

Dear teachers,

It's finally spring time, although sometimes it doesn't feel like it, especially with snow still in the for-cast. Hard to believe school is almost done for the year. It's definitely a busy time for us all getting ready for end of the year recitals and student events.

This past March meeting, members discussed various ideas about goals and visions for BAMTA next year. One particular idea was to add more presentations and events that include all instrumental teachers, not only piano. If you have any topics or ideas you think we should implement for next year, please let the board know.

Our next BAMTA meeting is April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. We will remain online. There may be discussion about having our May meeting in person for those who are ready to see one another in person. We would find a way to either livestream it or record the meeting for those who don't feel comfortable meeting in person. This will be discussed more at the April meeting. Please note that the May meeting is the final one for the school year. Karen and Rebecca will be presenting the new MPF music for next year.

April general meeting begins at 9am and following will be a presentation on the topic of **"Dementia"** by one of our members, Shieko Uno.

Hope to see you all there,

Amy Watt  
BAMTA- president

- 1.What is Dementia?
- 2.How to differentiate between normal aging dementia, Alzheimer and brain injuries
- 3.Can it be prevented?
- 4.Does music have a beneficial role in treating it?
- 5.What it's like to have dementia?
- 6.Tips on teaching students with dementia.

Shieko Uno's Bio:

Graduated from University of CO with both Bachelor of Music Education in Voice and Bachelor of Music in Piano Pedagogy. She received her master degree in piano performance from Northwestern University and then started her Doctorate at University of CO with focus in research on the effect music has on brain development.

Shieko has had a wide variety of experiences such as: Teaching private, public and corporate education. Trained at Colorado School of the Blind. Trained as a Buddhist Minister. Received her Reiki master certificate and learned to teach Ohara style flower arranging.

Not only is she musically skilled, she did course development for in person and online training courses for both Sun Microsystems and Oracle.

Shieko has also been the head of the Eldora Developmentally Disabled ski program. Worked with music therapist creating music for brain injured patients and collaborated on creating a CD for hospitalized patients and volunteered at a senior assisted living memory care facility. Currently, Shieko is the owner and head of the Una Corda LLC teaching studio and performance group. In her studio, she works with students that have Down Syndrome, brain injuries and early onset dementia.

**Amy Watt is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: BAMTA-April 21st, 2021- Meeting**

**Time: Apr 21, 2021 08:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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