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# FMTA March Newsletter

## No General Meeting This Month!

Please join us on Wednesday, April 21st for an  
In-Person General Meeting!

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Our Program:

### Creating A Bridge Across the “Black Hole”

Chee-Hwa Tan will share the hidden pedagogical purpose behind each of her pieces and some of her thought processes in teaching and composing. She will lead teachers through how she intentionally creates a technical and musical pathway toward repertoire at the intermediate and advancing levels.

Teachers are encouraged to bring their copies of Chee-Hwa’s music to the meeting.

Location TBA-We are working to secure an April location.

\*\*\*While we are excited to have an In Person event, we know that some of you will still prefer to join us on Zoom. We will have the Zoom link open from 9:30-11:30 for you to join us.

Link for meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6188953294?  
pwd=ZlIPdEJYbTY2Yk42eFVabXJQNzdFdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6188953294?pwd=ZlIPdEJYbTY2Yk42eFVabXJQNzdFdz09)

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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.



*2021 Master Class*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **SONATINA FESTIVAL – March 6, 2021**

Our very first virtual Sonatina Festival debuts this week! Our students, teachers and committee have worked tirelessly to make this virtual event a possibility. Our winners will be announced on the website by 8 p.m. Friday night. How exciting!

Winners' recitals will be at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Teachers are welcome to pop in and listen to these recitals.

Link for Recitals: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6188953294?pwd=ZllPdEJYbTY2Yk42eFVabXJQNzdFdz09>

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Contact Evelyn Billberg with questions: [ev.billberg@gmail.com](mailto:ev.billberg@gmail.com), #303-629-9209

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## **FMTA Scholarship Information for 2021**

Scholarships for FMTA students are available for 2021! We offer scholarships for:

- ***Summer Music Camps (high school students)***
- ***High School Seniors applying for college/university.***

Here are the details:

- The application can be found on the FMTA website using this link: <https://www.fmtamusic.org/student-scholarships/>
- Applications are due on Wednesday, April 21, 2021
- Please email or mail applications to: Laurie Brown
- Email address: [Laurie.e.brown@gmail.com](mailto:Laurie.e.brown@gmail.com)
- Snail Mail address: Laurie Brown, 11970 W. 70th Way, Arvada, CO 80004
- Please note that seniors applying for college scholarships must be music majors or music minors.
- Scholarship winners will be announced at the FMTA meeting on May 19, 2021.
- Any questions? Call, text or email Laurie Brown. Cell (303)422-0822

**FMTA Board Meeting-** March 24 for the officers, event chairs, and committee chairs. This will be held at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom with the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6188953294?pwd=ZlIPdEJYbTY2Yk42eFVabXJQNzdFdz09>

### **2021-22 Nominated Officers**

President: Davina Perret

VP Membership: Robin Braun

VP Programs: Alyssa Elzinga

Secretary: Julianne Hardinger

Treasure: Elinore Quander

Nominating Committee: April Larsen, Laura Rogers, Helen Gleason

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## **FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS-A VIRTUAL EVENT**

The festival is open to all ages. No auditions are necessary. Registration is open.

CONTACT: Evelyn Billberg, Program Director, [ev.billberg@gmail.com](mailto:ev.billberg@gmail.com), 303-629-9209

**\*\*\*\*This year the Festival for Creative Pianists will actually be a 4 month long event. Activities will start in April and run until the end of July, 2021.**

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

There will be a special fundraising event on **Friday, March 19 at 8:00 pm EST.**

John Salmon will present: "Improvise Every Day!"—Performance and Q & A.

### **Website Chair Notes:**

If you are a board member or event chair with information to include for the 2021-22 academic year on the FMTA website, please email Lorian Bartle at [info@BartleGuitarStudio.com](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com) by Monday, July 12th. The website will be updated at this time for the upcoming school year.

### **Community Chair Notes:**

An end-of-summer FMTA outdoor recital is in the planning stages for Saturday, August 28th. If you are interested in having your students perform in a non-competitive, community-based event, please contact Lorian Bartle at [info@BartleGuitarStudio.com](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com) or 720-353-2902.

**FMTA Video Camera:** Did you know that FMTA purchased an awesome digital video camera and stand for members to use? As auditions move to digital this year, please do not hesitate to contact Carrie Christiansen to reserve the camera!

Contact: [Carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com](mailto:Carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com)

### **Hsing-ay Hsu presents "Hear That?" Online Course**

Steinway Artist and former University of Colorado faculty member Hsing-ay Hsu presents a 6 week tonal analysis intensive with a fun contest! For lifelong learners and music teachers, all instruments, ages 14+. Mar 17 to Apr 27, 2021.

[Hsingayhsu.com](http://Hsingayhsu.com)

FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/NutmegStudioNYC>

website link: [Hear That?](#)

<https://sites.google.com/site/hsingayhsupianist/hear-that>



*What fun to see FMTA members In Person!!!*

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear FMTA Members,

As many of you know, we are right in the middle of our Sonatina Festival. Being the first time FMTA has held this event virtually, we have had quite the learning curve. At the same time, I have been incredibly impressed with the Sonatina Committee and their efforts to make this event happen. I have had the privilege of working with Evelyn Billberg, Davina Perret, April Larsen, and Helen Gleason for countless hours and meetings to make the event run as smooth as possible. We appreciate the patience and support we have received from the participating teachers. Many thanks to Evelyn for chairing the event during this unprecedented time!

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I loved seeing everyone in person that came to our Master Class in February. That was wonderful and so refreshing for me! I'm grateful we were able to have members attend in-person and over zoom. A special thanks to Davina for making that happen and for recruiting Dr. Alejandro Cremaschi and Dr. Andrew Cooperstock as our amazing clinicians.

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I appreciate everyone that donates their time in making FMTA the amazing organization it is. I can think of each one of you that has made my term as president a privilege because of your willingness to serve in any capacity you are able. That means the world to me. Thank you!

Best Regards,  
Carrie Christensen