
FMTA December Newsletter

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!!!

While we **do not** have a General Meeting this month,
there are a few important deadlines and announcements for you to read.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 15th @ Rockley's
"Practicing Feelings" presented by Hsing-ay Hsu

**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.**



Achievement Day Report

Thank you to all the teachers who participated in Achievement Day! With 168 students, things went so smoothly. Thank you for the yummy potluck food and for everyone working hard to make the day go wonderfully. Interesting facts: 168 students, 16 teachers with students, 3 more teachers who volunteered to help (even though they had no students), 7 student volunteers, 33 second instruments (including flute, bass, violin, viola, recorder, guitar, cello, sax, trombone, clarinet, trumpet, piano, ukulele, baritone, French horn, & voice), 150 tests, and 105 projects!

Holiday Benefit Recitals

A few last minute reminders from Kathy Hammer

**Location: Our Savior's Church, Jewell and Garrison in Lakewood.
1975 S. Garrison Lakewood, CO 80227.**

Have students enter through the SOUTH door - not the double glass doors that can be seen from Jewell.

Some of you have **already** collected the **suggested donation** of \$10/family but if you choose to pass an envelope at the recital one will be provided with your name on it. These aren't too large so a large envelope will be present and you can pass that instead. Then put monies into your smaller envelope and **take that with you; leave no monies at the church. Send any donations in one check to Elinore Quander, 395 Spring Ranch Dr., Golden, CO 80401.**

Per Elinore's direction, only personal donations over \$10 will be sent a tax donation letter. Should someone need this letter be sure to provide an address to Elinore.

There will be a chair in an aisle near the piano where a parent could sit to take a video of their student(s).

I will have a copy of the notice everyone could have sent to their students so if you need to remind folks about the benefit portion of the recital, it will be handy for you to read.

Please complete your recital 5-7 minutes before the next scheduled recital so parents can leave/enter. If no one is after you there would be no rush to stop at the appointed time on the schedule.

Let me know if you think a sound system is needed for your recital. If you haven't been at this location before, it is a fairly small sanctuary so a sound system isn't needed for the spoken voice.

Contact Kathy with any questions: khpiano@msn.com

Winter Festival: Teachers! Winter Festival, The Age of Romance, is coming up on January 25, and the **entries are due on December 31**. You will be able to register your students online after December 7. Just open fmtamusic.org and look for the Winter Festival page. There you'll find the teacher and student registration forms. Make sure that you read the standing rules and guidelines for the Winter Festival. If you prefer to mail in your registration, feel free to do so. The address to send it to can be found on the Winter Festival page. Your students still have time to learn a Romantic piece (approximately 1820's-1900's) so plan now. **The recital, with evaluations, will be at 2:00pm.** Please contact Laura, laurarogers88@gmail.com, or Johnny, jonnystraydogsterling@gmail.com with questions.

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:

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

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.

President's Corner

Happy Holidays FMTA!!

As musicians, this is our busiest time of the year! This month is filled with many musical celebrations of which we get to take part. One of these celebrations is FMTA's Holiday Benefit Concerts on Dec. 7th and 14th. This event is new this year and takes the place of our traditional Barnes and Noble event. You are welcome to still sign up for a time slot in which your students can perform at Our Saviors Corner of Hope Church, as spots are still available. We will be collecting donations for our scholarship and encourage you promote this event in your studios, as many students benefit

from this fund. Whether you collect donations before, during, or after your concert, you need to mail them to Elinore Quander at 395 Spring Ranch Dr. Golden, CO, 80401 or bring them to the January meeting at the latest. Checks should be made out to FMTA. We appreciate your participation and support with this event!

A huge thank you to Jonny Sterling for teaching us in November how to use improvisation in our studios. We all benefited in learning from such a talented musician and his encouragement to incorporate creativity into all aspects of our lives. Thank you, Jonny!

We will not meet in December, but I look forward to learning about “Practicing Feelings” by Hsing-ay Hsu in January.
Happy and Safe Holidays!

Carrie Christensen, President