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# FMTA March Newsletter

**You are invited to a combined program with CMTA this month!!!**

**Friday, March 13th, 10:30-11:30**

**Location: Schmitt Music**

**Program:**

**Four-Hand Program from American Female Composers, with some  
Latin American Pieces**

**Alejandro Cremaschi, NCTM and Jessica Pacheco Hjelmstad**

**TAKE NOTE: Our new location for FMTA meetings:  
Our Savior's Church @ 1975 S. Garrison St. Lakewood, CO 80227  
April 15th & May 20th**

**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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*Master Class with Chee-Hwa Tan*

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**Sonatina Festival:** Saturday, March 7th @ CCU Music Building  
9200 W. Ellsworth Ave. Lakewood, CO 80226.

*Come listen to the Honors Recitals: 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.*

Event Chair: Evelyn Billberg, 303-629-9209

**Board Members:** Our March Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18th at 9:30 a.m. Location: Carrie's home: 2195 Zang St. Golden, 80401

**Our slate for Nominations for 2020-2021 FMTA board are as follows:**

President- Carrie Christensen

VP Membership- Robin Braun

Treasure- Elinore Quander

Secretary- Julianna Hardinger

Nominating Committee,

Thomas Hoops, Chair; April Larsen, Diane Weiland

**REGISTER [HERE](#) FOR THE CSMTA STATE CONFERENCE!!!**

Registration opened today! The conference is May 28-30th at St. Andrew Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch.

Our very own Past President April Larsen will be presenting!

Early bird registration is \$115 through May 1st.

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## **“Pilot Program for FMTA”**

CSMTA has invited FMTA to be a part of a pilot program as the Professional Reading Program (PRP) is revised. **“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. Also check out these videos for further discussion:

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).

### **Next PRP Meeting:**

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](mailto: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 students and teachers the opportunity to perform in an atmospheric, community-based indoor settings. This is the perfect opportunity for students to gain performance experience in a non-competitive setting. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the upcoming spring member meetings. 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 in on the website. Also, the end of the school year is on the horizon-- event chairs, please email event dates / times / form updates for the 2020-21 calendar year by July 1st!

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## **FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS – June 9 to 13**

- Expanded prizes for repertory excellence and creativity plus educational workshops.
- Contestants (up to age 19) perform up to 15 minutes and receive written/verbal feedback.
- "Written Composition" option: finalists' pieces are performed by judges and considered for prizes based on level.
- Evening programs feature "Celebration of Students' Best" recitals (all contestants perform), artist judges, clinicians and very special guest Victor Rosenbaum, with an added concert on Sunday from Tatev Amiryan with her original compositions

Location: Classic Pianos

Deadline: 4/28/20 (or when max. 50 enrollment reached).

Applications now accepted.

Info: [www.abundantsilence.org/festival-homepage.html](http://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-homepage.html)

**Colorado Youth Music Festival:** Please visit their website to find out about the many opportunities they offer for your students!

<http://www.coloradoyouthpianofestival.com/#colorado-youth-music-festival>

Established in 2017, the Colorado Youth Music Festival (CYMF) is an advanced educational forum, which concludes with non-competitive and competitive final performances in a Grand Concert format. This combination of intertwined education and competition creates a positive setting for young musicians of all levels to mature and engage in an environment beyond lessons and practice. Held annually in the Spring, CYMF is the only festival of its kind in Colorado.

### **Job Openings at Forté Academy of Music**

Forté Academy of Music is in need of Piano Instructor at our Centennial Studio

- The position is posted for the Centennial location, but hours may be added at our Littleton studio or as in-home lessons. Please attach a resume with your response.
- Forté Academy of Music is in need of Violin Instructor at our Littleton Studio. The position is posted for the Littleton location, but hours may be added at our Centennial studio or as in-home lessons. Please attach a resume with your response.

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# President's Corner

Dear FMTA Members,

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, I will embark to Chicago for the MTNA National Conference! I am so looking forward to participating in this event and hope to see some of you there. Please introduce yourself to me if I have not yet met you.

Our CSMTA State Conference is also coming up! It will be held in Highlands Ranch (St. Andrews Methodist Church, 9203 S. University Blvd. Highlands Ranch, CO 80126) from May 28-30. Our very own Past President April Larsen will be presenting!! Please plan to come and enjoy three days of inspiring speakers, teachers, colleagues, and musicians. You will not regret it!

I loved the Master Class by Chee-Hwa Tan in February. She taught us how musicianship skills learned in intermediate pieces can be applied to advanced repertoire. The students performing did a wonderful job of being her "helpers."

Remember that we are invited to meet with Columbine Music Teacher Association on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> for a combined program at 10:30 a.m. at Schmitt Music. The program features two hand music from American female composers, including Latin America by Alejandro Cremaschi and Jessica Pacheco Hjelmstad.

And lastly, we have Sonatina Festival on March 7<sup>th</sup> at CCU. We know how hard these students work to prepare and we look forward to having a successful experience for everyone involved!

Best Regards,  
Carrie Christensen