



## Letter from the President

Dear Members,

What a great year we have had as an organization! We won the Outstanding Local Association Award for Colorado, we were successful with increasing the number of teachers and students that participate in the Multiple Piano Festival and profited almost \$3,000, our Costumes in Concert keeps growing and this year we will likely be offering 3 recitals. Our activities with the CU Chapter increased, the Masters Class with CU students leading was very well done and educational for all involved, our brand new website will go live in May, we have a full slate of officers to elect at our next meeting, and our presentations this year were all truly fantastic! Wow! Special thanks to Anne Laird and the board for planning great presentations this past year.

Also, thank you to Mitzi and Jill who did a very detailed and helpful presentation on MTNA certification at our April gathering. Inspired by the presentation, several members are considering applying to be certified and starting up a support group this summer or next fall. If you were unable to attend, Mitzi has extra handouts she can give you at our May meeting. Thank you Mitzi for hosting our April meeting in your home. Your living room was a delightful place to gather for our meeting and the food was delicious.

Friday, May 9, will be our last meeting for the 2024-2025 academic year. We hope you will take time to come to the general meeting at 9:00 am to vote on the officers for 2025 - 2026 listed below and to learn about plans for next year's Multiple Piano Festival. After the general meeting Karen Ziegler and Rebecca Martin will be presenting the pieces chosen for the festival this year. Be sure to print out the repertoire list below to bring to the presentation to help you track all the selections and levels as they are presented. We really hope to see you in person, but this meeting will be offered on Zoom. Contact Sonja Touthoofd if you would like to attend via ZOOM. [sonjat3141@gmail.com](mailto:sonjat3141@gmail.com)

A big thank you to board members this year who worked hard to make this year such a success! We are so lucky that you share your time and talents with us. Also, a big thank you to all the leaders of our various events and committees. You all help this organization be of service to our community and our members!

Once the new board is elected, they will be meeting in June to plan the programs for next year and the locations where we will meet. Please consider hosting an event at your house. Sharing your home with us helps us to get to know you better and is a much needed service to our organization. If you would like to host one of our meetings next year, please contact Shari Griswold by email or better yet come to our meeting on May 9th and volunteer during the meeting.

[shmstudio1@gmail.com](mailto:shmstudio1@gmail.com)

Also, the Steering Committee for the Multiple Piano Festival is needing new members. New members on the committee would be acting as assistants to learn about and help complete the various tasks that are needed to make this festival happen. Please contact Shari Griswold if you have questions or want to join us. We really need other people to help. In past years we have had 5 or 6 people on the committee and this year currently we have only 3 members.

Below is the slate of officers we will be voting on at our on May 9th.

PRESIDENT – Shari Griswold  
PRESIDENT ELECT - Anne Laird  
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Carol Wickham-Revier  
SECRETARY – Stella Pradeau  
TREASURER – Jill Ice  
VP of STUDENT ACTIVITIES – Amy Watt  
VP of OUTREACH – Amy Watt  
VP of TEACHER ENRICHMENT (i.e. Program Chair) – Anne Laird  
VP of MEMBERSHIP – Melanie Lawrence  
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE – Mitzi Babb and Sonya Toutenhoofd  
Warm regards,  
Shari Griswold  
BAMTA President 2024-2025

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**ACTION ITEM FOR ALL MEMBERS: Please submit an UPDATED BIO for our revamped BAMTA website**

Our organization's website is in the midst of a much-needed overhaul. To help prospective students find you, the website will include a searchable teacher database. We'll be listing names, cities, teaching areas, and biographies. Contact information will be displayed in a limited-access format to prevent misuse of your personal details.

Please send your bio to [melanielawrence@comcast.net](mailto:melanielawrence@comcast.net) by May 15th, 2025. Feel free to include your website or any social media pages. There is not a word or character limit.

Here is a link to the member list on our old but still functioning website if you need to check it: <https://bamta.org/category/teacher-bios/>

If we don't hear from you by the deadline, we will use your existing bio. We plan to do member listing updates twice a year, and your next opportunity will be August 1st.

If you prefer not to be included on the website, please email [melanielawrence@comcast.net](mailto:melanielawrence@comcast.net) with that information as well.

