
FMTA April Newsletter

**Please join us on Wednesday, April 21st for an
In-Person General Meeting!
9:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Location: West Bowles Community Church
12325 W. Bowles Ave. Littleton , CO 80127.**

****Park in the West, back-of-the-church parking lot. Look for doors on the Southwest side (and look for Davina's gold Toyota Sequoia). We will meet in the choir room inside the doors.**

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. She will be featuring: Through the Window Pane, A Child's Garden of Verses, Circus Sonatinas, Windy Nights and Other Tales, A Royal Birthday Celebration: Suite in Baroque Style

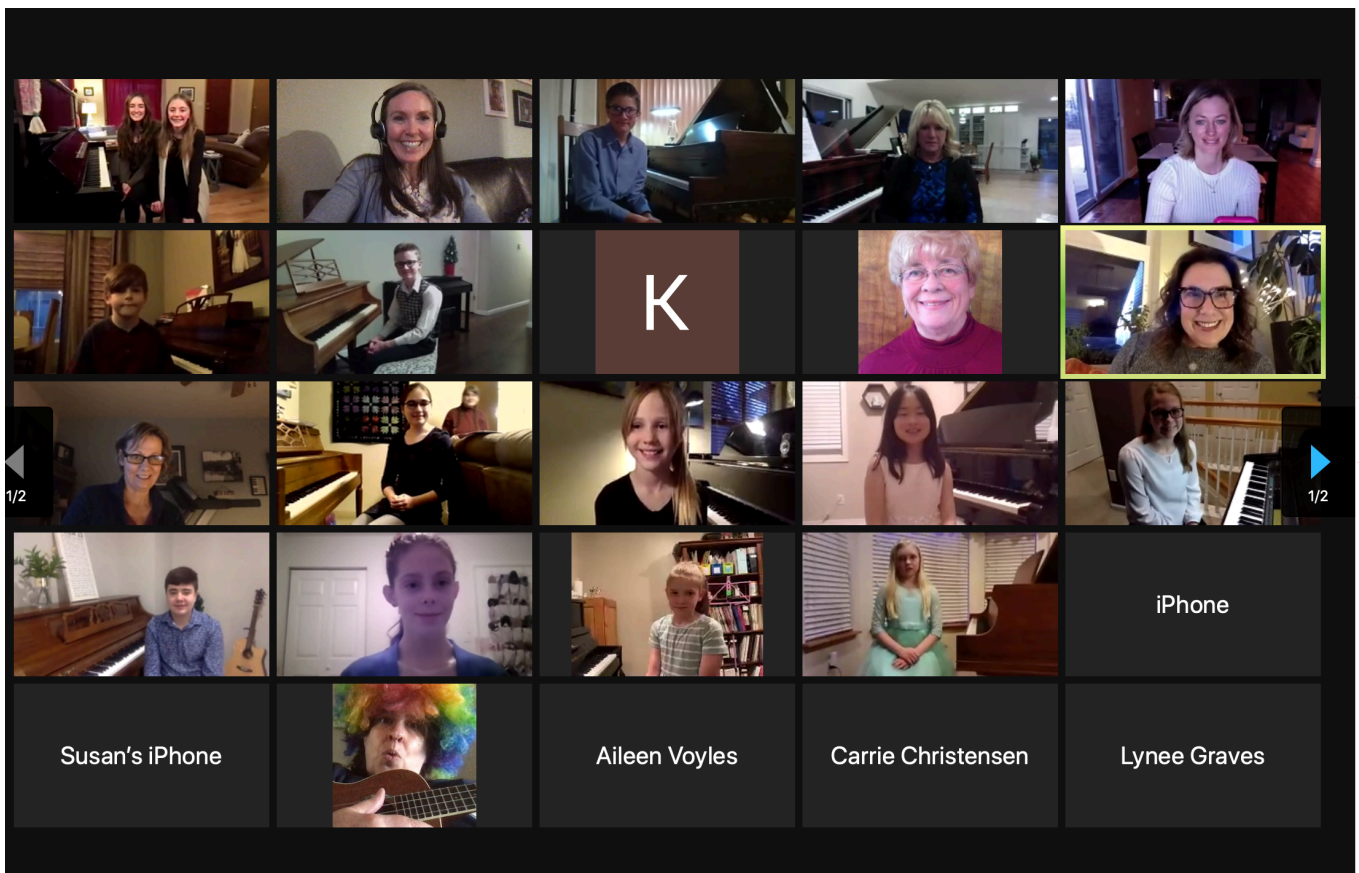
Piano Safari has a special Discount Code for our teachers to use to purchase Chee-Hwa's music (look for the Bundle Pack): Piano Safari website link: <https://pianosafari.com/guest-composers/> Special Discount Code: PSTan20

***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>

Passcode (although should not be needed): 6188953294

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.



