

Hello BAMTA members,

Fall is in full swing, and I'm sure our piano studios are as well. The Multiple Piano Festival is on the horizon. Special thanks to Amy Watt and Carolyn Meyer for chairing and for all their efforts and energies they've put forth.

Please come to our BAMTA monthly presentation at Harvest Baptist Church each month. They are every 3rd Wednesday at 10:00am in the Church Sanctuary. I learned so much last month at Dr. Krawitz's presentation about correct hand positions. I've been experimenting with my own playing, and I'm more aware of unnecessary tension in my hands and arms. I think it's really been helping.

This month's presentation is this Wednesday, October 18; The Art of Teaching Students to Practice by Patricia Kershaw. My oh my, do I need this one! I encourage all of you to come and attend. There seems to be so much new information and research in the world of piano pedagogy. I'm amazed at how much I learn every month. Plus, there's the added benefit of meeting other piano teachers and making new friends.

Warm regards,
Liz Nelson
BAMTA President

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great excitement that we at CSU-Pueblo look forward to the seventh annual **Pueblo Keyboard Arts Festival**, scheduled to take place **November 2-4th, 2017**. Combining quality musical programs with educational opportunities for young and college age pianists, we hope to provide a welcoming platform for all interested in immersing themselves in the art of keyboard playing. The Festival weekend offers a number of opportunities for your students (see also the calendar on the back):

Masterclass, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 3th, in the excellent atmosphere of Hoag Recital Hall, is a great opportunity to work with a CSU-Pueblo faculty and enjoy the "Big Hall" acoustics, playing on our premier concert instrument.

The Young Artist Piano Competition, 9:00 a.m., November 4th, offers cash prizes in **Junior and Senior** divisions. This event gives students opportunity to showcase their accomplishments at the keyboard. The experience will prove positive and valuable for their growth as they present seasoned repertoire, or a new program, preparing for bigger competitions and important performances. First prize for High School division has been raised to \$300 this year due to generous support from the community!

"Monster" Piano Concert!, 7:00 p.m., November 4th, an all-piano extravaganza featuring faculty, guest artists from around the state, current CSU-Pueblo students, alumni, and friends. If you want to know more what six grand pianos can do together.....we hope to see you there. Last year we had over 500 enthusiastic audience members, and over 60 per-formers, making this truly a festive event.

It is my hope that participants and audience will find this Festival serves as a source of inspiration, knowledge, and one of the many elements that lead to the growth of the "complete musician." Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding the events or if I may assist you in any way. Please find enclosed the **PKAF's Participant Application and Information & Regulations form**.

For any questions please visit www.zaharimetchkov.com or contact me directly at zahari.metchkov@csupueblo.edu

Dr. Zahari Metchkov

Dear BAMTA friends,

It has been almost a year since we left beautiful Colorado and transplanted to New York. We miss the warm sunshine and majestic mountains as well as all our friends and musical colleagues we left behind.

After many years of adjudicating piano festivals, Bob has finally followed through on his threat to write some pedagogical repertoire for the intermediate pianist. These pieces address appropriate technical challenges while providing a fun, rewarding, and creative musical theme that students will enjoy playing again and again.

Please take a look at Bob's Spring Sketches available as a digital download via Sheet Music Plus. <http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/title/spring-sketches-digital-sheet-music/20409119> That takes you to the place where you can purchase the digital download music, but you can also listen to a sample of each piece in that collection and view the first pages. The pieces are available individually as well. Just do a search on "Dusek Spring Sketches" and you will get all 5 movements as well as the collection. Try this link: <http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/search?Ntt=Dusek+Spring+Sketches>

We hope that you and your students enjoy the music. We'd love to hear from you with your feedback. Please send us your comments at bob@dacapollc.com or karen@dacapollc.com

Blessings to you,
Karen and Bob Dusek

BAMTA Meeting Program: Patricia Kershaw NCTM, The Art of Teaching Students How to Practice.

Patricia's presentation covers resources, techniques, and live student presentation on contemporary ideas for practicing and getting students to improve (presented at the CSMTA 2015 convention.)