

BAMTA BEAT

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President's Letter

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BAMTA members,
Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you rested and relaxed after the holiday break and ready to tackle the second half of the school year with restored energy.

Next BAMTA meeting - January 16th at Harvest Baptist Church (7493 Old Mill Trl, Boulder 80301 - one block north of Jay road on 75th street).

- 10:00 - 10:50 BAMTA General Membership meeting (all members are invited and encouraged to attend)

- 11:00 - 12:00 Cobus duToit will be presenting a program on *The Collaborative Pianist*

Also, the January 2013 edition of Notes & News is filled with lots of information including an article by our own Barb Grout (The 'Tween Challenge: How to Inspire 11- to 14-year-olds to Keep Taking Lessons), CSMTA State Conference forms, and the Professional Reading Education Program.

The CSMTA 2013 Conference is June 5 - 8 in Fort Collins. If you have never attended, consider doing so this year. I have attended twice and have come away inspired both times. To avoid paying a late fee, register by May 1.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on January 16.

Mitzi Babb

Scheduling Recitals

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I anticipate starting to take requests for recitals at Harvest Baptist on Wednesday, January 23rd after 9:00 a.m. You can call me at 303-530-4760 or email me at KTSmaier@gmail.com. I will also send out a group email to let the usual church users know I am ready to take requests and go over procedures. Happy New Year to you all!

Kate Smailer

Achievement Day News

I'd like to encourage all BAMTA members to enter students into Achievement Day. It is a non-competitive event where you can customize each student's activities and goals. The information about BAMTA's Achievement Day 2013 is now posted on the BAMTA website. (Teachers need to access with a password.) Please note that practice test materials, and history listening video link, are on the CSMTA's website (www.comusicteachers.net). "Grand staff" practice tests are for piano students, and "Treble" practice tests are for students of treble instruments such as flute, violin. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the chair.

Harumi Tabler, BAMTA Achievement Day 2013, CHAIR

Pianos Alive

PIANOS ALIVE!

Come and hear the pianists of First Presbyterian Church perform a five-piano concert on Friday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. The church is at 1820 15th Street, Boulder. Music by Bach, Rimsky-Koraskov, Bizet, Stravinsky, and Copland will be presented. Performers include Mitzi Babb, Leslie Ann Leddy, Laura Smith, Paul Jarvis, Pat Holmberg, and others. Special guest Brett Wallace, cello, will perform Saint-Saens "The Swan", accompanied by duo-pianists Richard Capp and Ryan Capp. There will also be an encore performance of "Exodus" by students from Multiple Piano Festival.

Everyone -teachers, students, family, friends- is welcome. The concert is free. Donations will go to the piano fund for the new Schimmel 7' grand in the First Pres Chapel.

Richard Capp