

BAMTA Beat - April 2019

President's letter

Dear fellow teachers,

I hope you all enjoyed a nice and relaxing spring break and are rejuvenated for the end of the teaching year. It's a busy time of year with studio recitals and assessments. Please take the time to attend our meeting on Wednesday, April 17. These meetings are so valuable in a number of ways – spending time with friends, hearing what other studios are doing, supporting each other's work, growing and developing professionally.

In our general meeting at 9 am, we will continue to discuss ways to increase participation and remain financially stable in the Multiple Piano Festival. Since it's recital season, we will also discuss our studio recitals. Is there anything new you are trying this year? Are there recital ideas that have been highly successful for you? Be ready to share your experiences.

I would love to have a great turnout for our presentation at 10 am– Dr. Zahari Metchkov will present “Close the Piano Lid – The Century-Old Struggle for Effective Balance in Ensembles”. Dr. Metchkov is the president of Colorado State Music Teachers Association (CSMTA) and will also be joining us for our general meeting at 9 am. You can read more about him below.

Hope to see you on April 17!

Jill Ice
BAMTA President

April Program: Close the Piano Lid – The Century old Struggle for Effective Balance in Ensembles - Dr. Zahari Metchkov, Associate Professor of Piano, CSU-Pueblo, CSMTA President

Please join us April 17 at 10:00 for our program by Dr. Zahari Metchkov, our CSMTA President. Dr. Metchkov has performed at such venues as New York's Avery Fisher Hall and Washington's Kennedy Center. He has concertized in Israel, Bulgaria, and the United States. Dr. Metchkov released his first CD in 2008 - a recording of works for piano and orchestra by Franz Liszt and Cesar Franck and a second recording project featuring solo works for piano and organ completed in the Spring of 2014.

A native of Sofia, Bulgaria, Dr. Metchkov holds BM in piano and organ performance, MM in piano performance, and DMA in piano performance with a minor in music theory from the Cleveland Institute of Music. In 2010 he joined Colorado State University-Pueblo's department of music in the capacity of Assistant Professor of Music, teaching

applied piano, piano related courses, as well as music theory. He was the 2013 recipient of the CSU-Pueblo's Outstanding Service and Transformative Leadership Award and the 2014 recipient of CHASS Outstanding Faculty of the Year. Dr. Metchkov has also taught at the Cleveland Institute of Music as well as Youngstown State University.

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

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), or delivered to Richard Capp at the April 17 BAMTA meeting

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 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.

BAMTA members currently accepting students

Amy Briggs is currently accepting new students. Her website is <http://www.amybriggspiano.com>, and on Nextdoor her business page is <https://nextdoor.com/pages/amy-briggs-piano-boulder-co/>. Amy was featured on: Centennial Sounds with Brad Turner, focusing on the piano etudes of David Rakowski and her recordings of them for Bridge Records. For the podcast she performed 5 of the etudes in the Denver CPR studios. See the link below. www.cpr.org/classical/story/the-challenges-and-rewards-of-david-rakowskis-100-piano-etudes

Regis University Piano Scholarship competition

For the first time, Regis University is offering up-to-a full tuition scholarship, through a Piano Scholarship Competition! Regis University, a small Jesuit liberal arts college in Northwest Denver is offering its first Piano Scholarship Competition on Nov 1-3, 2019.

The finalists will compete for a chance at **up-to-a full tuition scholarship to Regis University**, for the liberal arts/science degree program of their choice. Additional 2nd and 3rd place scholarships will be awarded.

Competitors must be high school seniors in Fall of 2019. We are very excited to showcase those talented and creative pianists by helping them realize their dreams through the pursuit of their musical achievements.

If you have any students who may be interested, please email musiccompetition@regis.edu or visit www.regis.edu/pianocompetition for info and application.

Donations requested for a Longmont Performing Arts/Convention Center Complex Feasibility Study

Jill Harrison, the Longmont Performing Arts Initiative Development Committee Chairperson, would like to share this exciting news.

In February LPAI, which is made up of 6 of Longmont's major non-profit performing arts groups, entered into a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Longmont and 5 of Longmont's major economic groups to jointly fund a feasibility study for a new performing arts/convention center complex. This study is essential to move forward with the project. LPAI committed to paying for 50% of the cost of the feasibility study, which will not exceed \$75,000. Request for Proposals have been sent to potential consulting companies and they have already been crafting their responses. We anticipate selecting a consulting company by April 15, 2019 and the study should be completed by June 1, 2019, so LPAI needs to act fast to take advantage of the groundswell of support for this project. Specifically, we need to raise \$75,000 by June 1st to fulfill our financial commitment. To date we have raised \$21,700 which includes contributions from all 6 of the LPAI member organizations.

We are looking for members of the community to contribute toward the cost of the feasibility study. Your tax-deductible gift through the designated "Friends of the Longmont Cultural and Performing Art Center Fund" at the Longmont Community Foundation (LongmontFoundation.org) will help us build a performing arts/convention center that will "Make the Arts Come Alive" in our region.

This is an opportunity to build something that will not only enrich our community now, but for years to come. We anticipate that this facility will not only support the flourishing performing arts community in our area, but will also attract regionally and nationally known performers. Gifts of all amounts are appreciated, and special recognition will be granted to those who give \$1000 or more. We hope you will share this information with your colleagues in BAMTA and the Federated Music Teachers Association and financially support this endeavor.

Please contact me with any questions and thank you in advance for your support.

Jill Harrison

Chair, LPAI Development Committee

303-588-0848 jillforhealth@comcast.net

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.

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**.