

President's Letter

Dear BAMTA members,

Greetings and happy spring to all! I'm glad to be writing this with only a slight bit of PTSD from the recent storms which started to get uncomfortably reminiscent of 2013. The flowers and plants seem to have weathered that late snow and are ready to start the growing season with a bang!

I've had a wonderful time being president of this association, and I think we had a successful and productive year. My thanks go out to the indefatigable and intrepid team of board members and the committed core group of BAMTA members who have participated valiantly in spite of all having active and busy lives!

I will be staying on as co-president for the rest of 2015, passing the torch on to Emily Miller. This is a compromise responding to the suggestion that presidents serve a two year term. Helping Emily learn the ropes will be an efficient way for her to transition to leadership in 2016. Emily has graciously stepped up to the plate, and has already been attending the business meetings. She even took the minutes for the last two meetings, and did a great job. She is going to be going to the State Convention in June---I am unable to attend---but she will represent BAMTA at the Local Association luncheon, and be our representative in Pueblo. Thank you Emily! She is going to be a terrific president!

Karen Ziegler and Rebecca Martin not only made and presented the selections for this November's Multiple Piano Festival, they also agreed to co-chair it. We are so lucky and so grateful that they are willing to provide their expertise and precious time to helping produce another superior festival for us this year. Amy Watts, a new member recently transplanted from California, and Michele Wooten are in training to take over as Festival Co-chairs for 2016. Working closely with Karen and Rebecca will give them a chance to learn the ropes hands-on. Thank you, Karen, Rebecca, Amy and Michele!

Rebecca is Program Chair for next year, and has almost completed lining up a great series of programs for us, many of which will utilize the expertise and experience of other BAMTA members (including herself). We love it when Rebecca presents one of her programs! Thank you, thank you, Rebecca!

While I'm doing my Oscar-acceptance speech here, may I please thank Carol Wickham Revier for coming to every board meeting as past president, at 8:15 in that cold lonely church and lighting up the atmosphere with her smile, laugh and experience! Thank you Carol!

Thank you to Mitzi Babb for coordinating a successful BAMTA recital and for your help with the scholarship committee, along with Richard Capp.

Thank you Susan Rudosky and Jeanne Zukowski for running the Achievement Day Festival. Okay, my times up, so before I thank Lois Abhul for creating a poster for the Convention, Norma Schattke for providing refreshments, and Martha Thompson for her kind and sensible financial vigilance, I just want to give a shout-out to Lacey Wheeler for keeping us all connected electronically. Lacey has about 4 jobs and hundreds of students and somehow manages to fill the post of Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor with total grace and ooooooops, times up, thank you again for everything BAMTA, see you all in September! (Don't miss the first meeting, there's rumors that very fun participatory musical games will be featured!)

Toby

MPF News

Hello MPF Teachers - attached you'll find the (already!) revised MPF Repertoire List -- there were a couple of typos in the first one, and this one also reflects cuts that your students will need. The repertoire notes are part of that file. We'll also send this to the website so you can download it whenever you need to. Also, we'll let you know when more notes are added, so that you and your students can stay on top of important information.

Please consider playing the teacher's piece! It will be fun and a bit of a novelty!

The google docs for registration will be up soon. Please enter in students (you can always edit or delete later) as soon as you have a student playing a piece, so we all can keep an eye on numbers.

We already have many teachers who have volunteered to do their same job from last year - thank you! Let us know if there is something specific you'd like to do.... and as we get organized, we'll probably be calling on everyone more and more.

The concert date is Nov. 21, 2015 and this will be BAMTA's 30th MPF!! We'll come up with some celebratory ideas for this special year!

Thanks, everyone, for your help and support for this upcoming event,
Rebecca Martin & Karen Ziegler, MPF Co-Chairs

Studio Openings

Amy Watt is currently accepting new students:

Amy Watt

519 Zircon Way

Superior, CO 80027

Email: www.amy@amywattpiano.com

Website: www.amywattpiano.com

PIANO CAMP!!!

Center for Musical Arts: 200 E. Baseline, Lafayette, Co.

Register with Nancy Brace: 303-665-0599

Ext. 100

Ages: 7–13

Days/Dates: Monday–Friday, June 22–26 (5 days)

Time: 9 am–12 pm

Instructors: Barbara Grout and Amanda Setlik Jones

Tuition: \$180

Come to a Summer Piano Party!

Spend time with friends new and old while working on musicianship skills together. Play in small piano ensembles and a piano band! Ensemble playing encourages fluent reading, teamwork, and development of the ear.

For more information, please email:

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