Sonatina Festival Recital-What a fun event!!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FMTA Scholarship Information for 2021-Application Deadline is April 21st!!

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
- 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 May Musicale: May 19th

We are so excited to have our In-Person May Musicale on Wednesday, May 19th at St. Philip Lutheran Church!!!

If you would like to share your musical gifts and play on our program (solo, duet, trio etc) please email davina.perret@gmail.com

We will not have our usual brunch this year, but we know that just being together will more than make up for that!

SAVE THE DATE:

Achievement Day - Oct. 23, 2021 @CCU

Sonatina Festival - March 12, 2022 @CCU

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

State Conference: June 3-5

Have you registered for this FREE, virtual event yet????

Link to register: <https://comusicteachers.net/2021-conference-registration>

The schedule and list of programs can be found in **April's News and Notes**: <https://comusicteachers.com/sites/default/files/April%202021%20N%26N%20Online.pdf>

Sonatina Festival 2021 Report

The festival was a new experience for us this year. It was a virtual event and we are so indebted to an incredible support group.

On-line registration was developed by Laura Trefethen. It was easy for teachers to register their students and the on-line system provided excellent reports for the Chair to manage the information flow.

Helen Gleason, our Sonatina Chair for 2022, joined with the planning, development and execution of this event. Carrie Christensen did the scheduling and assisted throughout the development and execution of the Festival. Davina Perret was the lead expert in managing our Google Drive, information resourcing and the final Zoom Event for the Winners Recitals Saturday afternoon. April Larsen and Carrie managed the information flow in Google Drive. It was a very busy committee and we have sincere gratitude for these members who helped make this new on-line experience a wonderful success.

There were 24 teachers and 93 students. Our judges were: Karen Greenhalgh, Jennifer Hayghe, Mary Beth Shaffer, Ellen Shamus-Brandt and Elle Tyler.

Repertoire for 2022: Members who have recommendations for Sonatinas to be added to the repertoire should provide their suggestions to Helen Gleason by April 30th.

Website:

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 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 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

International Festival for Creative Pianists-Registration is still OPEN!!!

The 2021 Festival is totally virtual this year...and we now have International involvement and enrollment. Martha Hill Duncan, our Clinician coaching composition is from Canada. We currently have 14 students enrolled from around the US, and more to come. A student in North Carolina studies via Skype with a teacher in Russia.

A Special Gift to Teachers: Teachers with one or more students enrolled in the Festival will be automatically enrolled as a LifeLong Learner. As an enrolled student of the Festival it will be possible to participate in all activities of the Festival, including submission of a composition.

Three Age Categories: Budding Pianists (12 & under), Teen Pianists (13-19), Lifelong Learners (20+)

Since we are totally virtual we are using tools which increase the learning activities and opportunity for personal involvement with our Judges and Clinicians. We have expanded this pool to include 15 talented and very exciting educators.

We are managing the enrollment in MyMusicStaff and will launch online learning activities in OpenLearning starting April 1st. There will be Workshops, Group Coaching, Private Coaching, and Written Composition coaching and submittal.

Dates to Remember for the Festival:

April 1 the Open Learning feature will be made available.

