

President's Letter

Hello BAMTA members! After a fabulous Multiple Piano Festival 30th birthday concert on November 21st, I want to thank everyone who put in so much time and effort to make this an exciting opportunity for Boulder County piano students. Special thanks go to MPF chairs Karen Ziegler and Rebecca Martin for the tremendous amount of work and dedication that has gone into making a monster event like this – with auditions, scheduling, rehearsals, pianos for the stage, etc., running smoothly! Also I want to thank Paul Jarvis for his generosity in allowing rehearsals at Boulder Piano Gallery; CU music faculty for allowing the use of their building, and of course all of the teachers who have put in so many hours of their free time! This is truly a community event!

The annual BAMTA Holiday Brunch will be held on Wednesday, December 16th, 10:00 am, at Panera Bakery, 425 Ken Pratt Blvd., Longmont. This will be in place of a regular meeting, and is a chance to socialize with friends and colleagues. New members are particularly welcome!

Many thanks to Rebecca Martin for her inspiring program at the October General Membership Meeting: **Improvisation Using Christmas Carols**. I have already incorporated many of her suggestions into my teaching repertoire, and the students love it! For those of you who, like myself, have trouble hanging on to teenage students, Rebecca has a lot of useful ideas for keeping their interest. The good news is, she is offering to instruct a teacher group in the art of improvisation at a very reasonable price (see below). I hope many of you will sign on, as I am certainly interested!

As many of you know, Carol Boyd is no longer able to walk, and has gone to stay in an assisted living facility. Her beauty, grace and love are truly an inspiration. She sent this poem by William Blake out to her friends and colleagues, and I wanted to share it with you:

"To see a World in a Grain of Sand,
And Heaven in a Wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the Palm of your HAND,
And Eternity in an Hour."

Big HUG and LOVE, Carol

Please do not send flowers, but communication through a card or email will be welcomed!

Thank you, and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!
Emily Miller
BAMTA President

Improv Classes with Rebecca

After Rebecca Martin's presentation on improv at the October meeting, several teachers expressed an interest in getting together once per month to get inspired about improvising. Rebecca has time on Wednesday mornings on the first and second Wednesday of the month and possibly Monday or Tuesday. Please send her an email if you are interested, so that she can formulate one class or more. Please list your preference for choice of day and time.

Cost would be about \$20.00 if four teachers sign up. She would like to keep the classes at 4 or 5 teachers so that everyone has a chance to sit at the piano and try out the exercise (unless you don't want to. It's ok if you just want to listen). She is thinking an hour or hour and a half time frame. You can reach her at rebnotz@aol.com. Classes will start in January.

Hip New Recital Venue in Louisville

New Performance Venue available for rent @ MaryLynn Gillaspie Photography Studio. This is an intimate space with a 'club vibe' that teachers and students can rent for performance/recital. Seats about 40, with stage, lighting, and PA. Includes seating at counters, tables, couch and chairs. Perfect for students who want an initial performance venue to invite family and friends and get their feet wet before booking a club.

This space can also function as a venue for Holiday Parties. We can either provide music or you can hire a small band.

We are located at 908 Main St. in Downtown Louisville.

Contact: MaryLynn - 303.477.3730 or portraitart@mxvphoto.com

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