Mack, June 2019. Peter is an engaging speaker from Washington State via Ireland.

Dates for PRP Meetings:

October 17, 2019 (Thursday) 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

January 22, 2019 (Wednesday) 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

April 22, 2019 (Wednesday) 9:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Home of: Arlyce Black, 6708 West Arbor Drive, Littleton, Colorado 80123, 303-795-8162

***Please RSVP to Arlyce at arlyceb@gmail.com

Important Info on Directories

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion surrounding our directories. There are two types of directories on the FMTA website. The “Find a Teacher” directory is an opt-in only directory. This directory is updated in August and January. Please email Christelle Menth at cmenth78@icloud.com if you are interested in being on this list.

Our “Private” directory is found on the FMTA website under “Contact”. This directory is password protected and can only be used by members. The password is “MusicBlast!” and is case sensitive. This directory is also updated in August and January. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Carrie Christensen, carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com

Community Outreach Chair Update:

Mark your calendars! The next Farmers Market Festival will take place at Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market in Wheat Ridge on Saturday, August 29th from 10 am to 2 pm. The FMTA Farmers Market Festival offers teachers and students the opportunity to perform in an atmospheric, community-based indoor setting. This is the perfect opportunity for students to gain performance experience in a non-competitive setting. For more information, please contact Lorian Bartle at info@BartleGuitarStudio.com or 720-353-2902.

Website Chair Update:

If you would like to share photos of FMTA events on the FMTA website, please e-mail them to Lorian Bartle at info@BartleGuitarStudio.com. Photos of students must be accompanied with a photo release form or email granting permission for the photos to be included on the website.

Community Announcements

Organist/pianist NEEDED for Christ on the Mountain Catholic Church in Lakewood, Colorado with 3-manual Rodgers Artist Series organ. Accompany a 35-voice adult choir, Children's Choir and Youth Choir. Sunday schedule: 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal; 10:15 a.m. Mass; 11:30 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal. Weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Ron Seggerman at **303-810-3342** or ron@christonthemountain.org

MUSICIANS SOCIETY OF DENVER **100 YEAR CELEBRATION**

When: November 2, 2019. 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Where: Hilton Denver Inverness. 200 Inverness Dr W. Englewood, CO 80112

Come celebrate with us!!! The programs will include performances from our teachers and students in four areas: Jazz Combo, Voice, Violin and Piano. If you have students who would like to play please contact Linda King, Evelyn Billberg or Karen Greenhalgh.

President's Corner

Happy Fall FMTA Members!

The weather is starting to cool down and the leaves are changing colors. It's a beautiful time of year. We are also in full-swing of the new school year and our first event is coming up on November 2nd. Don't forget to register for Achievement Day today!! This is a fun and successful event that will allow your students' creativity to shine in various capacities. My students always look forward to this event!

We learned so much from Thomas Hoops in September. His energy and enthusiasm for teaching students how to internalize music is contagious. Thank you for an inspiring program, Thomas!

I look forward to seeing you all on October 16th when April Larsen will coach us how to turn around any bad day in teaching or just in our lives in general. I'm excited to learn those techniques!

Thank you for your participation in FMTA!

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