April 28 – Deadline for registering

Submit a list of repertoire - **Due May 18th**

Submit performance videos - **Due June 3rd**

Upload an optional written composition for feedback - **Due June 27th**

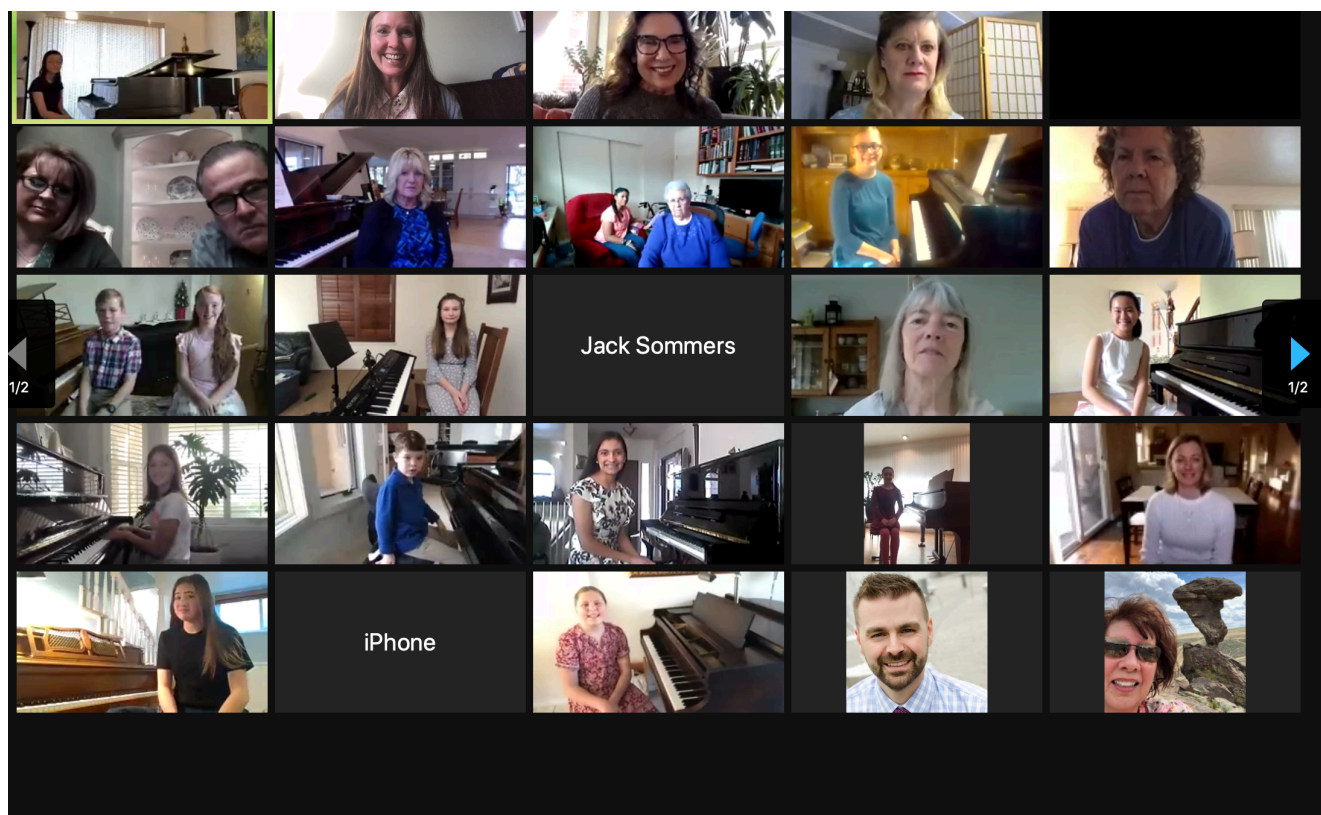
Record best work (determined by teaching artist) - **Due July 12th**

Website Pages

Home Page: <https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-homepage.html>

Judges and Clinicians: <https://www.abundantsilence.org/judges-and-clinicians.html>

Awards: <https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-awards.html>



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear FMTA Members,

April 21 will be our final official program because we end the year with our May Musicale. Please join us for Chee-Hwa Tan's program about her music and "Creating a Bridge across the 'Black Hole.'" She will take us on a journey of how her music creates a technical and musical pathway for advancing music. I'm looking forward to learning from Dr. Tan this month.

We will be meeting at West Bowles Community Church for our regular business meeting at 9:30. Dr. Tan's program will begin at 10:30.

Our May Musicale will take place on May 19th. Please consider performing! We'll be sending a sign-up around at our next meeting or contact Davina Perret to let her know what you will be playing.

Thank you for your patience as we are having to frequently change locations at this time. We anticipate having a stable location when we start our meetings for the 2021-2022 year.

Best Regards,
Carrie Christensen