



BAMTA BEAT

President's Message

Greetings, Everyone,

Can you believe it? The school year is almost over! It seems like yesterday that I was organizing the summer board meeting...

We have had a busy year. The Multiple Piano Festival was an uplifting and successful event, thanks to Heather Hall and Lacey Wheeler with help from Rebecca Martin. We raised \$1,500 (plus \$150 in donations from private donors) for a total of \$1,650 for scholarships this year. Our very first food drive brought in 350 pounds of goods, which I hope will double or triple next year! We also did some community outreach through our fall recital at Balfour Retirement Community.

Teachers shared favorite teaching points at the December Holiday Brunch. The first annual BAMTA Breakfast, with catering by Lisa Harrington and lovely

flowers artistically arranged by Nancy Sundal, was a big success. Rebecca Martin hosted the BAMTA Tea, an intimate time for teachers to share.

We had some very stimulating monthly programs, including Liane Rockley sharing her favorite new music. Kitty Keim lead us in a small group discussion on innovative ways to use theory in our studios. Rebecca Martin, Heather Hall, Irene Jergensen and Lois Abbuhl gave us great ideas on how to use technology in our studios.

The BAMTA Music Festival was a joyful event filled with music played from the heart by some very talented students.

The election of new officers will be at our May meeting. Nancy Sundal has stepped up to be our new president! Lacey Wheeler is our new president-elect. Heather Hall has volunteered to be our new 1st VP and Maya Baum is taking on the secretary role unless someone has objections or would like to volunteer...

I want to thank Avlona Taylor and Richard Capp for many years of service to BAMTA. I am glad that Avlona has agreed to be a mentor to Maya. Richard and also Lois Abbuhl as past presidents have volunteered to help Nancy with a few specific tasks, so you will still be hearing their voices. Emily Miller, Lisa Harrington, Kyra Shimizu and Lyn Nelson are continuing in their current positions on the board so we will have a wonderful mix of old and new members. I also want to thank Kitty Keim for organizing the nominating committee so that the task of finding new

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 6** BAMTA Meeting
9:00am General Meeting
10:00am Program: MPF repertoire
- May 9** 9:00am-5:00pm
Achievement Day,
IMIG Music Building, CU
- May 16** 4:00pm Ensemble Recital
Harvest Baptist Church
- June 2-6** CSMTA State Conference
Ramada Plaza and
Convention Center
Northglenn, CO

board members was fun! I have enjoyed my year as president of BAMTA and want to thank you all for your support.

By now, all of you have heard that Rockley's Music store has had a fire in their warehouse. Next week I will be bringing a big basket to our BAMTA meeting. I am calling it the "Care Basket from BAMTA to Rockley's Music". Please bring something to put in the basket, maybe something that helps you relieve stress. (I will be putting in some Tension Tamer tea.) Please also come prepared to purchase music for MPF, and when you are thinking about purchasing software or instruments, then think of Rockley's Music, as they are a huge support to the teachers of BAMTA.

Events to come:

May 6 BAMTA MEETING: We'll elect the new BAMTA officers at the general meeting, and our program this month is a preview of MPF music. This is fun music to study in the summer and a wonderful way to inspire your students to reach for excellence!

May 9 ACHIEVEMENT DAY: Come hear Toby Tennebaum work with students and their compositions, and take part in the scavenger hunt that Andrea Shreve has put together!

May 16 BAMTA ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL: There is still time to let me know if you have students who want to play in the Ensemble Festival. Come hear some of Grace Asquith's students play even if you do not have any students that have something ready.

June 2-6 CSMTA CONFERENCE: The conference is easy to drive to this year. Tuesday is FREE to all!!! Check out the last issue of "Notes and News" (www.comusicteachers.net) to see all of the inspiring workshops that have been planned for this year.

See you this week.

Barb

**We need your artistic expertise for the 2008-2009
BAMTA poster!**

A tradition for each year's CSMTA conference is the "Local Association Poster Display". Each area group has a stationary display which can be set on or presented with others on a display table. Typically a trifold cardboard display works well with pictures and sample concert/event programs shown. This is a way to show that our group is active, and often gives the onlookers ideas to bring home to their own local groups. Other more creative displays are welcome, too. If you are interested in putting together the BAMTA display, let Barb know and we'll get you all the photos and programs from this year's BAMTA events.

MTNA would still like to hear from members regarding the Independent Music Teachers Forum Survey.

Members may take the survey at the CSMTA website:

www.comusicteachers.net

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

Events at the Rocky Mountain Center for the Musical Arts:

May 3 *Rocky Mountain Concert Band*, 3:00pm.

May 15 *Colorado MahlerFest* concert, 7:30pm.

May 17 *Student Honors Recital*, 3:00pm.

May 17 Spring Concert, *Bell'a'cappella*, 7:00pm.

All events are held in the Main Hall of the RMCMA, 200 E. Baseline Rd, Lafayette. In addition to these events we have recitals throughout the month of May. For a complete listing of those, those interested can visit our website at www.rmcm.org.

Alexandra Pierce, Ph.D., will be offering a 3-day summer performer-teacher workshop in Longmont called *Awakening the Bass* on **Wednesday-Friday, July 29, 30, 31** from 9:30am to 2:30pm each day. This focus can draw greater clarity to other musical elements—phrase, beat, melody, affect, touch among them. These can then be explored as movement and playing gesture in the musical passages you bring. Roger (a movement teacher and theater director) will be assisting from time to time. Fee is \$200. A deposit of \$40 by June 1 holds a place. (The group is limited to 6 or 7, and has two members so far.) For more information, contact Alexandra Pierce, (303) 651-9248 or arpiercer@mac.com.

Alexandra Pierce is also presenting on *Deepening Musical Performance through Movement* at the CSMTA Conference on **June 3** at 10am.

PIANO OFFERED

Elise Berlin needs to find a temporary good home for her beautiful Bechstein parlor grand piano for several months while her home is under renovation. It is in beautiful condition and a joy to play. Contact Elise@skybeam.com or 303-545-5806

RECITAL RENTALS

Please call Kate Smailer at 530-4760 to schedule your recitals at Harvest Baptist. The cost for a 3-hour block of time is \$45.

JOB OPENING

First United Methodist Church, Longmont will have an opening for the Chancel **Choir Director Position** at the end of June.

The Director leads the 10:30am Chancel Choir (20-25 voices) and is responsible for selecting music, recruiting members, and arranging rehearsals and performances from September through June each year. Choir rehearsals are on Thursday nights at 7 pm. Applications can be sent to the church at 350 11th Avenue, Longmont, CO 80501. Interviews will begin in May. There are 2 new pastors that have brought a new energy to the congregation. They hope to find a new Chancel Choir director that will help continue that inspiration through music.

Lois Abbuhl is the organist and choir accompanist. To find out more about the church and its activities, contact Lois or check out the website at www.longmontfumc.org. Please contact David Lillie at the church if you are interested. revdavel@gmail.com or 303-776-3523.

COLORADO MUSIC FESTIVAL PIANO MASTER CLASS

CMF is delighted to invite talented young musicians (ages 13-18) to participate in a free, two-hour master class with Vivian Spy from the San Antonio Symphony, on Monday, July 20.



Applications are due by June 15.

Visit www.coloradomusicfest.org for more information.