
FMTA January Newsletter

Our Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 17th
Program: "Black American Composers of the 20th Century"
by Phyllis Pieffer

Note from Phyllis: Please bring any copies you may have of *Piano music of Africa and the African Diaspora* by William H. Chapman Nyaho. I will refer to them through out the program. It has been a fascinating study to work on this program. AND I am looking for a roommate for Atlanta. I have decided to go since it is Gary Ingle's last conference!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, Jan. 27th: Winter Festival @ Our Savior's Church

Winterfest will be held on January 27, 2024 at Our Saviour's Church 1976 S. Garrison Street. All music should be submitted in PDF format. Thomas Hoops will be sending out instructions for how to make PDF snap shots from a cell phone of music to send in to the chairs.

The event is for students Level 3 and above. All pieces should be performance ready at the registration deadline which is December 27, 2023. Register here: <https://www.fmtamusic.org/fall-festival/>

Sonatina Festival-March 9, 2024 @ CCU

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN for FMTA's 2024 Sonatina Festival. Deadline for registrations for teachers, student performers, and payments via PayPal are due by February 9, 2024. Your questions are welcome via email or text to Helen Gleason (helengleason@comcast.net/615-533-5529).

Review Standing Rules here:

<https://www.fmtamusic.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Standing-Rules-for-Sonatina-Festival-June-2022.pdf>

Review Current Required Piano Repertoire here:

<https://www.fmtamusic.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Sonatina-List-2023.pdf>

Submit Teacher Registrations here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeILb4mnDjPHpfivIxxPdXXsgNf5jiTBeDcBsjzQhd5gyrrRg/viewform>

Submit Student Registrations here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-1WI6eRANygvNVBTv-pMRxDN9WygHoAusZwrr1hWqphuawnA/viewform>

Submit Payment by PayPal here. Please page down to the link:

<https://www.fmtamusic.org/sonatina-festival/>

New to Sonatina Festival? Here are some more details...

The 2024 Festival occurs Saturday, March 9. Again, this year, FMTA's annual Sonatina Festival will be held at Colorado Christian University's School of Music, 9200 W Ellsworth, Lakewood, Colorado.

Participating teachers volunteer to help on March 9, the day of the festival. Each teacher receives notification of student performance times via email.

Winners' recitals are held in the auditorium on March 9 at 4:00pm and 5:00pm. Parents, teachers and friends are encouraged to attend these winners' recitals.

Festival check-in, Saturday, March 9, begins at 7:30am in the School of Music lobby. At check-in, participating students learn their performance room and proceed to their room at the appointed time. Students perform two memorized selections before a highly qualified judge who provides written comments and selects winners. Performers bring their music for the listener/judge's reference.

Judging results are posted online during the Festival, March 9 on the FMTA website: <https://www.fmtamusic.org/sonatina-festival/> Teachers/students watch the FMTA Website during the day to learn judging results, names of winners, and recital time. Winners receive certificates, trophies, ribbons at the winners' recital. Teachers may obtain the listener/judge's written comments as well as participation certificates at the lobby registration area.

Questions: call/text Helen Gleason (615-533-5529) or Carrie Christensen (720) 635-1178.

The Repertoire list has been updated and uploaded on to the website. Please double check with the list before assigning pieces to students for this event.

<https://www.fmtamusic.org/sonatina-festival/>

Website Update: April Larsen is taking over the website updates and upkeep. Please contact her at aprillarsenmusicstudio@gmail.com with information to be posted on the website for the upcoming 2023-24 academic year. Only PDF forms of documents can be used when sending her file updates please.

Ensemble Event Opportunity

Are any FMTA teachers interested in putting together an Ensemble Recital, either in late February or early April? Just a recital with no evaluation with maybe 2-3 groups from each studio or more if few teachers are interested. Could be any ensemble with any instrument - teacher/student - student/student - student/teacher accompanying a voice or orchestral instrumental student - trio or quartet - or ??? We would have access to only one piano so no duos.

Call Kathy Hammer 303-988-9565 or email khpiano@msn.com by December 20th if interested. This call would be for interest and not a commitment just yet. Fee hasn't been discussed but no more than \$10/ensemble.

FMTA Performance Group Schedule 2023-2024

All groups meet the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:00 AM.

Please let the host know if you plan to attend.

February 9 Laura Rogers 303-706-9079

March 8 Betty Witt 303-456-7483

April 12 Kathy Hammer 303-988-9565

May 10 TBD

“To Be a Mentor....”

.....means you are a loyal friend or an advisor. And that description fits every FMTA member. Whether you are a mentor or a mentee, these words probably describe each of us in every conversation we have. If you have found a unique phrase to solve a student’s pickle, could you share that phrase with the rest of us? Or perhaps you have read something that ‘rings a bell’ that helps you solve a problem. Share that with the rest of us.

Found in a Reader’s Digest article on “Words of Advice” – “If you don’t have time to do it right the first time, how are you going to find time to do it over?” Doesn’t that apply to every piece our students will be learning?

In January, April will be mentoring each of us by sharing a 3 minute thought; in February ,Davina will share; Elinore in April; and Carrie in May. And if YOU have something to share, don’t hold back. Send those thoughts to Davina Perret for publishing in the newsletter or speak up at a meeting. We would all benefit from what YOU would like to share.

Community

Adult Group Piano Classes!!

Do you know adults that are interested in playing or learning piano, but don't want to commit to private lessons?

Do you know adults in your studio that want to learn how to play the piano, so they can relate to what their kids are doing?

Do you know adults that want to take piano lessons, but don't have a piano at home or the time to practice?

Group Piano Classes is the answer to all of these questions!

Carrie Christensen offers Recreational Music Making classes in her studio for adults that want to play or learn piano more as a hobby. It's a fun and relaxed atmosphere where all levels are welcome and we learn together. Contact Carrie if you would like more information. carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com or 720-635-1178

GoldenWood Trio Concert

Come and enjoy The GoldenWood Trio in concert on Friday, Feb. 16th, 7:00 p.m., at the Three Trees Chapel in Littleton. The GoldenWood Trio includes two of our FMTA members: April Larsen on clarinet and Carrie Christensen on piano. We'd love to see you there! Click on the following link for tickets: <https://sendomatic.com/GWTrio>



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Please email davina.perret@gmail.com by the first of the month to have it included in
the next month's newsletter.**