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# FMTA January Newsletter

## Happy New Year!!!

Next General Meeting and Program:  
Wednesday, January 15th @ Rockley's Music Center  
9:30-11:30 a.m.

“Practicing Feelings” presented by Hsing-ay Hsu

**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.**

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## About our January Program Presenter, Hsing-Ay Hsu

Since her stage debut at age 4, pianist Hsing-ay Hsu (“Sing-I Shoo”) has been performing at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center NYC, and in Europe & Asia. Her thoughtful interpretations and “explosions of energy” (NY Times) have won her the Juilliard William Petschek Debut Award, William Kapell International Competition, Ima Hogg National First-Prize, Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship, Gilmore Young Artist Award, and the US Presidential Scholar of the Arts Award from President Clinton. Artistic Director for Pendulum New Music at CU-Boulder, she has been visiting faculty at universities, and lectures regularly- including a recent MTNA national convention. With a studio of prize-winning students, she also gives masterclasses, adjudicates, and presents her original Conscious Listening™ series to share her artistic discoveries. She also studies dance and improv to advance her piano teaching.

Born in Beijing, Ms. Hsu trained at Juilliard, Yale University, Aspen, Ravinia, Aldeburgh, and Tanglewood. A Steinway Artist, she is married to composer Daniel Kellogg who is the new president of Young Concert Artists (NYC), and they have one daughter. Blogs/Newsletters/Videos at [hsingayhsu.com](http://hsingayhsu.com).

## Holiday Benefit Recitals Report

By Kathy Hammer, Benefit Recital Chair

The December Holiday Benefit Recitals were a success! We will learn just how successful when Elinore Quander NCTM reports at our January 15th meeting. If you haven’t sent her your donations, which will benefit the FMTA Scholarship Fund, do so by January 15th. If you held a recital somewhere besides Our Savior’s Church, we hope you will still contribute to this fund via family donations. AND if you’ve been living under a rock and have no clue what these donations will mean for our future collegiate or summer music camp students, call Kathy Hammer, 303-988-9565.

THANK YOU to you and your students’ families for making these recitals a success – not only for the music which was presented but for the financial contributions to the Scholarship Fund.

**Winter Festival:** Teachers! Winter Festival, The Age of Romance, is on Saturday January 25th at 2 p.m. Please come enjoy an afternoon of 26 performances of Romantic music (even if your students are not in the event). Festival Chairs: Laura Rogers & Jonny Sterling

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**Sonatina Festival is Saturday, March 7th!!!** We are only a month away from the deadline for submission for registrations for the FMTA Sonatina Festival 2020! The festival will be held at Colorado Christian University. The application deadline is February 8th. Go to the FMTA website at <https://www.fmtamusic.org/sonatina-festival/> for the following information: \* Standing Rules \*Sonatina Forms for 2020 \* FMTA Sonatina Festival Repertoire List for Piano 2020 \*Sonatina Adult Form

If you have any questions please contact Evelyn Billberg, The Sonatina Festival Chair at 303-629-9209 or email at [ev.billbergf@gmail.com](mailto:ev.billbergf@gmail.com)

**PRP Program:** Our next meeting for PRP will be January 22, 2020 9:15 – 11:00 AM.  
Location: Arlyce Black's home – 6708 W. Arbor Dr., Littleton. 80123, 303-795-8162  
\*\*\*Please RSVP to Arlyce at [arlyceb@gmail.com](mailto:arlyceb@gmail.com)

The PRP (Professional Reading Program) group welcomes everyone to come Jan. 22nd for a lively discussion of Chapters 3, 6, and 14 of A Soprano on Her Head. You will surely pick up some ideas on preparing your students for the Winter Festival, which will feature pieces by Romantic era composers. Also, you can check out these other ideas listed below for other references. And be sure to bring your suggestions for more web sites or articles or ??? as we continue our venture of completing a Pilot Program for CSMTA.

**You Tube:**

Jon Nakamatsu – Loser's Club

Kira Wiley – Bite-Sized Mindfulness Kayla Floyd – Breathing video for kids Benjamin Zander – Work-Giving an A

or Chopin or Music and Passion

[www.powerful-performance.com](http://www.powerful-performance.com)

(tapping on body to relieve stress)

**MTNA Webinar**

Peter Mack – Art of the Phrase

AMT Magazine Oct/Nov 2019

p. 18 Adolescents and Anxiety

[www.emofree.com](http://www.emofree.com)

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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.

### **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.

# President's Corner

Dear FMTA Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! We are now in the year 2020, which is very exciting! Our Winter Festival "The Age of Romance" is coming up at the end of this month on January 25. Students will be performing original pieces from the Romantic period and will have the opportunity to receive a written evaluation from a judge.

I am looking forward to our program this month. It is titled "Practicing Feelings" and will be presented by Hsing-ay Hsu. I think it will be perfect for helping our students get ready for the Winter Festival and Sonatina Festival.

I am really excited, as I have registered for the National Conference in March. I appreciate the opportunity to go and can't wait to be immersed in musical learning with other professionals and experts. I'm sure it will be an amazing experience!

I'm looking forward to our time together on January 15.

Carrie Christensen, President