
FMTA May Newsletter

Please join us for our next **General Meeting and Round Table Discussion** on **Wednesday, May 20th @ 9:30 a.m. via Zoom.**

Due to COVID-19 “safe-at-home” orders, our May Musicales will be cancelled.

Round Table Discussion led by Davina Perret
Topic: Online Teaching

What have we learned? What has gone well? What challenges do we continue to face? How can Zoom positively impact our studios in the future? What are your summer studio plans for lessons and camps?

*Zoom link is (copy and paste into your browser)
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89031487952?
pwd=NXpLQXk5MlAvNGNGb3A4dGdLQ05jdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89031487952?pwd=NXpLQXk5MlAvNGNGb3A4dGdLQ05jdz09)

Meeting ID: 890 3148 7952
Password: 717618

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS AND TIPS

Device: All you need is a computer, tablet, or smartphone with a camera and microphone connected to the internet or cellular data.

Call in for your Meeting: Click on the link provided. You will not need a password. OR go to zoom.us, click on JOIN A MEETING and enter the ID for the meeting.

AUDIO: When you enter the call you will need to turn on your audio. Even though I have unmuted everyone in my controls, for some reason you still have to manually turn it on. Make sure your video is on as well so that we can see you! **These controls are in the lower left corner of your viewing window.**

Echo sounds: Video conferencing echoes are easily avoided by wearing headphones with a microphone on the cord and/or turning your volume down.

Software: For the best experience, install the Zoom app associated with our platform.

Check your connection: Streaming video is very demanding on your Internet connection. If you are on Wi-Fi, the closer you are to the router, the better.

******Reduce demand:** Encourage those around you who are on the same connection to take a break from the internet or, at least, refrain from downloading large files or streaming video during the duration of the lesson (this includes movies and games like Netflix and Xbox Live).

******Close unnecessary programs:** **Close down all software, apps and browser tabs on your device,** except what you need to view the lesson. This includes online storage programs that sync in the background such as Dropbox or Google Drive.

Gallery View: In the upper right corner you can change the view of how you see everyone on the call. You can “Spotlight” the speaker, or the person running the meeting by hovering on their video and click on the three dots-then select “Spotlight Video.”

Please text Davina if you have trouble logging in: #225-301-2058



Our Historic April 2020 COVID-19 Quarantine Meeting

TAKE NOTE:
Our new location for Fall FMTA meetings:
Our Savior's Church @ 1975 S. Garrison St. Lakewood, CO 80227

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRP BOOK DISCUSSION: MAY 8TH (Soprano on Her Head) will be on Zoom at 10:15 a.m. after the CMTA General Meeting.

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457722750?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86457722750?pwd=YW5KTmp6ektSQ1RDUkRWRHBCOWISUT09)

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Meeting ID: 864 5772 2750

Password: 852462

FMTA BYLAWS AMENDMENT for May 2020

Article VI Meetings, Section C

Insert "*General Membership*"

Section C will then read "*Meetings of the General Membership, Board of Directors or committees may convene either by teleconference or electronics...*

Rational: Before Membership Meetings may be held electronically, this must be stated in the Bylaws.

ONE MORE FMTA VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Thank you to the volunteers that stepped up to help with Sonatina Festival and our "Jazz Combo" Winter Festival. We are in need of ONE MORE volunteer to help with the "Jazz Combo" Festival that takes place at the end of January. Please contact Carrie Christensen for more information or if interested in helping. Thank you!
(carrie.pianoteacher@gmail.com or 720-635-1178)

Scholarship Information for 2020

We made a decision in the FMTA board meeting today to ***extend the scholarship deadline to May 20th, 2020***. We did this in response to uncertainty in summer programs and other plans due to COVID-19. Here are the scholarship details just as a reminder!

Scholarships for FMTA students are available for 2020! We offer scholarships for summer music camp opportunities and also for high school seniors applying for college. See below for details:

- The application can be found on the FMTA website using this link: <https://www.fmtamusic.org/student-scholarships/>
- Applications are due on Wednesday, May 20th 2020
- 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 20, 2020

- Any questions? Call, text or email Laurie Brown. Cell (303)422-0822

Farmers Market Festival

Mark your calendars! The next Farmers Market Festival will take place at Four Seasons Farmers & Artisans Market in Wheat Ridge on Saturday, August 29th from 10 am to 2 pm. The FMTA Farmers Market Festival offers students and teachers the opportunity to perform in an atmospheric, community-based indoor settings. This is the perfect opportunity for students to gain performance experience in a non-competitive setting. Many teachers signed up at the April Zoom meeting and teachers will have the opportunity to sign up at the May Zoom meeting as well! For more information or to sign up with the event organizer, please contact Lorian Bartle at info@BartleGuitarStudio.com or 720-353-2902.

Website Chair Update:

If you would like to share photos of FMTA events on the FMTA website, please e-mail them to Lorian Bartle at info@BartleGuitarStudio.com. Photos of students must be accompanied with a photo release form or email granting permission for the photos to be included in on the website. Also, the end of the school year is on the horizon-- event chairs, please email event dates/times/form updates for the 2020-21 calendar year by July 1st!

Holiday Benefit Concerts

The FMTA Holiday Benefit Concerts will take place on Saturday, December 5th and 12th from 9 AM to 7 PM. Students will be performing their favorite holiday music and the FMTA will accept donations throughout the event to support our Scholarship Awards Fund. The recitals will take place at Our Saviors Corner of Hope located at 1975 South Garrison Street in Lakewood. Teachers wishing to reserve a time slot should contact Lorian Bartle at 720-353-2902 or info@BartleGuitarStudio.com. RSVPs can also be made at the online May Zoom member meeting.

Future Sonatina Festival – March 6, 2021

Thank you to all the teachers who participated in the Sonatina Festival this year. I'm sure you are aware that we were one of the last group activities before this new crazy pandemic moved into Colorado. It was definitely my last group participation with piano lessons moved online the following week. The very next day the directors of the Festival for Creative Pianists cancelled the 2020 event in June.

We had a wonderful festival with 25 teachers and 98 students. Keep an eye on the newsletter with information about the festival for next year. We are blessed with participation of four members who are reviewing the repertoire. Our review committee is: Carrie Christensen, Helen Gleason, Teresa Hegyi and Laura Rogers.

There will be important changes in the repertoire. You will want to review carefully the new list which will be posted on the website by July 1. If you have any suggestions for the repertoire list please let me know right away.

Happy lessons with your students online and stay well.
Evelyn Billberg, Chair

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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear FMTA Members,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you join our Zoom meeting on April 15th!! I loved seeing your faces, sharing ideas about online teaching, and learning from our fabulous presenter together. Elizabeth Leger educated us on the sensory friendly studio, and I know I made changes in my studio after her presentation.

Alas, we will not be able to meet together in-person for our traditional May Musicale, BUT we will be meeting through Zoom again on the 20th. We will be installing our new officers and making a slight change to one of our bylaws. Davina Perret will also lead us in a round table discussion about teaching online and how to transition back to teaching in-person. Please join us and share your ideas!!

I hope you have all been able to take advantage of the MTNA Virtual Conference. It is amazing!! I have only watched the Keynote Address by Noa Kageyama and the Creative Teaching Masterclass by Tim Topham, and I am already extremely impressed! It's fantastic that we all have the opportunity to take advantage of this conference in the comfort of our own homes. I encourage you to check it out!

Please continue to stay safe and healthy!

Warm Regards,
Carrie Christensen