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# FMTA December Newsletter

## No General Meeting this Month

Please join us for our January 19th Meeting.

9:30 a.m. General Meeting

10:30 a.m. Program

"Helping Students Develop a Discerning Musical Ear"  
presented by Laura Benson

Location for January *and* February Meetings:

Our Savior's Church, 1975 S. Garrison St. Lakewood, CO 80227

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## A Note from the President

The holiday season is upon us! I hope you and yours had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Music teacher life has a seasonal rhythm to it...Start of School, Holiday Concerts, Sonatina Festival and MTNA Competitions, Spring Recital, Summer Break.

In that seasonal rhythm, December is one of my favorite studio months. Students love rolling out the Christmas music, and I find that some increase their skill tenfold because they just can't stop playing songs like "Carol of the Bells".....which also, by the way, lends itself to a fantastic improvisation lesson.

And within our FMTA seasonal calendar, our Holiday Benefit Concerts start this Saturday! Donations will go to our FMTA Scholarship Fund...did you know that we have a Scholarship Fund? Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

And do you have students who are preparing a fun piece for Winter Festival? The deadline is December 29th...so maybe for some of you mark your calendars for December 23rd. It will sneak up on us for sure!

Best Wishes this Season,  
Davina Perret

**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.**

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- Sonatina Festival - Saturday, March 12, 2022 @CCU
- CSMTA State Conference - June 3-5, 2022 @ CU Boulder

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Holiday Benefit Concerts

Holiday Benefit Concerts will be happening at **Our Savior's Corner of Hope Church** (1975 S. Garrison, Lakewood, 80227) on **December 4 and 11**. For those of you not familiar with the Holiday Benefit Concerts, here is how they work:

-Every teacher is invited to sign up for a concert time slot on Dec. 4 or 11.

-The students of that teacher perform their holiday music during that time slot. You are welcome to run it like you would your own studio recital.

-Please inform your families about the scholarship program provided by FMTA. We provide scholarships for seniors going into music as a major/minor in college. Students can receive up to \$1,000 their first year and \$500 for every consecutive year after that. High school students are also eligible to apply for summer camp scholarships that will cover 1/2 the tuition.

-We are suggesting that each family donates \$10, but any amount of donation is welcome.

-Families can go to [FMTAmusic.org](http://FMTAmusic.org) to donate through Paypal. They may also write a check or give cash to you as the teacher.

**\*\*\*\*Any non-electric scholarship donations collected by the teacher must be sent to our treasurer, Elinore Quander. (395 Spring Ranch Dr. Golden, CO 80401)\*\*\*\***

We will be running the concerts between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on December 4 and 11. Please contact Carrie Christensen ([carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com) or 720-635-1178) to sign up for a time slot.

\*\*Please park at South Entrance of the church!

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## **December 4**

9:00-10:00 – Kathy Hammer

10:00-11:30 – Lorian Bartle

11:30-12:00 – Kathryn Lewis

12:00-12:30 – OPEN

12:30-1:00 – Gloria Apellaniz

2:00-3:00 – Carol Tarr

1:00-2:00 – Thomas Hoops

3:00-4:00 – Sue Brownson

## **December 11**

9:00-9:30 – Carrie Christensen

9:30-11:00 – April Larsen

11:00-12:00 – Elinore Quander

12:00-12:30 – Jonny Sterling

12:30-1:00 – Laura Rogers

1:00-1:30 – Kiersten Olson

1:30-3:00 – Davina Perret

3:00-4:00 – Kari Stjernholm

Please contact Carrie Christensen or Kari Stjernholm with any questions. Thank you!!

## **Winter Festival, January 29th: Registration Deadline is December 29th!**

“**Artistic Freedom**” is the theme for the 2022 FMTA Winter Festival. Students may select to play a jazz, blues, boogie, or pop piece, or create their own improvisation. They will perform their piece with a live drummer and bass player! Duets, vocal and instrumental selections are welcome. Click [HERE](#) to register your students.

## **FMTA Performance Group 2021-22 Dates and Locations (Hosts)**

Meetings are on the second Friday of the month at 10:00 am. Please call the host ahead if you plan to attend.

February 11th: Home of Laura Rogers

March 11th: Home of Betty Witt

April 8th: Home of Jan Austin-Peck

May 13th: Home of Kathy Hammer



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## **PRP – Reading 2021 – 2022**

This year's book to discuss will be: **The Art of Successful Teaching: A Blend of Content & Context** by Tim Lautzenheiser ISBN: 941050-29-7 1992  
Copyright 1992 Publications, Inc., 7404 Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638  
Location: Home of Arlyce Black, 6708 W. Arbor Dr. Littleton, CO 80123.