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## **GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENT**

The BAMTA Graduating High School Senior Award Committee is pleased to announce that the award recipient for 2025 is Mallory Deneau, student of Malia Van Rooy. Mallory studies flute with Malia. Her experiences and honors are extensive. In addition to private study, Mallory has played with the Denver Young Artists Youth Orchestra, the Greater Boulder Youth Orchestra, the Colorado All-State Orchestra (Principal Flute), the Colorado All-State Band, the Mile High Flute Academy, Centaurus High School Wind Symphony and Marching Band. Mallory has also been selected to play in the University of Colorado Honor Band, the Colorado State University Honor Band, the Western Colorado University Honor Band (First Chair), and the Boulder Valley School District Honor Band. Mallory plans to attend the University of Colorado on a scholarship to study flute with Christina Jennings. Congratulations to Mallory Deneau, and her teacher Malia Van Rooy.

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### **May Teacher Program**

Please join us on Friday, May 9 (note the date change) for the exciting unveiling of our 2025 MPF repertoire! Members Karen Ziegler and Rebecca Martin have graciously agreed to learn and play the music for us. We will meet at Carol Wickham-Revier's house and the program will begin at 10:00, following our 9:00 general meeting. Carol's address is 2502 Blue Heron Circle, in Lafayette. There will be a zoom link provided for those who are unable to attend in person. See you then!

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### **BAMTA Scholarships**

BAMTA is pleased to announce that scholarship funds will be available to students this year. The scholarship application can be downloaded from the [bamta.org](http://bamta.org) website and is due June 1. Applications consist of a financial statement submitted by the student's parents (available under *For Students and Parents*), a computer file, CD or DVD of the student performing 3 solo repertoire pieces, and a letter of recommendation from the teacher (available under *For Teachers*). More information can be found on the website.

### **BAMTA Scholarship Committee Volunteers Needed:**

Volunteers are needed to serve on the BAMTA Scholarship Committee. Our work will be done during the month of June. I would again like to make this an online committee. Members of this committee cannot have a student applying for a scholarship. Please contact Mitzi Babb ([mitzi@thebabbs.com](mailto:mitzi@thebabbs.com)) if you would like to serve on this committee.

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### **BOWERY TRIO IN LOUISVILLE - JUNE 15, 2025**

In partnership with the city of Louisville, Bowery Trio is hosting a day of chamber music for audiences of all ages on June 15th, 2025. As part of this event, the trio will be giving masterclasses from 2-4 pm. We are seeking students of intermediate to advanced level who play clarinet, cello, or piano. We would love it if you could share this information with your students. The concerts and masterclass are completely free of tuition and admission. There are still a few spots left for students to participate in the masterclass. Even if they're not applying, watching the class will be a great experience as well.

I have attached a flyer to this email with details about the class and other events of the day! The flyer also contains the QR code to the landing page of our events. All events on the flyer will take place at: 801 Grant Ave, Louisville, CO 80027

<https://www.bowerytrio.com/louisville.html>

Thanks so much for considering, and we hope to see you and your students at the masterclasses and concerts!

Best,  
Allison Wang  
Founder of [Fun with Keys](http://Fun with Keys)  
Email: [info@funwithkeys.com](mailto:info@funwithkeys.com)  
Phone: 262-527-1026

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## Taubman Approach Workshop and Concert

Hi BAMTA!

Leave frustration, fatigue and pain behind, and join us this August 8-10 for our 3rd Colorado Taubman Approach Workshop and Concert!

Held at our local Center for Musical Arts in Lafayette, this year will be better than ever.

We are adding Master Level Teachers Yoriko Fieleke (Boston) and Hugo Bermúdez (Mexico) this year to our other returning expert faculty members Elizabeth Grace, Brenna Berman, and Ron Stabinsky.

This year our sessions are geared towards accessible tools for all teachers, students, amateurs, and professionals. Please visit

<https://www.effortlessartistrymusic.com/event/2025-colorado-taubman-approach-workshop-and-concert/> for more info!

Best,

Brenna and Effortless Artistry Music nonprofit

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Golandsky Institute Faculty  
Taubman Approach Certified  
Master Level

**ELIZABETH GRACE**  
Golandsky Institute Instructor  
Taubman Approach Certified  
Master Level

**BRENNA BERMAN**  
EAM Founder and Executive Director  
Golandsky Institute Associate Faculty  
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**RON STABINSKY**  
Concert Artist, Presenter

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**Link to BAMTA membership list:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/152ycAcMJcg7wEKlCNocZqfb9WcdXsL2dq-em3f\\_T\\_98/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/152ycAcMJcg7wEKlCNocZqfb9WcdXsL2dq-em3f_T_98/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

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**BAMTA Meetings Program List 2025:**

**May 9:** *Presentation of MPF Repertoire*, presented by Karen Ziegler and Rebecca Martin  
Host: Carol Wickham-Revier  
Location: 2502 Blue Heron Circle, Lafayette  
(please note the altered date)