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President's Letter

Dear fellow teachers,

A HUGE thank you to all of the teachers who participated in our Multiple Piano Festival in November. The event ran so smoothly because of the integrated efforts from so many dedicated teachers. The students and their families enjoyed a tremendous concert once again this year. If you have never participated in this outstanding event (or haven't recently), please consider joining us next year!

I hope to see many of you at our annual brunch at Panera Bread on Ken Pratt Boulevard in Longmont on December 12 at 9 am. Come and enjoy this informal time of getting to know one another better. All BAMTA teachers welcome!

I wish you all a lovely and beautiful holiday season surrounded by peace and joy. While many of us are very busy during this season, take the time to enjoy the process and be blessed by the remarkable people (students, families, and others) who touch our lives every day.

Many blessings,

Jill Ice
BAMTA President

BAMTA Upcoming Events

December 12, Wednesday Annual Brunch at Panera Bread on Ken Pratt Boulevard in Longmont at 9 am.

No December BAMTA Business Meeting or Program

January 16, Wednesday Membership Business Meeting. All are Welcome! We meet at the Harvest Church. (75th & Old Mill Trail - North of Jay Rd in Gunbarrel)
9:00 am. Business Meeting. 10:00 am. Program

January 23, Wednesday Kate Smailor will begin taking requests for recitals at Harvest Baptist after 8:00 am. Details below

Reservations for recitals at Harvest Baptist Church

Kate Smailor will begin taking requests for recitals at Harvest Baptist starting Wednesday, January 23rd after 8 a.m. Call her at 303-530-4760 or email her at ktmailer@gmail.com with your requests. If you have questions about holding your recitals at Harvest please go to BAMTA.org and click on For Teachers tab and then click on Student Recitals.

Hello MPF Teachers,

What a fabulous concert - great job everyone!

Be sure to pick up a copy of the video, if you haven't done so already. It's not too late, and you can do it online this year! Please encourage your families to purchase a video as well. Right now we have sold \$925 worth but would like to get closer to our goal of \$1600 (the cost to create the video). Please consider promoting it the next couple weeks in your lessons. Below are directions you or a parent can follow to order online on our website with a credit card. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Shari Griswold
sharigriswold@me.com

Order the 2018 MPF Video

Pay with Credit card

Purchase the professional video of this year's concert to keep these wonderful performance memories forever and at the same time help us raise money for our scholarship fund.

After your purchase, and once the video is available (by December 12), you will receive an email from BAMTA titled "MPF Performance Video." That email will contain information about where to find the video and simple instructions on how to download it. Please pay \$25 per download and do not share the download information with others outside your household or copy the video for others outside your household unless they have paid for a copy.

To order online -

on your mobile phone, laptop or desktop computer:

- 1) Go to bamta.org.
- 2) Click on Menu (Skip step #2 if you are on a laptop or a desktop computer.)
- 3) Click on "For Students and Parents"
- 4) Click on "Multiple Piano Festival"
- 5) Click on the PayPal button and follow the directions online to complete your payment.
- 6) You will receive an email from BAMTA (by December 12) titled "MPF Performance Video." That email will contain information about where to find the video and instructions on how to download it. Download the video and enjoy!

To order **with a check:** contact Shari at sharigriswold@me.com

Dear CSMTA Members,

The Music Teachers National Association Foundation Fellow program offers a meaningful method for honoring deserving individuals while supporting the efforts of the MTNA FOUNDATION FUND through a donation to the FOUNDATION FUND in an individual's name.

Please help us recognize **Dr. Grace Asquith**, our **CSMTA 2019 Foundation Fellow!**

As you may know, MTNA raised the Foundation Fellow nomination to \$1500 this year which invites us to be proactive with our giving.

To contribute with Credit Card, click on this link:

<https://www.mtnafoundation.org/contribute/contribute-now/>

Then choose 'Fellow' after the check boxes below, and then type in 'Dr. Grace Asquith.' Mastercard, Visa and American Express are accepted.

