

President's Message

Dear fellow teachers,

I hope you all have had a wonderful and relaxing summer and are enjoying the first few weeks of fall lessons. I always enjoy the fresh enthusiasm and motivation that accompanies a new year of study.

This summer I was able to attend the CSMETA convention in Greeley. It was a fantastic time to learn new things, meet new people and renew friendships with other teachers from across the state. BAMTA's own Richard Capp was honored for his fifty years of membership in CSMETA. Congratulations, Richard!

This year we have many wonderful opportunities in BAMTA, including a great slate of presentations at our monthly meetings. Please see below for the full list. We will be meeting again at Harvest Baptist Church (7493 Old Mill Trail, Boulder) on the third Wednesday morning of each month September through May (except November and December). The Board of Directors meets at 8:15 am. A short general membership meeting is held at 9:00 am, followed by a program from 10:00-11:00 am. I hope many of you will be able to join us! Thank you to Liz Nelson for scheduling these presentations for us.

Our annual Multiple Piano Festival in November and Achievement Day in May are both great events to be involved in, both for ourselves and our students.

A special thank you to Shieko Uno, secretary; Martha Thompson, treasurer; and Liz Nelson, immediate past president, who will be serving on the board of directors. Also a big thanks to the many members who work to make this organization successful. I look forward to working with all of you.

I hope to see you all on September 19 for our first meeting of the year!

With regards,

Jill Ice
BAMTA President

BAMTA Presentation for September

September 19, 2018 10:00am at Harvest Baptist Church

Carol Wickham, NCTM - Developing Stronger Readers - Part II

Carol has been making a living as an independent piano teacher in the Boulder area since the early '70's. During most of that time, she maintained a close connection with a very successful high school choral music program whose directors were not accomplished pianists, but who chose to use *student* accompanists instead of hiring professionals for most of their rehearsals and concerts. As a result, she found herself focusing her piano teaching on developing students with sufficient reading skills at the piano to be able, should they choose, to be accompanists by the time they reached high school age. Some of the time she was successful; some of the time she was not. In about 2014, she had the privilege of talking to BAMTA about her "Thoughts on Developing Stronger Readers" and has asked and now been given an opportunity to do a follow-up presentation on more-or-less the same topic, but with new information. While she intends to begin with a brief synopsis of what she thought in 2014, most of this presentation will be new (to her) information about what many of us may agree is the most challenging part of our work.

BAMTA Presentation Program list for the year 2018-2019

Always 3rd Wednesday at 10:00am, Harvest Baptist Church, 7493 Old Mill Road, Boulder CO (Gunbarrel area)

September 19 - *Developing Stronger Readers Part II* - Carol Wickham, NCTM

October 17 *Teaching Bach on the Piano* - Dr. David Korevaar, Peter and Helen Weir Professor of Piano, CU Boulder

November - NO MEETING

*December 12 - *Member Brunch* 9:00am, Panera Bread, 425 Ken Pratt Blvd, Longmont (note: 2nd Wednesday, different time and place)

January 16 - *How to Grow Grit: Promoting Perseverance in Students and Studios* - Elle Tyler

February 20 - *Helping Students Develop Their Own Unique Musical Voice* - Hannah Krenig, NCTM

March 20 - *Care of Your Studio Piano* - Richard Capp

April 17 - *Close the Piano Lid-The Century Old Struggle for Effective Balance in Ensembles* - Dr. Zahari Metchkov, Assistant Professor of Music, CSU-Pueblo, President CSMTA

May 15 - *BAMTA 2019 Multiple Piano Festival Music Selections Unveiling* - 2019 MPF Music Selection Committee

BAMTA Achievement Day

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at CU-Boulder

Watch the BAMTA Website this spring for more information (www.bamta.org)

Chairperson - Harumi Shiraishi - etude42day@hotmail.com

Recital Booking at Harvest Baptist Church

Kate Smailer will begin taking requests for recitals at Harvest Church starting Tuesday, September 4 after 9 a.m. You can email her at ktsmailer@gmail.com or call her at 303-530-4760. If you have questions regarding the procedure of holding your studio recital at Harvest please go to BAMTA.org and read the information under “For Teachers”.

Multiple Piano Festival

All BAMTA teachers are welcome to enter students in our unique and highly-acclaimed Multiple Piano Festival. This concert features students from all over our region performing together in duets and ensembles on a stage holding twelve grand pianos. Please visit our website for more details.

Teachers, don't forget to register and frequently update your students on the MPF Google doc. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 3. Please send checks and signed parent permission forms to Talise Chandler.

Music Job Opportunity

Seeking Music Directors & Vocal Coaches for our year round (mid Sept- late April) Actors Academy for The Performing Arts (Boulder & Denver). For full job descriptions and to apply, visit <http://www.theaterforkids.net/employment>

CU-Boulder - Happenings in the Piano Department

9/25 (Tue)

Bernstein at 100: Keyboard Faculty Concert. Dr. Andrew Cooperstock, Dr. Alexandra Nguyen, Dr. Margaret McDonald. Grusin Hall, 7:30pm

9/26 (Wed)

Bernstein at 100: Keyboard Student Recital (Anniversaries). Grusin Hall. 2pm

10/19 – 22

Jovanni-Rey de Pedro (Samford University).

Presentation: Finding Success as a 21st Century Musician. Friday 10/19.

Master class. Monday 10/22, 2pm

10/20. Colorado MTNA Competition (Sat)

WE NEED BAMTA VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AS MONITORS AND GENERAL HELPERS.

If you are interested and available (even if only for a couple of hours!) please contact Laura Rogers at laurarogers88@gmail.com

11/14 (Wed)

Stjin DeCock (Florida State University). Recital. Grusin Hall, 2pm.

CU's Bernstein at 100 Celebration! (starts tomorrow September 8th!!!)

The CU College of Music invites you to a semester-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Leonard Bernstein. Highlights include visits by Bernstein's oldest daughter Jamie, author of *Famous Father Girl*, former concertmaster of the New York Philharmonic Glenn Dicterow, and leading Bernstein scholar from Harvard Carol Oja. Other events include presentations of West Side Story the film and live opera, a choir performance of Chichester Psalms, Faculty Tuesday chamber music presentations, and Bernstein performances by the CU Symphony, Wind Symphony, Marching Band, and more. The College's theory department kicks things off with a September 8 talk on the meaning of music, as suggested by Bernstein's Norton lectures. For more information: <https://www.colorado.edu/event/bernstein/>