

BAMTA Beat - March 2024

Letter from the President

Dear BAMTA,

If you've ever wanted to know what a dozen or so piano teachers look like while BREAK DANCING, well, sorry to say, you missed your chance. THANKS TONS to our program chair Amy Watt for setting up last month's program by Dr. Jooen Pak where we all explored how piano technique can be understood and enhanced by our body's familiarity with popular hip-hop moves. SO MUCH FUN!

PROGRAM FOR MARCH: Sorry to say that there will be no dancing, but Amy has allowed me to share a few ideas I've used over the years to teach music history in my studio for our March program. **My Template for Teaching Music History to Pre-College Students** will focus on both WHY I teach music history and HOW I have modified the organizational ideas in a packet I picked up at a national conference sometime in the late 80's/early '90's called My Own Music History to make my teaching of this subject more effective and more fun. I will also include some follow-up ideas I've used over the years to keep "music history" in the forefront year-round. The presentation will take place in my home studio, 2502 Blue Heron Circle at 10:00 am on Friday, March 15, after our March meeting and **will NOT be available on Zoom**. Here's a link to my bio, if you're interested: [Carol's Biography](#)

BAMTA NEEDS A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Your BAMTA Board has been hard at work creating a "slate of officers" which we will present to you for your consideration at the April meeting, but WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP! I know I sound like a political ad here, but the fact is that no volunteer organization can function without every single member occasionally taking his/her turn. Please consider taking on this very important job as our present editor, Shari Griswold, moves into the position of BAMTA President next year.

Please note that March is **Celebrate Women's History Month**. Please click the link below to see how CPR is helping us to celebrate classical music through this event:
<https://www.cpr.org/2024/02/29/celebrate-womens-history-month-with-cpr-classical/>

JAMIE SHAAK WILL PERFORM WITH EVERGREEN ORCHESTRA: Nazila Neekoorad, CSMTA V.P. for Local Associations, asked that I share with you the fact that Jamie Shaak is playing with Evergreen Orchestra in a world premiere concert in April 21ST and 22ND.

**World Premiere of "Rhapsody for Piano and Orchestra"
by William Hill
Featuring Pianist Jamie Shaak with the Evergreen Chamber Orchestra**

PIANOS ALIVE 2024 ANOTHER ROUSING SUCCESS: Those of us on the BAMTA Board absolutely LOVED everything about the Piano Alive concert last month. With Richard Capp again at the helm, the music selection was varied and beautifully organized, the program notes were informative and contained exactly enough information to help us stay engaged, and the performers all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the experience he created for them. What a feat!

Hope to see you on March 15th!

Warmly,
Carol Wickham-Revier, NCTM
BAMTA President 2022-24

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARD

It is time to nominate your high school seniors for this BAMTA award. The award includes a \$200 stipend, and a framed award certificate. To apply, the teacher must submit a letter of recommendation, and the student must submit a resume of their musical activities, experiences, honors, performance opportunities, and any other things musical.

The deadline is Friday, April 19, 2024. Email the teacher's recommendation and the student resume to Richard Capp, capprj@gmail.com. If you choose to send via USPS, send Richard an email saying you have mailed the documents.

Spring Recital Rental Space Available

BAMTA Teachers,

Reminder - The BAMTA piano (Yamaha grand) that is housed at Harvest Church in Gunbarrel - 7493 Old Mill Trail, Boulder, CO 80301 (Corner of 75th and Old Mill Trail) can be rented for your winter/spring recital.

Harvest Church has raised the rental fee that teachers pay to them by \$5.00. The fees for a 3-hour block of time are:

- The fee is \$65 for a 3-hour block of time.
 - \$35 is payable through a check written to BAMTA.
 - \$30 is payable to Harvest Church. Mitzi Babb will inform you where to send the checks.
 - If the checks are not received within one week of booking, Mitzi may open the block of time to other teachers.
- A separate check for \$25 is required to Harvest Church as a damage/clean-up deposit. Mitzi will shred the deposit check if no complaints are received concerning the clean-up. If you wish this check to be returned to you, send Mitzi a self-addressed stamped envelope.

