

Dear BAMTA members,

This past Wednesday, we enjoyed an excellent time discussing the use of Audacity in our studios and how helpful it can be for students in their practice time. Many thanks to Carol Wickham-Revier for recording a video that has step by step instructions and easy to understand. You can view her recorded presentation on youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8m35ITUNsU>

Please join us for our next BAMTA meeting on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> on zoom. The general meeting begins at 9:00am and following at 10:00am will be a presentation about the program, "Let's Play Music" from one of our BAMTA members, Steph Fairbanks.

This month, we also have the privilege of having our CSMTA president, Uri Ann Rovner join us. He will be sharing some updates on the state association during the general meeting at 9:00am.

Hope to see you all there,

Amy Watt  
BAMTA president

Amy Watt is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BAMTA-February 17, 2021 Meeting  
Time: Feb 17, 2021 08:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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**New BAMTA Members:**

welcome all our new BAMTA members who have joined our organization this past year.

Brook Balbuena (NCTM)-----Berthoud  
Christopher Wright-----Boulder  
Hannah McGinty-----Boulder  
Jiaze Ma-----Boulder  
Walton Lott-----Boulder  
Elizabeth Jane Smith-----Broomfield  
Juline Gilmore-----Erie  
Deborah Jean Schmit-Lobis-----Longmont  
Norman Anderson-----Louisville  
Kirk Patrick Miller-----Superior

**Bio:** Steph Fairbanks is music teacher in Boulder who specializes in teaching music to very young learners. She began playing piano at 5, then added violin in the 5th grade as

part of her elementary school strings program. Even before earning her degree in Music Education at the University of Oklahoma in 2003, she was teaching children to play string instruments in both public school and extracurricular orchestras. Since then, she has also taught piano and children's choirs here in Boulder as well as in Santa Fe, NM and Melbourne, Australia. But her very favorite job has been teaching babies, toddlers, and preschoolers how to experience music in a way that will not only help facilitate curiosity and learning, but also nurture a lifelong appreciation and love for it. She is passionate about the role music should play in every child's life at home, at school, and in the concert hall. Steph has four children of her own, including two who have autism. Steph is very active in the local autism community and loves to welcome children or all needs into her class who might usually struggle in typical settings. At her east Boulder studio, Making Musicians in Boulder Valley, Steph teaches two classes: Sound Beginnings, a general music education class for children 0-4 years old, and Let's Play Music, a beginning piano class for children starting at ages 4-6 years old. During her presentation, Steph will speak more about the Let's Play Music program and its research-based approach to introducing children to music and the piano. Across its 3-year span, Let's Play Music focuses on developing the complete musician through teaching ear training, solfege, beginning notation, basic chord theory, self-accompaniment, beginning piano playing, rhythm work, classical form and themes, and even composition. All of this is accomplished through movement, games, and play! Because of the emphasis on developing the complete musician, the child graduates from Let's Play Music who is well prepared to continue on in private instruction in piano...or violin, trombone, percussion, voice, or any other musical discipline.

Steph will be joined by Symone Lund. Symone Lund received her BA in Music from Brigham Young University. She has been a Let's Play Music teacher for 15 years and has been a trainer for Let's Play Music for 3 years. She is also the Connections Manager and will be the one to help you connect with Let's Play Music! Symone lives in Gilbert, AZ with her husband Adam and their 4 children. Symone will talk more about the three-year scope and sequence of the Let's Play Music program and what the transition into private lessons looks like.

As our graduates need private teachers when they finish with our program, Steph's hope is to help the teachers in BAMTA to understand a little more of what her graduates will already know how to do and what they have learned as they come into teachers' private studios so that the transition will be as seamless as possible.



**Online Mini Master Lessons:**

I would like to share with you a special opportunity that I am offering for online mini master lessons. The purpose is to provide students with a live, online performance experience in front of another teaching professional other than their teacher, in preparation for upcoming recitals, festivals, pre-screening auditions and competitions. A written evaluation will also be provided to the student and teacher with additional helpful, positive and knowledgeable instruction and feedback.

With many teachers teaching online now, I want to assure you that these mini master lessons are not an attempt to recruit your students. Even if requested by the student or parent, I will not accept any students who participate in these lessons into my studio.

Thank you for reviewing the attached flyer and sharing the information with your local association and students. I welcome your feedback and any questions you might have.

Musically yours,

Mary Beth Shaffer, NCTM

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*Director-Elect, West Central Division, Music Teachers National Association*



### **ONLINE MINI MASTER LESSON WITH WRITTEN EVALUATION**

**Clinician:** Mary Beth Barteau Shaffer, NCTM

**Format:** Students present a performance ready or nearly performance-ready piece or pieces for an online mini lesson with written evaluation.

**Purpose:** Provide students with live online performance preparation opportunity for upcoming recitals, festivals, pre-screening auditions and competitions. Provide helpful, positive and knowledgeable instruction and feedback from an experienced teacher and adjudicator other than the private teacher.

Please note: These sessions are strictly supplemental to student's weekly lessons with their current private teacher.

**Preferred platforms:** Skype or FaceTime (wired ethernet recommended)

**Scheduling:** Flexible

**Cost:** \$20/30 minutes (recommended beginner – mid-elementary)  
\$25/45 minutes (recommended late elementary – mid-intermediate)  
\$30/60 minutes (recommended late intermediate – advanced)

**Payment Options:**

1. Check payable to Mary Beth Shaffer, NCTM, 9710 E. Red Giant Dr., Mesa, AZ 85212
2. Zelle, if payment submitted by teacher or upon approval by Mary Beth Shaffer

**For further information and scheduling, contact Mary Beth Barteau Shaffer at [mbs723@shafferstudio.net](mailto:mbs723@shafferstudio.net)**

## In Memoriam:

BAMTA would like to honor the passing of three piano teachers who did so much to inspire the love of music in their students and communities during their many years of teaching: We offer our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of these three wonderful teachers. We will miss you, Norma, Inge and Andrea!

🌸 Norma Schattke, a beloved and long-time BAMTA member (and president from 1980-1981), passed away on January 2, 2021, at the age of 87. Her family describes her as “an undeniably kind and joyful woman”, lover of baseball, music, travel and her dog Jackson.



🌸 Ingeborg “Inge” Bank, originally from Lüneburg, Germany, passed away recently with her husband and son at her side. She was active with BAMTA for many years, and was an avid hiker, bicyclist, pianist, and loved sewing cooking and caring for her family.



🌸 Andrea Greenwall passed away at her home in Ault on her 51st birthday, after a bout with cancer. Her blog “Staying C-ful with the big C” has been an inspiration to so many people. She taught both piano and voice in Ft. Collins for several years after leaving Boulder

