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# FMTA May Newsletter

**Please join us IN PERSON for our May Musicale  
on Wednesday, May 19th.**

General Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.

Performances @ 10:30 a.m.

Location: St. Philip's Lutheran Church  
7531 S. Kendall Blvd.  
Littleton, CO 80128

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

\*\*\*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)

Passcode (although should not be needed): 6188953294

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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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

Summer FMTA Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 21st 9:30-11:30am. Location TBA.  
Achievement Day - Oct. 23, 2021 @CCU  
Sonatina Festival - March 12, 2022 @CCU

## **Congratulations to our 2021-22 Elected Officers!**

President: Davina Perret  
VP Membership: Robin Braun  
VP Programs: Alyssa Elzinga  
Secretary: Julianne Hardinger  
Treasurer: 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-March 12, 2022 @ CCU**

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

\*\*\*We would like to grow our Contemporary Sonatina repertoire list for Level IV and Level V. If you have suggestions please send them to Helen Gleason - [helengleason@comcast.net](mailto:helengleason@comcast.net)

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**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](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com) by Monday, July 12th. The website will be updated at this time for the upcoming school year.

**Community Chair Notes:**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the end-of-summer recital will be postponed to Saturday, August 27th 2022, the weekend before Labor Day. The spirit of this event has always been to gather in large groups in a community-based setting to make music together. We look forward to hosting this event next year when COVID hopefully can only be seen in the rear-view mirror! Thank you to everyone who has made suggestions so far on possible venue locations for this event to continue--if you have any ideas on where you would like this event to take place in future years, please contact Lorian Bartle @ 720-353-2902 or [info@BartleGuitarStudio.com](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com).

**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)

**Job Opportunity:**

Littleton church seeking organist/pianist for 9:15 Sunday Mass and Thursday evening rehearsals at 7:00. Please call Mary Reinker at 303-717-2599.

**NCKP Piano ONLINE Conference 2021: July 28-31**

Early Bird Registration is NOW! Chee-Hwa Tan highly recommended this conference to us in our April Meeting, as it is solely focused on all things piano. She will be presenting a live, interactive session called "Create to Motivate."

Link to Registration and Details: <https://claviercompanion.com/nckp2021registration>

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## **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.

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>**

Submit performance videos - **Due June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Upload an optional written composition for feedback - **Due June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Record best work (determined by teaching artist) - **Due July 12<sup>th</sup>**

### 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>

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear FMTA Members,

This will be my last newsletter address to you as president. My term as president has been an adventure to say the least. We can thank COVID for that. But I don't think words can express what a privilege it has been to see the members of FMTA step up, work together, and make our organization more impressive than I could have imagined. We did not let the pandemic bring us down. We had to be creative, and yes, some events did have to be postponed, but we made the events happen that could and that was no small feat. Achievement Day outside, Holiday Concerts virtually, and Sonatina Festival virtually as well. Not to mention all of our fabulous programs and meetings this year. It's been amazing!

Thank you to each of you for making my term as president a privilege during an unprecedented time. None of us could have predicted the effects COVID would have on FMTA, but we pulled through and I'm grateful I was able to serve as your president these past two years.

Thank you all,

Best Regards,  
Carrie Christensen