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# FMTA October Newsletter

## October General Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th

9:30-11:30 a.m.

"Music Composition for Every Student and Teacher"  
presented by Jodie Jensen

### **Location:**

**The Bridge Church, 3101 S Kipling St, Lakewood, CO 80227**

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## **A Note from the President**

FMTA Members,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well, and enjoying the crisp Autumn air. This Newsletter edition is packed full of important info so please take a few minutes to read. We had an amazing program last month with Aaron Garner and even got to test our Ninja Scales Skills with his Piano Marvel program...Alyssa Alexander holds the high score!

We have 91 students preparing for Achievement Day, and 13 teachers signed up to host Holiday Benefit Concerts - yes, there are still spots open - keep reading!!! We hope to have many more teachers join our in person events this year as you are comfortable.

As we move back to "normal" in our studios I hope that you and your students are flourishing, adapting and making the best out of challenging circumstances. I know for me, this has taught me to be even more flexible and to think outside the box. And I am now a pro at screen sharing, and annotating online with Zoom!

What skill have you learned unexpectedly this past year?

Best Wishes, Davina Perret

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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:

- Holiday Benefit Concerts: Saturday, December 4th and Saturday, December 11th @ Our Savior's Church
- Winterfest - Saturday, January 29th @ Our Savior's Church
- Sonatina Festival - Saturday, March 12, 2022 @CCU
- CSMTA State Conference - June 3-5, 2022 @ CU Boulder

## Achievement Day, October 23rd @CCU Music Building

We have 91 students and 11 teachers participating in this year's Achievement Day! We are exciting to offer an in person event for our students, and hope that this is one of many to come this upcoming year! If you would like to volunteer for this fun day please contact April Larsen at [aprillarsenmusicstudio@gmail.com](mailto:aprillarsenmusicstudio@gmail.com)

## Website Chair Updates

If you are an event chair and have any event changes during the 2021-22 academic year (in-person to remote, cancellation, etc), please email Website chair Lorian Bartle at [info@BartleGuitarStudio.com](mailto:info@BartleGuitarStudio.com) so that the website can be updated promptly.

Looking to take photos of student participants at your FMTA event? The Colorado State Music Teachers Association "Photo and Video Authorization and Release Form" is now located on the "Student Opportunities" page.

## Membership Chair Updates

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.

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**Holiday Benefit Concerts are Happening and signups are filling up!!** We are so excited to announce that the 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.

Here is who we have signed up so far:

### **December 4**

9:00-10:00 – Kathy Hammer

10:00-11:30 – Lorian Bartle

11:30-12:00 – Kathryn Lewis

12:00-12:30 – Alyssa Alexander

12:30-1:00 – Gloria Apellaniz

2:00-3:00 - OPEN

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

12:30-1:30 - OPEN

1:30-3:00 – Davina Perret

3:00-4:00 – Kari Stjernholm

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

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### **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.

October 8: Pam Gallo

November 12: Kathy Hammer

### **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

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Location: Home of Arlyce Black, 6708 W. Arbor Dr. Littleton, CO 80123.

**November 4, 2021 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

Part One: The Art of Teaching

Part Two: It's All in Your Attitude

**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)

**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)

### **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/>

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### **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

### **FESTIVAL FOR CREATIVE PIANISTS – 2022**

<https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-homepage.html>

During this challenging past year it has been difficult to hold Festivals, Summer Camps and Special Events. This past year we developed the Festival for Creative Pianist as an on-line, interactive learning experience. We were delighted to have students join the festival from across the US: California to North Carolina. We enjoyed participation from Canada, Australia and Russia.

With the experience of this past festival we have enhanced the offerings and are excited to announce that the Festival will run from January 2022 to December 2022. Introductory Festival activities will be available to early registrants in October. The initial OpenLearning activity will be "Getting Started." This interactive module will introduce the students to how the festival modules will be presented and how to interact with the Teaching Artists. The second module will be "Developing Your Creativity" and will be available the end of

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November. Early modules are available to help students understand how the Festival is set up in OpenLearning.

Students and teachers are invited to go into our Abundant Silence registration which is now available at: **<https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-enrollment-information.html>**.

The fee for this exciting yearlong Festival will be \$500. When the application is completed the registration system will send the applicant a Payment Invoice. Payments may be set up monthly, quarterly or a lump sum.

Abundant Silence is setting up a Scholarship Fund for students who need assistance in paying the fee. The scholarship application form is available at: <https://www.abundantsilence.org/festival-scholarship-application.html>. With an enrollment fee of \$500 the scholarships are up to \$400 (the request form indicates \$100, \$250, or \$400). Applications will be reviewed by an Abundant Silence Committee. Scholarships up to \$400 will be awarded to students whose applications are approved.

Teachers are invited to engage with students in this dynamic on-line learning experience. If there are any questions contact:

Evelyn Billberg, Program Director  
Festival for Creative Pianists, Abundant Silence Sponsor