



Letter from the President

Dear BAMTA teachers,

I hope you enjoyed your holiday break this past week and had a happy thanksgiving!

Congratulations to everyone involved with the 39th Multiple Piano Festival! What a fabulous event. All the teachers and students involved have reason to feel very proud. The MPF Steering Team is very thankful for everyone's support of this huge undertaking.

Looking forward to December, below are events you are invited to attend.

December 6: Lunch at 11:30 am and CU Chapter meeting from 1 - 2 pm.

Everyone is invited to join the CU chapter meeting this Friday for an informal discussion regarding teaching music in a private music studio or other setting as a music educator/mentor. The CU chapter would like to learn from our experience as seasoned teachers. **Members that plan to attend are invited to meet for lunch at Mad Greens on Dillon Rd. in Louisville at 11:30 am beforehand, and then those that want to can carpool to CU from there. Contact Shari Griswold at shmstudio1@gmail.com if you are able to join us. We would love to see you for lunch even if you can't attend the CU meeting afterwards.**

As of yet I do not know what room number we will be meeting in at CU but can get that information to anyone planning to attend, later this week.

December 13: Holiday Brunch, a member potluck and ornament exchange

We hope you can take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays and join us for our annual holiday party. See below for details.

I wish you all a happy and festive holiday season and hope to see you at our holiday gathering!

Warm regards,
Shari Griswold

Holiday Brunch 🍽️

Come celebrate with your BAMTA friends at our annual holiday brunch! It's on Friday, December 13 at 10:00 AM. Carol Wickham-Revier will be hosting in her lovely home at 2502 Blue Heron Circle in Lafayette. This is a member potluck so please bring a dish to share. Also, please bring an ornament for a lively and festive exchange. See you there!

BAMTA Book Group 📖

Need a gift idea for yourself? How about *Every Good Boy Does Fine*, by Jeremy Denk, our BAMTA book choice for 2025. This is an engaging memoir about Denk's formation and life as a pianist. Along the way there are lots of musings and insights about music as well as about specific repertoire. There is an annotated playlist at the end of the book and a correlating playlist on Spotify. Find a copy on Amazon or order through your local bookstore. Also available on Audible. We will discuss the book following our general meeting on January 17. It will be at Anne Laird's house, 1916 S. Coffman St. in Longmont. See you there!

Masterclass Participants Needed! 🎹

Our February 21 program will consist of CU students leading a masterclass for students of BAMTA teachers. The class will be from 9:40-11:00 at Harvest Church. It is on a Friday, so students will need to be homeschooled or able to miss school. The CU teachers have requested that participating students be at an early intermediate level and above. If you have a student who might like to participate, please email Anne Laird at alaird25@comcast.net with their name, age, level, and piece they would like to play. There will only be room for four students.

PIANOS ALIVE ! 2025

Save a place on your calendar for Pianos Alive! The next program will be Friday, February 7, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at Grace Commons Church, 1820 15th Street, Boulder, CO.

Musicians include current and past BAMTA members, Mitzi Babb, Lois Abbuhl, Pat Holmberg, Karen Ziegler, Laura Smith, and Richard Capp.

You will hear Bizet's "Habanera" from Carmen, with some harmonic and rhythmic twists by the Russian pianist and arranger, Vyacheslav Gryaznov (1982-); a vivacious "La Danseuse," by Arensky; the gorgeous "Nocturne" from Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream complete with French horn solo; "Palm Court Waltz" by English composer Lennox Berkeley; "Farandole," a crowd favorite, from Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite; and many other wonderful pieces.

All are welcome!

BAMTA Meetings Program List 2024/25:

December 13: Holiday Brunch, a member potluck

Host: Carol Wickham-Revier

Location: 2502 Blue Heron Circle, Lafayette

(please note the altered date)

January 17: *Book discussion, book TBD*, moderated by Anne Laird

Host: Anne Laird

Location: 1916 S. Coffman St., Longmont

February 21: *Masterclass for BAMTA students*, presented by CU chapter members

Location: Harvest Church, 7493 Old Mill Trail, Boulder

March 14: *Incorporating Dalcroze Pedagogy into the Private Lesson*, presented by Katie Couch

Location: Harvest Church, 7493 Old Mill Trail, Boulder

(please note the altered date)

April 11: *MTNA Certification*, presented by Mitzi Babb and Jill Ice

Host: Mitzi Babb

Location: 7248 Petursdale Ct, Boulder

(please note the altered date)

May 16: *Presentation of MPF Repertoire*, presented by Karen Ziegler and Carol

Wickham-Revier