There is a fellowship hall and kitchen that can be used for receptions if desired, however, this area is not available on Saturdays until 4:30. Receptions may also be held in the hallway outside of the sanctuary. Several long tables are in the hallway that can be used for food and beverage service.

Please consider using this lovely and affordable space for your next recital, as your rental costs go toward the maintenance of the piano and the continuation of the relationship with Harvest Church.

Rental directions, fees, etc. are located on the BAMTA website – For Teachers/Student Recitals.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mitzi Babb

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Achievement Day - May 11

Our annual Achievement Day will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at CU Boulder's music building. This is a non-competitive event. Students perform two solo pieces and receive judge's comments. They also participate in other music related activities called options, which include playing technical exercises(scales, chords, arpeggios), sight reading, improvising and taking written tests in theory, terms and signs, music history, etc. and many other possibilities! The information and the registration form are posted on BAMTA's website on the teacher pages. The deadline to register students is April 6th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the chairs.

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☀️ Ready, Set, Explore! Sounds of Nature Registration Open! 🌳

Hello all,

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for year three of our summer music camp "Ready, Set, Explore!" Our program gives elementary-aged children the opportunity to collaborate with other young musicians and encourages a love and interest for music. Students both with or without piano experience are welcome, and camp groups are customized for the students enrolled.

This year's theme is the relationship between music and nature, and students will be exploring musical works inspired by nature, through listening, games and performance!

Two weeks are available to choose from:

June 17-21

June 24-28

[Here's a link to the registration form and information!](#)

Also attached is a flyer with the information about the camp with a QR code linking you to all the informational materials, including a schedule and the registration form.

We are excited to see your child at this summer's music camp!

Abby Terrill and Lizzie French, coordinators

READY, SET, EXPLORE!
A SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Sounds of Nature

Join us this summer for a week of musical education and activities inspired by nature! Your student will spend the week experiencing music in new ways and developing collaborative piano skills.

Offered to elementary students in the Boulder and Denver area!



For questions or more info, scan the QR code or contact us at:
 abbytheroset@gmail.com
 918-814-2323

-  Time: 9am to 3pm
-  Session 1: June 17 - 21
Session 2: June 24 - 28
-  \$499/student/week
(family discount offered)
-  St. Aiden's Episcopal Church
-  BYO lunch, snacks provided

Piano Masterclass & Performance with Sergio Gallo

An offer for complementary auditor spots

We would like to offer complementary auditor spots (value \$25) to BAMTA members for our upcoming mini-Adult Piano Seminar (it's modeled on our 5-day summer residential program).

The masterclass teacher is Sergio Gallo, a much beloved teacher and exquisite pianist.

Here's more info: <https://www.rockyridge.org/event/mini-aps-performance-masterclass-with-sergio-gallo/>

Here's a link to the summer program:

<https://www.rockyridge.org/program-category/summer-adult-programs/>

RSVP RRMC@RockyRidge.org with name of interested person (s) and we'll have that list at the door to comp.

Thanks,

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SoYoung Lee
Executive Director
RockyRidge.org

MTNA discounts not to be missed

I saw these discounts in the MTNA newsletter and thought it was worth sharing them again in our newsletter. ~Shari Griswold, newsletter editor

MTNA members can save every day on music purchases for their studio by taking advantage of these members-only discounts:

15% off [MusicNotes](#) code **MTNA15**

20% off [SheetMusicNow](#) code **4MTNA20**

For Important information, please see links below. BAMTA website:

www.BAMTA.org

BAMTA Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Boulder-Area-Music-Teachers-Association-193704743992202>

Multiple Piano Festival:

<https://bamta.org/teachers/multiple-piano-festival//>

Achievement Day:

<https://bamta.org/achievement-day/>

Student Recitals church rental:

<https://bamta.org/students/student-recitals/>

Monthly Meetings:

<https://bamta.org/monthly-meetings/>

Member Pages:

<https://bamta.org/teachers/edit-profile/>

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