

President's Message:

Hello, Members of BAMTA!

Welcome back to another year! Welcome all new members who are joining us and welcome back all continuing members. It will be a fun year of events and programs. I'm also looking forward to the association and interactions we will have with each other.

While we may be a diverse group of musicians from varying backgrounds, experiences, education, age, and cultures, as BAMTA members we have many things in common. We have a passion for music and for teaching. We have a desire to share music with others.

I'm excited to have the opportunity to serve as president of our BAMTA chapter this year. I look forward to meeting all of you that I haven't met yet. A huge thanks goes to Emily Miller, our past BAMTA president for all she did. Thanks to the wonderful people who will serve on the board this year and chair our events. We have a rich depth of knowledge and experience among our members that is truly unique.

Warmly,

Liz Nelson

BAMTA Scholarship Committee report

The BAMTA Scholarship Committee met in June and I'm happy to report that we awarded 2 scholarships to deserving students.

I received the following thank you notes; one from a grateful student and one from a thankful teacher (names have been omitted):

Dear Mitzi Babb and the BAMTA Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me a \$500 scholarship! I'm so excited that I can continue taking lessons for my senior and final year! And thank you also for the repeated funding help you've given me over the years. I wouldn't be where I am now without it.

Dear BAMTA Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for your dedicated service reviewing the scholarship applications. I am so grateful for the funds made available from BAMTA to encourage talented students with financial need to continue music studies. It is a real pleasure working with so many talented colleagues.

I would like to thank Lois Abbuhl, Richard Capp, and Carol Wickham-Revier for volunteering their time and expertise to this effort. Also, thank you to all who help to make the Multiple Piano Festival a big success, because the proceeds from this event make these scholarships possible.

BAMTA Program Speaker

Natalie McKechnie will be doing a presentation on teaching children with special needs and neurodiverse children. She has given lectures on this subject to CU-Pueblo as well as CU-Boulder and also at the CSMTA.

Natalie received a Masters of Music in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Wisconsin in 2007 and a Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy from Boston University in 2011. Before she exclusively taught piano lessons to children and teenagers with special needs in 2013, she taught students of all ages and abilities. Natalie owns an independent piano studio called Occupational Piano in Boulder, CO, where she offers a combination of piano lessons and pediatric occupational therapy services.

Current Board Opening:

Membership Chair

Responsibilities include keeping track of and welcoming new members and obtaining a list of members from the national office. If you are interested in filling this opening for this year, please email Liz Nelson

– LizJNelson@gmail.com.

BAMTA Yearbook

Lois Abbuhl is again preparing the BAMTA yearbook. If you have changes to your address, phone, etc. let her know immediately. loisabbuhl@gmail.com, 303-682-0509

Piano for Sale

I am selling my 1926 walnut Baldwin 5 foot 3 inches grand with concert bench for \$3900. The inside was redone 7 years ago by a NYC Steinway technician. Soundboard is in excellent condition. Also my Roland MP-70 digital piano with midi cords and headphones is for sale for \$775. The Baldwin was appraised at 5500 and I bought the Roland for \$1750 at Robb's music. It has a nice double wide bench that easily raises and lowers and three pedals. I have pictures of both too. I need to sell before moving in October. Would be great for 2nd piano and is fun to compose on with an Apple computer for students and teachers. Best offer. If you know anyone please call Cathy Millis at 303-818-7868 or email me at drathymillis@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Cathy