
FMTA March Newsletter

Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 23rd

9:30 a.m. @ Davina Perret's home.

2828 Deer Creek Trail, Highlands Ranch CO 80129

Festival Chairs are invited.

Please join us for our NEXT Meeting: Wednesday, April 20

9:30 a.m. General Meeting

10:30 a.m. Fernanda Nieto - When Everything Else Fails:

Breathe! A Mindful Approach to Music Teaching

*******Location TBA**



Dr. Joeeun Pak teaching our Master Class in February

A Note from the President

Hello members!

Kathy Hammer sent me this brief word of encouragement to our members regarding Continuing Education and the amazing opportunities our State and National Conferences present for us this year. Please take a moment to read and I hope to see many of you there!

Best Wishes,
Davina Perret

“Continuing Education Opportunities”

How do we continue our education after we’ve left the Music Halls of Higher Education? We read articles in music journals – we join local associations and attend programs geared to our interests – we attend live music performances - AND we attend our state and national music conferences.

Our Music Teachers National Association Conference, March 26 – 30, 2022, is giving us the opportunity to pay an early register fee by March 15th. By attending this virtual conference, you have until December 15th to view any sessions which are of interest to you. With this virtual format you save the cost of attending in person, which can be almost \$2,000. When you attend in person – which everyone should try do as often as possible – you have to make choices of which sessions you want to attend at which hour, for there are often 5-6 sessions offered every hour. This year you only need to choose which session to watch first as you will have access to view sessions for more than eight months after paying the early registration fee.

The Colorado State Music Teachers Association Conference scheduled for June 3-4, 2022 in Boulder, is only a two day event with the usual Local Association Luncheon being an evening meal this year on Saturday, June 4th. To gain the most from this conference, plan to treat yourself and stay overnight on Friday with a roommate.

Attending the MTNA and CSMTA Conferences is a privilege of our membership in these associations and is an opportunity to continue growing musically. You can’t afford to not attend each of these events. See you there!

Kathy Hammer, NCTM, Past President for CSMTA and FMTA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sonatina Festival: March 12, 2022

The 2022 edition of FMTA's Sonatina Festival takes place Saturday, March 12. As usual, before COVID times, our venue is Colorado Christian University Music Center, 9200 W. Ellsworth, Lakewood, CO. Parking is available nearby. The 2022 Festival has 28 teachers, including our five judges, and 119 students participating this year. All workers are asked to bring their own snacks. Water will be provided.

In accordance with the guidelines of Jefferson County and Colorado Christian University, masks are not required. However, masks are optional this year.

Teachers and students should notice the schedule in the lobby and check in at the registration desk. At 7:45, 1st shift monitors will meet with judges. Adjudication begins at 8:10 and concludes by 2:00.

Results are in by 2:45. Honors Recital times are 4:00 and 5:00. Throughout the day, winners are posted at www.fmtamusic.org. Check the online list periodically as it will be updated throughout the day. Teachers will notify their student winners of recital times asking students and their families and friends to arrive on time for honors recitals.

Students report to their performance location 10 minutes early. Students must provide their original score, measures numbered, for their judge. Regarding several students performing for comments only and using music, a copy of their music must be provided for their judge. In the rare occasion space allows, the room monitor may admit listeners.

Please review festival Standing Rules for additional information regarding score preparation for adjudication, appropriate attire, and a host of other details. Contact Helen Gleason, helengleason@comcast.net, 615-533-5529, with questions.

FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS 2022

***Join us for Festival Friday on March 4th!!!!

Join Dr. Matthew Cooper for this live workshop on how to improvise with polychords! Learn how to link together three related polychords (triads over a different bass note) to create simple but fun and fresh-sounding free improv. Perfect way for intermediate pianists to build improvisation skills. Registration is free for students and teachers registered for the 2022 Festival, otherwise the fee is \$10.00

<https://www.festivalforcreativepianists.org/event-details/anyone-can-improvise-with-polychords-with-matthew-cooper>

The Festival website provides basic information ... <https://www.festivalforcreativepianists.org/festival-info>

If you would like to join me for a Zoom, I would be very happy to set up a Zoom and take you into the OpenLearning platform for a look into the activities of the website. We have added a number of activities for this year-long Festival.

The fee for this year-long event is \$500. We have set up a Scholarship Fund for students who need help with the registration.

It covers up to \$400....this leaves \$100 which is what the Festival charge has been in the past. <https://www.festivalforcreativepianists.org/scholarships>

Let me know if there is anything I can do to help you understand this yearlong Festival. It is a very dynamic learning experience for the students.

I would encourage you to put at least one student in this year's Festival and learn more about what we are doing with the Festival for Creative Pianists. Enrollment is open until May 31. The website indicates April 30, we made that change yesterday at our recent board meeting.

**Looking forward to seeing you,
Evelyn Billberg, Program Director**

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.

March 11th: Home of Betty Witt

April 8th: Home of Jan Austin-Peck

May 13th: Home of Kathy Hammer

May Musicale, May 18:

Every year we are blessed to hear performances from our very own FMTA members at our Musicale! Please contact Alyssa Alexander at gracepiano.co@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to perform.

Proposed FMTA Officers for 2022-2023:

President - Davina Perret

VP Programs - Alyssa Alexander

VP Membership - Robin Braun

Secretary - Tamie Meise

Treasurer - Elinore Quander

Nominating Committee: Carrie Christensen, Arlyce Black, April Larsen

Community Outreach Chair Update

The end-of-summer recitals are back! On **Saturday, August 27th**, the recitals will take place at the Anderson Park Pavilion in Wheat Ridge from 9-1 pm. The venue offers a large shelter and potential lawn seating for parents and family members to watch students perform.

As a side note, the City of Wheat Ridge hosts their summer music series at the pavilion - it is well suited for musical events! Similar to the winter recitals, individual teachers sign up for a specific time slot for students in their studio to perform. This will also be a fundraising event for the **Scholarship Fund** with suggested donations from participating students and families.

Teachers interested in having their students participate should RSVP to Lorian Bartle at info@BartleGuitarStudio.com or 720-353-2902.

Website Chair Update

The end of the academic year is fast approaching! Chairs and board members, please submit any information for updating the website for 2022-23 by July 1, 2022. If possible, please send any forms that need uploading to the website as both a Word and PDF document. Forms are kept on file in a library that future chairs may draw upon in the future. Forms should be submitted "as is" and will not be edited. All info should be sent to Lorian Bartle: 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. We will be updating the Find a Teacher list again in March.

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

Save the Date

MTNA Conference: Mark your calendars for the 2022 Virtual MTNA National Conference, **March 26–30, 2022**. Register [Here](#).

CSMTA State Conference - **June 3-4, 2022 @ CU Boulder**

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.