

Hello Bamta members,

Well, the year is flying by. It's already March and I'm sure you're all busy with studio events, preparing for recitals, Achievement Day, etc.

You won't want to miss this month's Bamta teacher presentation on March 15th at 10:00am at Harvest Baptist Church in Gunbarrel. We've had such wonderful presentations all year. It's also been wonderful to get together, socialize and share experiences. Please come!

Have a wonderful month,
Liz Nelson
President
BAMTA

The CU Boulder Collegiate Chapter of MTNA is excited to host Dr. Justin Krawitz, professor of piano at UNC, for a guest residency at CU.

This event is generously funded by the MTNA Collegiate Project Grant. We invite you to join us on March 24 for a lecture and master class:

2pm (C-125) Lecture on common technical issues encountered in piano method books

4-6pm (C-199) Piano master class

Both events are held in the Imig Music Building on CU Boulder's campus. The events are free and open to the public.

Any questions may be directed to Sarah Rushing, collegiate chapter president, at cuboulder.mtna@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
CU Boulder Collegiate Chapter of MTNA Officers
Sarah Rushing, president
Andrew Ramos, vice president
Abby Hesse, treasurer

Dear friends,

Hope this finds you well! I am delighted to share with you about my upcoming performances in the area. You are very cordially invited, and it will be wonderful to see you at the concert!

I feel fortunate to have the opportunities to perform two of my favorite piano concerti in our Front Range area this spring:

- On Tuesday, February 28 at 7:30pm, I will collaborate with my wonderful colleague Dr. Ken Singleton and the UNC Wind Ensemble, to perform Shostakovitch Second Piano Concerto, a piece that I have adored and desired to play for years.
- My debut with the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra and Music Director William Intriligator will feature Mozart's D Minor Piano Concerto, K. 466. This is also a piece that I have become passionate about since my juvenile years. The concert will be on Saturday, March 11 at 7:30pm, at the Cheyenne Civic Center. <http://cheyennesymphony.org/2016-2017-masterpiece-series/masterpiece-4-mozart-beethoven/>

It's also my great pleasure to present several solo recitals in the area, featuring works by Bach, Busoni, Chopin, Gershwin, Prokofiev and more:

- Saturday, April 1 at 6:00pm, Schmitt Music Denver.
- Sunday, April 2 at 3:00pm, the University of Wyoming's BCPA Recital Hall. And a piano masterclass at the U.W. will follow on Monday morning, April 3 at 10:00am. http://www.uwyo.edu/music/upcoming_events/
- Saturday, April 8 at 7:00pm, Performing Arts League in Anthem Ranch, Broomfield.

It will be delightful to see you in the concert!

Best wishes,
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From CSMTA –

This month's Teacher Enrichment *Listening as an Event* Blog features Rimsky-Korsakov's *Flight of the Bumblebee*. The blog offers a brief bio of the composer as well as several listening tips for the piece. Two recordings are offered, one of the original piece scored for orchestra, and one arranged for organ. The organist, Dr. Carol Williams, will absolutely delight you and your students with her amazing agility and dexterity! The blog also gives a little insight into the extraordinary instrument itself! To get to the Blog, just get on the CSMTA website and scroll down to Teacher Enrichment Blog under "BLOGS". While you are there, check out Hsing-ay Hsu's latest College Faculty Forum Blog on the *value of the arts* and how we can each more fully understand and support the arts in our society through three specific sources.

From CSMTA's Rising Stars Festival:

I just wanted to send one more reminder that the registration deadline for the 2017 Rising Stars Festival is this Saturday, March 11. You can register online [here](#), logging in with your MTNA member number as your username and last name in lowercase as your password. The festival will take place on Saturday, April 22, at University of Denver's Lamont School of Music. This festival has a competitive & non-competitive division and is a wonderful opportunity for students ages 6-19 to participate in a state-wide event and receive feedback from well-renowned adjudicators.

I'd much appreciate it if you could pass this on to your associations! If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to ask!

All the best,
Elle Tyler
Chair, Rising Stars Festival, 2016-2017

Rising Stars Festival



University of
Denver
April 22

★ all instruments ★

★ ages 6-19 (pre-college) ★

★ competitive & non-competitive ★

Registration Deadline: March 11, Midnight

GRADUATING SENIOR AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 15, 2017

This award honors students of BAMTA teachers who have been outstanding in their musical participation at BAMTA, school, church and community events. The award includes a \$200 cash honorarium.

Please submit your letter of recommendation to Richard Capp via mail, or email (capprij@gmail.com) on or before April 15, 2017.

The Letter of Recommendation Should:

1. Give student's name, High School, and BAMTA teacher's name.
 2. Tell about the student's music awards and accomplishments.
 3. List venues in which the student's musical talents have been shared with the community.
 4. List the student's participation in BAMTA activities.
 5. Include details of the student's school music involvement.
 6. Describe student's post-high school music plans.
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Come to this month's teacher presentation.

Mitzi Babb will show us all about earning NCTM certification (National Certified Teacher of Music). If you've been curious about what the requirements are, or anything else involved, be sure to come!

Wednesday, March 15th, 10:00am at Harvest Baptist Church in Gunbarrel.

Certification – *“Well, why wouldn't you?”*

March 15, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

Mitzi Babb has been teaching piano in her home studio for over 30 years. Join her as she describes her journey from Mitzi Babb, R.D. to Mitzi Babb, NCTM and details the requirements for certification.

Achievement Day is coming! For more information, contact Harumi Tabler at: etude42day@hotmail.com.