

BAMTA Beat - February 2019

President's Letter

Dear fellow teachers,

We enjoyed an excellent presentation by BAMTA member Elle Tyler on "Teaching Students Grit" at the meeting in January. I encourage you all to take advantage of the terrific learning opportunities we have each month through BAMTA!

That said, you are welcome to join us on Wednesday, February 20 for our next BAMTA meeting at Harvest Baptist Church (7493 Old Mill Trail in Boulder). The general meeting begins at 9:00, and at 10:00 we will hear from Hannah Krening on "Helping Students Develop Their Unique Musical Voice."

Be thinking ahead about students you might like to nominate for the Graduating Senior Award (application due April 17, 2019) and if any of your students would benefit from a student scholarship (application due June 1, 2019).

With regards,

Jill Ice
BAMTA President

The Pianos Alive! concert at First Pres, Boulder will be Friday, February 8 at 7 p.m.

The concert features 5 grand pianos and 17 adult performers directed by Richard Capp. Pieces this year include: Concerto for 4 Keyboards and Strings, Cancan, Granada, Sound of Music Medley, Jupiter from the Planets, Maple Leaf Rag, Faust Waltz, All American Hometown Band, and a grand Stars and Stripes Forever arranged with 4 piano parts--10 players at 5 pianos!

Boulder Area Piano Teachers include Mitzi Babb, Lois Abbuhl, Laura Smith, Susan Rudosky, Pat Holmberg (who arranged 2 of these pieces) and several other fine pianists. Ryan and Richard Capp will also play a Gershwin duet.

Free Admission, Any donations will support the Instrument Maintenance fund.

The Outstanding High School Senior Award is presented each year to a student of a BAMTA teacher who has exhibited talent and enthusiasm in their musical activities. April 17, 2019 is the deadline this year. A letter of recommendation from the teacher, and the student's qualifications may be mailed (3350 Loyola Ct., Boulder, 80305), emailed (cappri@gmail.com), or delivered to Richard Capp at the April 17 BAMTA meeting.

Teaching space for rent in Louisville

- Two teaching studios with grand pianos
- Waiting area and larger group room
- In a professional building on Main Street

Please contact melanie@mainstreetpianostudio.com

Organ Study Scholarships from the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

More information will come out about this opportunity later this week.

The 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Composer's Competition Concert

The concert of composition submissions for the 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Composers' Composition Competition will be Sunday, March 10th at 1:30 pm at Boulder Piano Gallery, 3111 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80301. The program will be approximately an hour in length. During the reception please greet the student composers while the judges determine the prize winners. Questions? Contact Grace Asquith at askfirst@aol.com.

Age of Anxiety Featuring Hsing-ay Hsu and Jeremy Reger, piano

CU Faculty Tuesday Series, Tuesday, **Mar. 5**, 7:30 p.m., Free Admission

Live stream <https://cupresents.org/event/11419/cu-music/faculty-tuesdays/#livestream>

In our tech-obsessed, post-nuclear, deeply divided "age of anxiety," Bernstein's monumental Second Symphony, tonight presented on two pianos, finds the faith to go on. The duo of Hsing-ay Hsu and Jeremy Reger also presents Gershwin's exhilarating "An American in Paris" and Ravel's thrilling, decadent, fin de siècle period piece "La Valse." www.hsingayhsu.com

2019 CLEMENTI FESTIVAL

It's back! After a brief hiatus, the Clementi Festival will take place this fall 2019 at Schmitt Music in Denver. Founded in 1995 by the late John Branson, this popular festival gives intermediate-level students the exciting opportunity to perform a sonatina with orchestral accompaniment composed by Mr. Branson and performed by members of the Mercury Ensemble. **Applications are due August 15** and include a recording of the student playing with teacher accompaniment (CD or upload). Below is the repertoire list. For more information contact Lisa Harrington at lisaharrington@me.com.

Clementi: Sonatinas Op. 36, Nos. 1-6, and Op. 34/4, Nos. 1-6

Kuhlau: Sonatinas Op. 20, No. 1, and Op. 55, Nos. 1, 2, 3

Beethoven: Sonatina in G, Sonatina in F, and Sonata, Op. 49, No. 2

Mozart: Sonata in C major, K. 545

Kabalevsky: Sonatina, Op. 13, No. 1

Branson: Variations on a Theme of Paganini (one piano, six hands)