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# FMTA November Newsletter

## Achievement Day is Tomorrow!!!



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## President's Corner

Hello FMTA Members!

My students and I are looking forward to [Achievement Day this weekend!](#) If you have never participated in this event, then I encourage you to come check it out on Saturday, Nov. 2. The energy is fun and contagious! April astounded us with her program in October about how to change our thinking through the MODEL. It was very educational, and I have found it useful in many aspects of my life. Thank you, April!

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I'm excited to learn about implementing improvisation in our studios from Jonny Sterling in November. We have so many talented teachers in FMTA and I'm grateful they are willing to share their knowledge with us. Please join us on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, I wish you the best in your many musical endeavors!

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## Last Minute Achievement Day Instructions

Achievement Day is **this Saturday, Nov. 2!** We have 168 Students and 16 teachers participating. What a fabulous, fun day we have ahead.

### **Please remind your students to:**

- Bring both their STUDENT INFORMATION sheet and EVALUATION FORMS to Achievement Day.
- Be 15 minutes early to be able to check in and be on time.
- They can play on the grand piano in the hospitality room to earn an extra ribbon.
- Collect all of their ribbons by the front desk before they leave...leave ALL papers.

### **Reminders for teachers:**

- Arrive to CCU by 8:15 on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in order to set up projects from your students. All projects need to be labeled with the labels provided on the Achievement Day forms. Take home projects at end of day.
- Wear a watch!! You will need to change your shifts on your own.
- Stay on time when evaluating students.
- **Be positive and provide constructive comments in your evaluations.**
- Don't forget to pick up your students' evaluation forms and tests from the theory room, and projects in the hospitality room after the event!

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- New teachers (or those in need of refreshers) please meet in the lobby at 8:30.

Thank you again to everyone for their hard work and support. Please contact Laura 303-656-6184 if you have any final questions.

**Also this weekend....**

**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

**Join us for our next FMTA meeting on**  
**Wednesday, November 20.**

**9:30 a.m. Business Meeting**

**10:30a.m. "Improvisation in the Studio."**

**Presented by Jonny Sterling**

**Jonny Sterling: Pianist, Keyboard Player/Programmer, Vocalist, MD, Composer**

Jonny has a BA in Music from the University of Northern Colorado and 30+ years experience as a Music Director, Producer, Composer, Singer and Synthesist. He has toured internationally (Central & South America, The Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, all over the continental US, England, and Africa) and currently performs with nationally touring band SoulX (10 piece Funk & Soul band) along with several other local bands combos and solo projects. Over the course of his career, he has performed with just about every kind of band you can think of – Variety, Country, R&B, Rock, Blues, Swing, Jazz, African, Theatrical Shows, and many more. He has also done extensive studio work ranging from sequencing and sweetening to album and demo projects.

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Along with his performance schedule, Jonny is currently a Piano Teacher and Vocal Coach at The Evergreen School of Music in Evergreen Colorado and a guest lecturer at CU Denver's College of Arts & Entertainment.

## Upcoming FMTA Events

### “HOLIDAY BENEFIT RECITALS”

The December 7th and 14th Benefit Recitals still have opportunities for you to reserve a space.

These are events that allow us to raise monies for the FMTA scholarship fund by asking our music families to donate \$10/family (a suggestion approved by the FMTA members). **If you are presenting recitals elsewhere, do consider asking your families for a similar donation.** A sample letter to give parents is posted on the FMTA website under Holiday **Benefit** Concerts. If donations are collected before the recitals, please send in one check to FMTA Treasurer, Elinore Quander, 395 Spring Ranch Dr., Golden, CO 80401. Otherwise, there will be a basket with envelopes provided to collect donations on the day of the recitals. Leave the donations in the basket and they will be given to Elinore after the recitals.

The FMTA history of giving Holiday Benefit Recitals at the Denver West Barnes & Noble store began in 2006 and during that time \$42,000 was added to the Scholarship Fund. What a fun way to raise funds that took very little man/woman-hours to achieve as the funds came from a percentage of sales during our recital times. Prior to 2006 Teacher **Benefit** Recitals were held for more than 10 years at a variety of venues, including the Arvada Art Center, Lakewood Center and Bear Creek High School.

Each of these took MANY hours of planning and preparation. We may be able to return to B&N in 2020 but for this year we are depending on donations which will allow us to continue our scholarship program. Scholarships are available to collegiate music majors and minors and for undergrads attending summer music camps.

This year's **Benefit** Recitals will be at Our Savior's Corner of Hope Church, Jewell and Garrison in Lakewood. Times available are Dec. 7th , 3 PM and 5 PM; Dec. 14th , 9 AM, 11 AM, and 2 PM (1/2 hour).

Contact Kathy to reserve a time. 303-988-9565 or khpiano@msn.com.

**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

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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](http://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

## Community Announcements

### **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](mailto: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.

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### **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](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com) or 720-353-2902.

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### **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](mailto: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.

## **CU Music Day: Monday, Nov. 11, 2019**

The College of Music invites you to visit us during CU Music Day. Events will include Q&A sessions, a sample lecture, open classes and rehearsals, campus and music building tours, and an open studio hour where students can meet and speak with faculty members. CU Music Day is free and open to all high school students, but you need to register to attend. Registration will open by Oct. 1 and an updated agenda for 2019 will be posted by Nov. 1. We expect a very similar structure to the day.

[Register for CU Music Day here](#)

[See the 2019 agenda here](#)

Prospective undergraduate students interested in majoring in music should consider visiting the College of Music. It is recommended that students attend CU Music Day, or consider scheduling an individual visit.

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