

## President's Letter

Dear fellow teachers,

Happy (almost) spring! With festival and recital season upon us, I'm sure your studios are filled with motivated and excited students. There are lots of great things happening in our association as well. Please join us this month as we learn and grow together and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow teachers!

Our next BAMTA meeting is Wednesday, March 20 at Harvest Baptist Church (7493 Old Mill Trail in Boulder). Everyone is invited to the general meeting at 9:00, and we would love to see you at the program at 10:00.

In our general meeting we will discuss:

1. Our Achievement Day chairperson Harumi Shiraishi will explain what Achievement Day is all about and answer any questions you may have.
2. We will also discuss next fall's Multiple Piano Festival and possible changes.

You won't want to miss Trevor Nelson's informative presentation at 10 am on the "Care and Feeding of Your Studio Piano". Please see below for a short preview of what will be covered. I always learn something new at each month's program. Please come!

With regards,

Jill Ice  
BAMTA President

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### March program:

#### Care and Feeding of Your Studio Piano

#### Trevor Nelson, Registered Piano Technician

Trevor Nelson, RPT, will be presenting the March program on "Care and Feeding of the Teaching Piano: What you need to know to get the most from your most valuable teaching tool." Trevor has been a piano technician for 32 years and is one of fewer than ten technicians in the US to have been invited to study at the Bosendorfer factory. He was head technician at a Canadian university for 12 years. Trevor served as President of the Boulder Chapter of the Piano Technicians Guild, was on the National PTG Board, and served as the Central West Regional Vice President. He has served as the concert technician for the Boulder Chamber Orchestra and the Boulder Bach Festival. Trevor does full service piano work, including action rebuilding, replacing soundboards and pinblocks, selling and renting pianos, including some very unique grand pianos.

Join us at 10:00 a.m. on March 20 to find out what kind of "food" your piano likes!

## Achievement Day

Our annual Achievement Day will be held on **Saturday, May 11th** at CU's music building. The deadline to register students is **Tuesday, April 9th**, "arrived" not "postmarked." In this event, students perform **two solo pieces and do two to five options**. Options include theory test, ear training test, sight reading, improvisation, performance on a second instrument, collaborative performance, art/construction project, etc. Students can participate as a regular participant or a super achiever candidate. SA candidates who successfully achieved the goal will earn the super achiever medals. We follow CSMTA's guideline and administer the tests and run the event. This event is a very motivating, and inspiring one for both teachers and students. All the materials for teachers are posted in BAMTA's website. Please note that, this year, the part of the music building is under construction. We may hear some construction noises during our event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the chair.

Harumi Shiraishi  
Achievement Day Chair

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The Outstanding High School Senior Award is presented each year to a student of a BAMTA teacher who has exhibited talent and enthusiasm in their musical activities. April 17, 2019 is the deadline this year. A letter of recommendation from the teacher, and the student's qualifications may be mailed (3350 Loyola Ct., Boulder, 80305), emailed ([cappri@gmail.com](mailto:cappri@gmail.com)), or delivered to Richard Capp at the April 17 BAMTA meeting.

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## Student Scholarships

BAMTA is pleased to announce that scholarship funds will be available to students this year. The scholarship target amount is \$400, although the scholarship committee has the latitude to award more or less depending on circumstances and available funds. The Multiple Piano Festival is the source of our scholarship funds. The scholarship money will be paid directly to each student's teacher and applied toward tuition for the fall semester.

The scholarship application can be downloaded from the [bamta.org](http://bamta.org) website. Applications consist of a financial statement submitted by student's parents, a computer file, CD or DVD of the student performing 3 solo repertoire pieces, and a letter of recommendation from the teacher. Applications must be sent by June 1 to Mitzi Babb (7248 Petursdale Ct., Boulder, CO 80301). Winners will be notified by June 30.

# CU Boulder High School Summer Music Academy

This summer, the dates of the Academy are June 16-21, all piano events will be held at the Imig Music Building on the beautiful CU Boulder campus. The piano program at the High School Summer Music Academy will include daily private lessons and ensemble coachings with CU faculty members; daily keyboard skills and group studio classes with faculty; workshops on a variety of topics such as practicing, technique and piano literature; designated guided practice time; additional electives and opportunities to meet and have fun with other music academy participants.

The cost for the High School Summer Music Academy is \$775 for residential participants, \$550 for commuters. There are scholarships available, the due date for those applications is March 1, 2019 and the due date for all other applications is May 10, 2019.

This year, we are excited to announce the formation of the August Carl Waelde and Bertha Sommers Waelde Memorial Fund for the High School Summer Music Academy. The fund will support piano students attending the Summer Music Academy (SMA) at the University of Colorado Boulder, preference will be given to students of minority and students demonstrating financial need.

Further information and application instructions can be found here:

<http://www.colorado.edu/music/summer-college-music/summer-music-academy/high-school-summer-music-academy/high-school-summer-music>

Regarding any questions or application issues (including deadlines) please contact: [Jennifer.Hayghe@Colorado.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Hayghe@Colorado.edu).

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## 2019 Colorado Youth Music Festival

Augustana Arts, a nonprofit arts organization that has brought great art to the metro-Denver area for the past 21 years, is pleased to bring the **2019 Colorado Youth Music Festival** to the Colorado music community. Please find attached information regarding the Festival in which young musicians attend masterclasses and compete to perform with Stratus Chamber Orchestra conducted by Maestro David Rutherford. The Festival, under the artistic direction of Dr. Irina Moreland, will take place on Saturday, May 18, at Augustana Lutheran Church. The deadline for applying and submitting the entry video is **April 15**.

## The 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Composer's Competition Concert

The concert of composition submissions for the 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Composers' Composition Competition will be Sunday, March 10th at 1:30 pm at Boulder Piano Gallery, 3111 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80301. The program will be approximately an hour in length. During the reception please greet the student composers while the judges determine the prize winners. Questions? Contact Grace Asquith at [askfirst@aol.com](mailto:askfirst@aol.com).

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## 2019 CLEMENTI FESTIVAL

It's back! After a brief hiatus, the Clementi Festival will take place this fall 2019 at Schmitt Music in Denver. Founded in 1995 by the late John Branson, this popular festival gives intermediate-level students the exciting opportunity to perform a sonatina with orchestral accompaniment composed by Mr. Branson and performed by members of the Mercury Ensemble. **Applications are due August 15** and include a recording of the student playing with teacher accompaniment (CD or upload). Below is the repertoire list. For more information contact Lisa Harrington at [lisaharrington@me.com](mailto:lisaharrington@me.com).

Clementi: Sonatinas Op. 36, Nos. 1-6, and Op. 34/4, Nos. 1-6  
Kuhlau: Sonatinas Op. 20, No. 1, and Op. 55, Nos. 1, 2, 3  
Beethoven: Sonatina in G, Sonatina in F, and Sonata, Op. 49, No. 2  
Mozart: Sonata in C major, K. 545  
Kabalevsky: Sonatina, Op. 13, No. 1  
Branson: Variations on a Theme of Paganini (one piano, six hands)

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## Summer Organ Study Scholarships from the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

Details in supplementary downloads.