



## **Letter from the President**

**Dear BAMTA members,**

**February has crept up on us and it is here. It does not seem like February, however, because today it was 64 degrees and I played pickle ball outside in shorts. I hope you enjoyed some time outside too!**

**Last month we had our book club meeting and had a very lively discussion about Jeremy Denk's book, Every Good Boy Does Fine. Unanimously I think all that attended the meeting really enjoyed the book. Numerous people who listened to the audio version highly recommend that option because it includes recordings of the music he discusses in the book.**

**This month we have our Friday meeting on Friday, February 21 at 9am at Harvest Baptist Church followed by a Masterclass led by members of the CU collegiate chapter. Come support the college students and pick up some coaching tips. This meeting will not be offered on Zoom so we hope you join us in person.**

**Also, next Friday, 2/7, is the Pianos Alive concert. Numerous BAMTA members are playing in the concert and many of us are planning to attend. Those of us that attended the concert last year loved it so much we are planning to attend again this year.**

**I hope to see you at our February events this month!**

**Warm Regards,  
Shari Griswold**

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**PIANOS ALIVE ! 2025 - This Friday 2/7!**

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 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Boulder, CO.

Musicians include current and past BAMTA members, Mitzi Babb, Lois Abbuhl, Pat Holmberg, Carol Wickham-Revier, 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!

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**Colorado Peaks Piano Competition - FINAL week to register!**

The competition will be held at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood on March 22nd. The deadline to register is February 8th.

- for students between the ages of 5-18 (pre-collegiate), nationwide
- in-person event, hosted by Colorado Christian University
- four age group divisions
- cash prizes
- Winners' Recital at 5:00 pm

<https://coloradopeakspianocompetition.com/>

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**BAMTA Meeting Friday February 21**

Please join us at Harvest Church for a masterclass following our general meeting on February 21. It will feature four students of BAMTA teachers and will be presided over by CU graduate students. To allow adequate time the masterclass will begin at 9:40. See you then!

<https://evite.me/5tfThEMg71>

SAVE THE DATE!

**The March 14 BAMTA meeting** will be followed by a **Dalcroze presentation given by Katie Couch**. Wear some comfortable clothes and come learn some new ways to incorporate rhythm and movement into the private lesson. We will meet at Harvest Church for a 9:00 general meeting, followed by the Dalcroze presentation at 10:00.

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### **Bowery Trio Masterclass - June 15, 2025**

My name is Allison Wang and I am the pianist of Bowery Trio. We are a piano, clarinet, and cello trio focused on sharing the joy of classical chamber music through performance and education!

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 for you to share this information with your students. 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 link to our Google form to apply for spots in the masterclass.

For convenience, I am also including a shortened link here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdkwctbt>

All events on the flyer will take place at: **801 Grant Ave, Louisville, CO 80027**

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](#)

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# Summer Piano Camp - Ready, Set, Explore! 2025: Dance to Your Own Beat

Hello all,

We are very excited to announce that registration for our 4th annual summer piano camp, "Ready, Set, Explore!" is now open! This year's theme is "Dance to Your Own Beat", delves into the relationship between music, dance, and rhythm. Students will be exploring musical works inspired by various dances while mastering rhythms through listening, gaming, performing, and more.

Our program provides elementary-aged children the opportunity to collaborate with other young musicians and encourages a love and interest for music. Students both with or without piano experience are welcome, and camp groups will be customized for the students enrolled.

Two weeks are available to choose from:

**Session 1: June 16-20**

**Session 2: June 23-27**

Location: Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 1345 S Broadway, Boulder, CO 80305

Sign up now to reserve your child's spot! [Click here for the online form.](#)

Attached is a flyer, info packet, and a paper enrollment form for more details about the camp. A QR code linking to [our camp webpage](#) is included in the flyer for all the informational materials and instructors' bios. Do not miss our special discount offer for registering more than one child!

We are looking forward to seeing your child and having a joyful time at the music camp this summer 🎵

Juhyun Hwang,

Faculty/Staff

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## BAMTA PIANO/RECITAL SPACE AVAILABLE TO RENT

I am the coordinator for the BAMTA piano (Yamaha grand) that is housed at Harvest Church in Gunbarrel - 7493 Old Mill Trail, Boulder, CO 8030 (Corner of 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you have never used this recital space before and would like to arrange a 15-20 minute building tour, let me know and I would be happy to arrange a time that works for both of us.

I will begin taking reservations for the winter/spring semester (January – May) on January 13. 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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### **BAMTA's current membership list:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/152ycAcMJcg7wEKICNocZqfb9WcdXsL2dq-em3f\\_T\\_98/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/152ycAcMJcg7wEKICNocZqfb9WcdXsL2dq-em3f_T_98/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

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**BAMTA Meetings Program List 2025:**

**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