If you would like to contribute by check, click on this link:

http://www.mtnafoundation.org/media/72236/FoundationContributionForm_2014.pdf. Print out the pdf form Then check the 'Fellow' box at the end of the list, and fill in 'Dr. Grace Asquith.' After completing the form, mail it in with your check to the address at the bottom of the form.

Should you have any questions, please contact our MTNA Foundation Chair: Elinore Quander, NCTM: Eequan@aol.com

Best wishes,
Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Holiday Fair - Fine Arts and Fine Crafts

Rebecca Martin, Karen Ziegler and friends are hosting a Holiday Arts & Crafts shows - on Dec. 15. Please see the flyer for more information. We hope you can join us!!

Masterclass Opportunity open to students or piano teachers:

SAT 1/5/19 3-5pm Recital and Masterclass, Schmitt Music Denver

Steinway Hsing-ay Hsu presents a recital (Stravinsky and Bach) followed by a masterclass. Free admission- reservations recommended.

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Since her stage debut at age 4, pianist **Hsing-ay Hsu** ("Sing-I Shoo") has been performing at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center NYC, and in Europe & Asia. [Click here](#) for a Chopin performance. Her thoughtful interpretations and "explosions of energy" (NY Times) have won her the Juilliard William Petschek Debut Award, William Kapell International Competition, Ima Hogg National First-Prize, Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship, Gilmore Young Artist Award, and the US Presidential Scholar of the Arts Award from President Clinton. Artistic Director for Pendulum New Music at CU-Boulder, she has been visiting faculty to several universities, and lectured at the 2016 MTNA national convention. A beloved teacher of prize-winning students, she also gives masterclasses, adjudicates, and has created *Conscious ListeningTM* seminars. [Click here](#) for Mental Practicing Seminar. Born in Beijing, Ms. Hsu trained at Juilliard, Yale University, Aspen, Ravinia, Aldeburgh, and Tanglewood. A Steinway Artist, she resides in Colorado with husband/composer Daniel Kellogg, and a daughter.

Hsing-ay Hsu

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Conscious ListeningTM Seminars

CSMTA College Faculty Chair blog

The Rocky Mountain Composers Music Composition Competition

Below are documents with the details and the entry form. Contact Grace Asquith if you have any questions at askfirst@aol.com.

Upcoming Faculty Tuesdays events

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Faculty Tuesdays: William Primrose in Song

7:30 pm

Imig Music

Renowned 20th-century violist William Primrose is recognized for his unparalleled virtuosity. Join violist Erika Eckert and pianist Margaret McDonald for an evening of music celebrating his lyricism in a number of his song transcriptions. Special guest, mezzo soprano Abigail Nims, joins for three works Primrose recorded with mezzo soprano Marian Anderson and pianist Franz Rupp in the summer of 1941.

Featuring Erika Eckert, viola; Margaret McDonald, piano; and Abigail Nims, mezzo soprano

Performance date and time: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Program: A number of songs transcribed by Primrose for his own recitals and Johannes Brahms' Two Songs for Alto, Viola and Piano, Op. 91

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Faculty Tuesdays: 37 Preludes

7:30 pm

Imig Music

Pianist David Korevaar performs the 12 Préludes of Debussy's second book, a landmark of early 20th-century music, and Luigi Perrachio's 25 Preludi, a fantastic representation of this little-known composer's remarkable music.

Performance date and time: Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.

Program: PROGRAM: Luigi Perrachio: 25 Preludi; Claude Debussy: Préludes, Book II

Featuring David Korevaar, piano

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Faculty Tuesdays: Paul Erhard, double bass

7:30 pm

Imig Music

Renowned faculty artists perform with students and colleagues in chamber music recitals featuring world premieres and beloved classics. Free most Tuesdays September through March.

Check back soon to learn more about the pieces and performers.

Performance date and time: Tuesday, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m.