

BAMTA Beat

January 2015

Letter from our President, Toby Tennenbaum

Dear BAMTA members,

I hope we've all had a good holiday season with lots of opportunity to share our musical gifts and our special role as music ambassadors.

Now 'tis the season for resolutions and getting back to the slow and steady work that 'wins our race' as music teachers.

My resolution is to continue to learn and to seek out inspiration for my music and teaching practice. I'm excited to be registered for the MTNA national conference in March, and look forward to sharing what I glean from that experience with my students and fellow teachers here at home.

We have great enrichment programs planned for our upcoming 3rd Wednesday meetings. Membership business meetings start at 9 am and programs start at 10 for an hour at the Harvest Baptist Church, 75th and Old Mill Trail in Gunbarrel. January 21st Bob Dusek will present 'Seeing Students Through a Judges Eyes.' This promises to be an informative and instructive event.

Don't forget about signing up for the BAMTA Passalong group to keep informed on events and opportunities in the greater musical community.

Let's make it a productive and interactive 2015. There is such a wealth of musical information and experience in our community of teachers, so let's avail ourselves of opportunities to learn and share!

Happy New Year!

A Note from our Recital Coordinator

I will be taking calls for Recitals at Harvest Baptist starting Wednesday, Jan. 14th after 9 a.m. for

Board Members and Monday, Jan. 19 after 9 a.m. for all members. You can contact me via email - ktsmailer@gmail.com

or call 303-530-4760 with request. I will answer in order that I received.

Kate Smailer

January BAMTA Program

Seeing Students through the Eyes of a Judge

Teacher, composer and longtime adjudicator Dr. Robert Dusek will be sharing with us some of the differences between teaching and adjudicating and the art of preparing students for competitions and festivals. Some of the topics covered will include “the art of the first impression,” “the visual aspect of listening,” and “winning repertoire.” A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Free Concert

The DaVinci Center is a creative arts place where students will have their original compositions professionally orchestrated and performed by Sphere Ensemble and the Colorado Children's Chorale. This is the first Concert of this type and we are hoping for it to be an annual event. It really encouraged improvisation and composition from ages 4-adult.