

President's Message

Hello all,

I hope your spring is going well and you're surviving all the events going on in May. Sometimes I think May is busier than December, especially for us music teachers.

Please come to our Bamta presentation on May 17th, 10:00 am where we will enjoy the unveiling of the repertoire for our next MPF! Thanks to Rebecca Martin and Karen Ziegler for their hard work putting this list together. Lafayette Music will have sheet music there for us to purchase, thanks to them also!

Just a reminder that State Convention is almost here. June 1-3 in Greeley at UNC. It's wonderful how close it is this time, much more accessible for us. There have been many emails with information from the planning committees, so check them for more information, or let me know and I can forward them. Convention always is a great shot in the arm filled with new ideas, and fun meeting other teachers.

HELP WANTED: We need a member to prepare a display for state convention representing BAMTA. It needs to be on a ti-panel poster board, just covered with pictures from events from the last year. We can all share these pictures too, so you don't have to rely on just what you have. Please let me know if you can do this. It's a lot of fun.

Thanks to all of you for all you do behind the scenes to make BAMTA the great, fun organization that it is. Every person's contribution is valuable and we appreciate you!

See you Wednesday, May 17th.

Warm regards,
Liz Nelson
President

[2017 MPF Repertoire Notes now available at the BAMTA website](#)

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Studio Openings

Piano Lessons-all ages, all levels welcome!

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OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

It is a great pleasure to announce that Micah Dombrower, student of Lacey Wheeler and Alejandro Cremaschi has been selected to receive the BAMTA Outstanding High School Senior Award. Micah studied piano with Lacey for 9 years from 2006-2015 at which point, as a junior in high school, he transitioned to taking lessons with Dr. Alejandro Cremaschi at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Lacey says, "In all 18 years of teaching, Micah has been one of the most exquisitely talented students with whom I have ever had the privilege of working. Not only is he a magnificent pianist, he is also an extremely gifted composer, french horn player, and performer. Micah has been a constant source of awe and inspiration to me and everyone he meets."

During his 9 years of study of piano and music theory with Lacey, he was a regular performer at all of Harmony MusicTree studio's annual recitals and community performances. Now as a student of Dr. Cremaschi, he continues to perform in private studio recitals and in concerts and performances at the university. Micah also is a regular performer for his Jewish congregation at Pardes Levavot. In addition to his piano performances, he is the principal horn and section leader in the Wind Ensemble and highest level full orchestra for the Greater Boulder Youth Orchestra. Micah also played baritone saxophone in the highest level jazz ensemble for the Colorado Conservatory for Jazz Arts, directed by University of Colorado faculty. For the past two years he has been a composition and music theory student at CU where he also received Honorable Mention in the University of Colorado Composition Competition. Micah was also invited to take part in the High School Summer Music Academy at CU for the past two years, where he was able to attend private lessons, master classes, lectures and workshops with the piano and horn faculty.

Micah gave his Senior Piano Recital in December where he performed works by Bach, Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, and Ginastera. He is also performing a difficult array of music for french horn.

However, arguably Micah's most truly incredible, heaven-sent gifts are actually his abilities as a young, aspiring composer. From just "doodling" on the keyboard as an extremely intelligent, precocious six-year-old, to composing variations on the themes of all his favorite piano pieces in late elementary school, to investing in music composition software and starting to write full orchestral scores in early high school, to studying composition and attending composition classes at CU, Micah's evolution as a composer has been astronomic. His resume includes works for solo piano, string quartet, string orchestra, full orchestra, and brass choir.

Micah has not only flourished as a musician but also as an academic. In addition to being a wonderful resource to the community and high school with his various volunteer activities and committees, he has also received numerous awards for his academic prowess:

- Selected as a semifinalist for the 2017 Boettcher Scholarship
- Received an honorable mention in the 2016 University of Colorado Boulder Colorado High School Composer Competition
- Accepted to present at the 2014 ACM Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Informatics and received a Student Travel Award to attend this conference
- Offered the position of Calculus 1 Learning Assistant at the University of Colorado Boulder in 2015

Micah plans on studying music theory and composition and after being accepted at several prestigious colleges and universities around the country, has chosen to attend St. Olaf College.

Thank you to BAMTA for supporting talented students like Micah with this award.

Richard Capp, Chair,
Outstanding Senior Award Committee



Piano for Sale

Young Chang Model U116 Upright Piano for sale.

I purchased from Chris Finger Piano in Niwot for my kids who are now grown. It has been very gently used over the years and regularly tuned. I am asking \$1900. It comes with the bench and cushion. Please call or e-mail with questions.

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