

**President's Letter**

Happy New Year 2018!

I hope you all had a great holiday vacation and a happy new year. It's an exciting time of year with fresh, new beginnings.

There are some exciting things to look forward to at the beginning of this new year.

This month's BAMTA presentation on Wednesday, January 17 will be:

Teachers' Forum: Round Table for Teaching Ideas. Please come with some ideas to share and be prepared to learn and gain ideas from other teachers.

On the horizon in March, there is an exciting partnership with CU-Boulder. BAMTA is co-sponsoring a residency of Barbara Lister-Sink at CU-Boulder the weekend of March 2-5, 2018. She is a world-renowned expert in injury-preventative keyboard technique as well as a fabulous educator and performer. Here are the events:

Friday, March 2 - 7:30pm - Solo Recital - Grusin Hall

Saturday, March 3 - Morning (time TBD) - Pedagogy Workshop - Room C199

Monday, March 5 - 2:00 pm - Master Class - Grusin Hall

Even if you can attend only one event, it's a wonderful opportunity to be enriched.

Have a wonderful month, and we'll see you on January 17th at Harvest Baptist Church!

Liz Nelson  
BAMTA President

## PIANOS ALIVE 2018

The 2018 Pianos Alive 5-piano concert will be Friday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1820 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Boulder. All BAMTA members, students, families and friends are cordially invited to attend. The music spans the generations from Bach to Barber to Bolcum. The familiar Chorale Prelude, In die ist Freude, arranged by Lee Hoiby, is joined by the jaunty Two-Step from Souvenirs by Samuel Barber, and an Argentinian Valse, both intense and lyrical by William Bolcum. Pat Holmberg has arranged the lovely Mendelssohn Nocturne from Midsummer Night's Dream for 5 pianos and French horn. The melodious, soaring horn theme will be played by Tina Herod, parent of former students of Rebecca Martin. Pieces by Dvorak, Bizet, Ravel, and others will join Tchaikovsky's compelling and driving Capriccio Italien to complete the program.

BAMTA members Lois Abbuhl, Mitzi Babb, Pat Holmberg, Susan Rudosky, and Richard Capp are among the twelve pianists who will be performing.

The concert is free and open to all. Donations will be gratefully accepted to benefit the church's instrument maintenance fund.

### Multiple Piano Festival DVDs still available

We still have DVDs available from MPF for \$20 each. Please contact Shari Griswold with your orders. She needs the student name, purchaser name and phone number, and the number of DVDs they would like to purchase.

### MPF DVDs ready for pick up

The following teachers can pick up orders in the red cooler on Shari Griswold's porch. She lives at 158 Zenith Ave. in Lafayette. Her cell phone number is 720-280-5871  
Longmont teachers can contact Liz Nelson to pick up their orders.

Heather Hall  
Maria Hart  
Amanda Setlik

### Harvest Baptist Church Recitals

Kate will begin taking requests for recital bookings at Harvest Church beginning Monday, Jan. 7 for Board Members and Monday, Jan. 14 for general members. If questions about recital bookings please read the information on the [BAMTA.org](http://BAMTA.org) website. Click on the "For Teachers" tab and then click on "Students Recitals"

You can email Kate at [ktsmailer@gmail.com](mailto:ktsmailer@gmail.com) or call her 303-530-4760.