



Letter from the President

Dear Teachers,

I hope you all are enjoying this very long Indian Summer and the start of the teaching year is going well. Below I share what happened for BAMTA in September and all the great events to come in October.

September 15, BBQ Social

Thank you to Amy and Dave Watt for hosting our BBQ social in their home on September 15. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed good conversation and making new connections. Pictures are posted below.

September BAMTA Meeting

On Friday, September 20, we had a wonderful first meeting at my home with 13 members attending. Thank you to all the board members that provided a delicious brunch! Because we did not have time to do goal setting for our studios at our first meeting, we will take time to do that at our next meeting on Friday, October 25. The General Meeting starts at 8:15 am. Important details about the Halloween recital as well as auditions and teacher job assignments for Multiple Piano Festival will be discussed among other things. If you are participating in the Halloween recital or in the MPF, we hope you will be able to attend. After the general meeting, we will order breakfast, have an open round table discussion about highlights from the CSMTA conference as well as talk about goal setting. I hope everyone will walk away with one goal they will be shooting for in regards to their teaching/business for the year.

October 25th - BAMTA Meeting

Time: 8:15 am General Meeting / 9:00 am Breakfast, Discussion and Goal setting

Location: The Huckleberry, 700 Main Street, Louisville

Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19 - CSMTA Conference -

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with BAMTA members, to be inspired by other teachers and performers and to increase your skills. You can register for one day or for both days. If you decide to go, you are welcome to connect with Amy Watt to see if BAMTA members will be gathering for a meal together or ways to connect with members during the conference. Contact Amy at amy@amywattpiano.com The links to the conference schedule and to register are below.

Conference Registration - <https://conference.comusicteachers.com/>

Conference Schedule -

<https://comusicteachers.net/sites/default/files/2024%20Conference%20Schedule.pdf>

October 27, Halloween Recital

Our Halloween recital last year was a big success and so we are hosting one again this year. Sign up your students by October 20. See below for more details.

MPF Festival

Be sure to register your students and get your registration fees in on time. See below for

important deadlines and details. Contact Carol Wickham-Revier

(cswickhamrevier@yahoo.com)

if you are new to MPF and have any questions.

Happy Fall and Happy Halloween everyone!

Best wishes,

Shari Griswold

Effortless Artistry Music

Teacher Training Session 1

Registration closes Thursday, October 3

Look out for the flash sale! Visit [EffortlessArtistryMusic.com](https://www.effortlessartistrymusic.com) today.

<https://www.effortlessartistrymusic.com/event/eam-teacher-training-session-1/>

Zoom at Meetings from Shari Griswold

On a very limited basis, we will offer Zoom at meetings when we can this year. The logistics of running Zoom and running a meeting are challenging and in many ways using zoom deters us from the goal of meeting in person to establish relationships with colleagues. As a means to help people stay informed however, we have decided to offer the option to observe the meetings on Zoom when it is feasible. When members attend on Zoom you will have the option to observe only.

Thank you, Shari

CSMTA STATE CONFERENCE

All members are encouraged to attend the **conference on October 18 and 19 at Colorado State University Pueblo**. this year. CMSTA is very excited to be able to host not only an internationally-recognized piano trio as guest artists but also the National President of MTNA as the keynote speaker.

Also being offered this year is a one-day registration option for the second day of the conference, for those whose work or personal circumstances may prevent them from traveling for the first day of the conference.

Link to review registration options:

<https://conference.comusicteachers.com/>

Everyone who is involved in the planning process has been focused on making the conference accessible to as many people as possible—it is, after all, one of very few opportunities us teachers have to connect with each other and re-energize us to continue our important work!

Christine Ortega, Vice President of Conferences, Colorado State Music Teachers Association.

"CONFERENCE CHAT" BAMTA Meeting

Please attend "Conference Chat", our October BAMTA meeting. This will take place on **Friday, October 25, at Huckleberry in Louisville!**

If you were unable to attend the CSMTA conference in Pueblo, this meeting is for you. Members who attended the conference will share and discuss what they learned with those who were unable to go. We will begin with a general meeting over coffee and tea at 8:15 and continue with breakfast and conversation at 9:00. Looking forward to seeing you there!