**February 3, 2022 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

Part Three: Student Leadership

Part Four: For Band Directors Only

Part Five: Thoughts About Competition

Please contact Arlyce Black to be added to her group email for PRP.

Email: [arlyceb@gmail.com](mailto:arlyceb@gmail.com)

## **Sonatina Festival: March 12, 2022**

The holidays are now upon us! FMTA's annual Sonatina Festival is coming up quickly. This year's Festival, March 12, 2022, is scheduled as an in-person event at Colorado Christian University Music Center. Our space has been secured, and a team of experienced judges are waiting to inspire our student performers. Once again this year, registration will occur online. Links for registration will be available on the FMTA website at the start of January 2022, and registration is due by February 12, 2022.

The FMTA Sonatina Festival is a competition that takes place each spring. Students are entered by their teachers via online registration. Students are in a Class grouped according to their grade level. Students are challenged to perform two memorized movements of a sonatina from the approved Sonatina Festival Repertoire list. Winners perform at a special Honors Recital and may receive a trophy. Teachers are urged to review Sonatina Festival Standing Rules and FMTA Sonatina Festival Repertoire List published on the FMTA website: <https://www.fmtamusic.org/sonatina-festival/>.

The 2021 Sonatina Festival was a great success with 93 student performers representing 24 teachers. The 2022 Sonatina Festival will offer us another exciting opportunity for our students. Make plans to enter your students and please watch for updates. Send questions about this year's to Helen Gleason, 2022 FMTA Sonatina Festival chair, [helengleason@comcast.net](mailto:helengleason@comcast.net), phone/text; 615-533-5529.

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### **Website Chair Updates**

Looking for information about upcoming FMTA monthly member meetings? Details can be found in three locations on the website:

- 1) The monthly newsletter posted on the front page
- 2) Click on "Teacher Membership" to access the "Member Opportunities" page. Time/date/location/monthly topic information found on this page.
- 3) On the FMTA calendar page. Click on "member meetings" for information about the upcoming monthly meeting.

Questions? Please contact Lorian Bartle at [info@BartleGuitarStudio.com](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com) or 720-353-2902.

### **Membership Chair Updates**

Are you looking for more students??? If you are interested in having your information updated on the "Find a Teacher" list for the FMTA website, please email Robin Braun at [robinbraun815@gmail.com](mailto:robinbraun815@gmail.com) by December 31st. She will update the list following this deadline.

### **From the Desk of Andrew Cooperstock:**

As you will remember, an important part of our state conference is announcing and presenting the Teacher of the Year Award, information here: [Teacher of the Year](#). Although I plan to send a reminder in February, I'm taking the liberty of mentioning now in order to provide chapters plenty of time to put together and submit candidate information, which is due on or before March 18, 2022. Please do consider nominating a deserving teacher from your local association chapter!

Feel free to send any questions my way. I look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes,  
Andrew Cooperstock  
CSMTA President-Elect  
CSMTA Teacher of the Year Committee Chair

**FMTA Video Camera:** Did you know that FMTA purchased an awesome digital video camera and stand for members to use? Please do not hesitate to contact Carrie Christiansen to reserve the camera! Contact: [carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com](mailto:carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com)

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## **MEDIA RELEASE FORM FOR FMTA EVENTS**

FMTA teachers who wish to take photos/videos of their students at FMTA student events to post on the FMTA website and Facebook page can access the Colorado State Music Teachers Association “Photo and Video Authorization and Release Form” by clicking: <https://www.fmtamusic.org/student-oppertunities/>

### **CSMTA Foundation Fellow**

The executive board of CSMTA is pleased to announce that Dr. Joan Sawyer is their selection for the 2022 MTNA Foundation Fellow. Joan’s contributions to CSMTA and Pikes Peak MTA have impacted so many teachers and students over the years!

To ensure that Dr. Joan Sawyer is our Foundation Fellow for 2022, we need to collectively raise \$1500. You have several ways of doing this:

1. You can send a check to the MTNA Foundation Fund, at 1 W. 4th Street, Suite 1550, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (and make sure you put Dr. Joan Sawyer’s name on the memo line.)
2. You can sign in to MTNA on your computer, and find the Foundation Fund, where there is a category for ‘Make a Contribution.’ Fill out the form, but please make sure that you designate Dr. Joan Sawyer for your contribution.
3. You can go directly to MTNA Foundation Fund in your search engine and find ‘Make a Contribution.’ Fill out the form, but please designate Dr. Joan Sawyer for your contribution. Thank you, Elinore Quander, NCTM, CSMTA Foundation Fund Chair