## **President's Message**

Hello, and Happy New Year to all! A very nice BAMTA Brunch was enjoyed by those teachers willing to brave the icy roads to Panera Bakery in Longmont On December 16th. Although it was mostly a social occasion, a gift of appreciation was presented to Karen Ziegler and Rebecca Martin for all of their incredible work to make Multiple Piano Festival a success. Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming BAMTA activities and programs: Achievement Day is coming up on May 7<sup>th</sup> (registration due April 7<sup>th</sup>). Also, the next BAMTA meeting will be at 9:00, Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>. All members are welcome to come to our special program featuring David Forman, with his presentation **From Piano Composer to Video Game Music Composer**, at 10:00 am. (See more below). Hope to see you there!

## ~Emily Miller

David Forman attended St. Olaf College from 2009-2013, majoring in Physics and Music Theory/Composition. After touring with the St. Olaf Piano Tour and St. Olaf Choir, writing and performing his own piano concerto and graduating with Honors, David started working with Serenity Forge full time as the lead game designer and composer. Since then, Serenity Forge has published three games, won several competitions, moved out of David's basement (!) and will be exhibiting at the Smithsonian in January 2016. David is currently working on a symphonic suite for the Boulder Symphony and hopes to create educational games that inspire and challenge the way you think.

## **Recital Bookings**

Kate Smailer will begin taking requests for recitals at Harvest Church starting Friday, January 15 for BAMTA General Members. You can email Kate at <u>ktsmailer@gmail.com</u> or call her at 303-530-4760. Please read over the detailed information regarding holding your recitals at Harvest on the BAMTA website.

## **Creations Concert**

The Creations Concert is January 31st at 2:00 at the Broomfield Auditorium. Original compositions of 50+ students (ages 5-adult) will be arranged/orchestrated and performed by Sphere Ensemble (chamber orchestra), grammy award winning pianist Victor Mestas, Sandra Wong (nickelharpa) and jazz ensemble with Elena Camerin Young, Khabu Young, Ed Breezele, Dave Rajewski and Michael Schreier. Many BAMTA students will be represented.

Broomfield Auditorium (Library Complex) 3 Community Park Road Broomfield, CO 80020

**88 Creative Keys Workshop (Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016)** <u>View the flyer online</u>