MPF UPDATES:

- **Group B1** - The steering committee has made the decision to **drop Anne's Theme** from the festival. Since there was only 1 duet pair signed up for Anne's Theme, we decided to drop the duet this year and add it again in the future.
- All practice recordings can be found on the BAMTA website, as well as the updated repertoire list and conductor's notes.
<https://bamta.org/mpf-2024-practice-recordings/>
- **Registration deadline**, including submitting registration fees, is **October 21**.
- After collecting registration fees from parents, teachers can mail the full amount to Jill Ice, (6320 Spring Gulch Street, Frederick, CO 80516) or submit payment via Zelle, treasurer@bamta.org
- **Auditions will take place on November 9**. Locations and times TBD.

- **To register for MPF 2024, please fill out the online Participating Teacher Form, <https://forms.gle/Yy2YU416svBUjoQH8>** Once you submit the online form, you will receive a Google Drive folder link. Within the spreadsheets of the folder, open the level and enter each student's name and information on both the Master List and each piece and part for which they are auditioning. Please refer to the Teacher Information Letter for more details.

“Costumes in Concert”

Don't forget to sign your students up for the upcoming Halloween Recital; “Costumes in Concert” on Sunday, October 27th at 3:00pm and 4:15pm. The location is at Harvest Baptist Church, 7493 Old Mill Trail, Boulder, CO.

Please use this link to register your students. The registration deadline is October 20.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10OANVutNZQTooTEjRf3jejG/Gv1bm0Ei2ohLuLQo3izg/edit?usp=sharing>

Please note that your student does NOT have to play a Halloween themed piece, anything is welcome including solo, duet or MPF duets. We welcome any other instruments, not just piano! Memorization is not required.

Costumes are encouraged but not required, but please make sure no scary costumes. Teachers of students are encouraged to dress up, it's fun for the students to see the teachers participate as well.

Please have students bring some goodies to share for the reception. We will take a group photo after each recital, so please let us know if your student does not want to participate in this. Photos may be posted on social media at a later time.

Please sign up as soon as you can and include the approximate length of each piece. If there is a conflict with either 3:00 or 4:15pm time slot, please make sure to note this in the google form along with any siblings or partners playing.

We had a great first Halloween concert last year. Let's make it another great one!

Please contact Amy Watt with any questions. amy@amywattpiano.com



BAMTA PIANO/RECITAL SPACE AVAILABLE TO RENT

I am currently taking recital rental reservations for the fall semester (September – December). The BAMTA piano (Yamaha grand) is housed at Harvest Church in Gunbarrel - 7493 Old Mill Trail, Boulder, CO 8030 (Corner of 75th and Old Mill Trail). This piano/recital space is available for rent:

- Most Friday evenings
- Saturdays after 1:00
- Most Sundays after 2:00
- Occasionally Monday-Thursday evenings

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.

The rental fee is \$65 for a 3-hour block of time. 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, NCTM

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Colorado Peaks Piano Competition

I wanted to pass on the word to local associations about a new pre-college piano competition that Colorado Christian University will be putting on March 22, 2025. I will be co-chairing the event alongside Amy Lee, who organized Rising Stars the past two years. The name of the competition is Colorado Peaks Piano Competition, and it will be in CCU's brand new facility in Lakewood.

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BAMTA Meetings Program List 2024/25:

October 18-19 CSMTA conference: Members are strongly encouraged to attend. Please consider carpooling and room sharing with other members!

October 25: *Conference Chat*, a round table discussion over breakfast at Huckleberry. All interested in ideas presented at the CSMTA conference are welcome. Please come, whether or not you were able to attend!

Time: 8:15 General meeting / 9:00 Breakfast and discussion

Location: The Huckleberry, 700 Main Street., Louisville
(please note the altered date, time, and location)

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

Pics from the BBQ Social



