



## Letter from the President

Dear BAMTA Members,

The school year will be coming to an end in a month in a half and many of us will soon be hosting our final recitals for the academic year. I hope things come together smoothly for everyone and you enjoy celebrating all your students have accomplished this year.

BAMTA has two meetings left for the academic year. Please take note that both meetings will be on the 2nd Friday of the month.

For our April 11th meeting, Mitzi Babb and Jill Ice will be doing a presentation on MTNA certification. See below for the details. Prior to this presentation, at our general meeting, Carol Wickham-Revier and Laura will be sharing plans to make the 40th Multiple Piano Festival a special celebration.

At the May 9th meeting, we will be voting on the slate of officers below and for the presentation we will get to hear all the duet music planned for the 2025 Multiple Piano Festival. If you are new to MPF, this is a wonderful opportunity to hear the music live and to get any questions you have answered. Most teachers start their students on the MPF repertoire in June. If you have participated in MPF in years past we hope you will participate again and consider taking on bigger responsibilities. Many hands make for light work. We are needing new members for the MPF steering team and someone to be the MPF Steering Committee Chairperson. We plan to have the April meeting available via ZOOM. This is an observation only option. If you would like to attend via ZOOM please email Sonja Toutenhoofd at [sonjat3141@gmail.com](mailto:sonjat3141@gmail.com).

I am pleased to announce below the slate of officers we will be voting on at the May meeting.

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**PRESIDENT – Shari Griswold**  
**PRESIDENT ELECT - Anne Laird**  
**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Carol Wickham-Revier**  
**SECRETARY – Stella Pradeau**  
**TREASURER – Jill Ice**

**VP of STUDENT ACTIVITIES – Amy Watt**  
**VP of OUTREACH – Amy Watt**  
**VP of TEACHER ENRICHMENT (i.e. Program Chair) – Anne Laird**  
**VP of MEMBERSHIP – Melanie Lawrence**  
**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE – Mitzi Babb and Sonya Toutenhoofd**  
**MPF Steering Committee Chairperson - ?**

**I hope to see you on April 11th!**

**Warm regards,**  
**Shari Griswold**

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### **GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AWARD**

**It is time to nominate your high school seniors for this BAMTA award. The award includes a \$200 stipend, and a framed award certificate. To apply, the teacher must submit a letter of recommendation, and the student must submit a resume of their musical activities, experiences, honors, performance opportunities, and any other things musical.**

**The deadline is Friday, April 18 2025. Email the teacher’s recommendation and the student resume to Richard Capp, [capprj@gmail.com](mailto:capprj@gmail.com).**

**If you choose to send via USPS, please send Richard an email saying you have mailed the documents.**

**<https://bamta.org/graduating-senior-awards/>**

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**April Teacher Program**

Please join us on Friday, April 11, to learn more about the benefits of MTNA certification. Jill Ice and Mitzi Babb will explain the process and answer any questions you may have. The presentation will be at 10:00, following our 9:00 general meeting, in the home of Mitzi Babb. Mitzi's address is 7248 Petursdale Ct, Boulder. Gathering in person is always encouraged but there will be a zoom link provided for those who are unable to do so.

**May Teacher Program**

Please join us on Friday, May 9 (note the date change) for the exciting unveiling of our 2025 MPF repertoire! Members Karen Ziegler and Rebecca Martin have graciously agreed to learn and play the music for us. We will meet at Carol Wickham-Revier's house and the program will begin at 10:00, following our 9:00 general meeting. Carol's address is 2502 Blue Heron Circle, in Lafayette. There will be a zoom link provided for those who are unable to attend in person. See you then!

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**Substitutue Teacher Needed**

**From Charlotte Haertling:**

**I will be going on maternity leave for the summer and looking for a sub for some of my students. Amy Watt is taking my older ones, so specifically I am looking for a sub for my 6-9 year olds. I am looking for someone located in or around Louisville. It would be especially great if this person could introduce them to the MPF repertoire for this year and start them on it. I think there would be about 5-7 students total. Please contact me at:**

**[charlotte.haertling@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.haertling@gmail.com)**

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## ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Our annual Achievement Day will be held on Saturday, May 10th, 2025, at CU Boulder's music building. This is a non-competitive event where students perform two solo pieces and receive judge's comments. They also participate in other music-related activities called 'options,' which include playing technical exercises (scales, chords, arpeggios), sight reading, improvising; taking written tests in theory, terms and signs, music history, etc.; and many other activities.

The information and the registration form are posted on BAMTA's website on the teacher pages. The deadline to register students is April 5th. If you have any questions, please contact one of the chairs.

<https://bamta.org/achievement-day/>

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### **BAMTA Scholarships**

**BAMTA is pleased to announce that scholarship funds will be available to students this year. The scholarship application can be downloaded from the [bamta.org](http://bamta.org) website and is due June 1. Applications consist of a financial statement submitted by the student's parents (available under *For Students and Parents*), a computer file, CD or DVD of the student performing 3 solo repertoire pieces, and a letter of recommendation from the teacher (available under *For Teachers*). More information can be found on the website.**

### **BAMTA Scholarship Committee Volunteers Needed:**

**Volunteers are needed to serve on the BAMTA Scholarship Committee. Our work will be done during the month of June. I would again like to make this an online committee. Members of this committee cannot have a student applying for a scholarship. Please contact Mitzi Babb ([mitzi@thebabbs.com](mailto:mitzi@thebabbs.com)) if you would like to serve on this committee.**

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## **Piano Teachers needed**

**Steph Fairbanks is looking for piano teachers interested in taking on some of her graduating students after May. These kids have all been studying music/chord theory and piano through the Let's Play Music program with her for the last three years. They have been learning and performing in a group setting, but will also be performing their own solo compositions at their final recital in May at the Broomfield Auditorium. The level at which they play varies between a 1 and 2, and all have developed practice habits and have supportive parents. This is really a great group of students! They will be looking for teachers in/near Broomfield, Westminster, Lafayette, Louisville, Erie, and Boulder. Steph is happy to discuss potential students and their strengths/needs with teachers who have openings to see if they'd be a good fit for your studio. Please reach out to her at [stephfairbanks@letsplaymusicsite.com](mailto:stephfairbanks@letsplaymusicsite.com).**

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## **CU Boulder High School Summer Music Academy: Piano Intensive**

I am writing on behalf of the piano faculty at the University of Colorado Boulder. We are hosting a 5-day piano camp in June, and we still have open slots we would love to fill with any of your students who might be interested. I'm attaching a flyer with all of the relevant details, but please know that it's a great opportunity for Colorado students to grow a bunch in a short period of time without leaving the state.

<https://www.colorado.edu/music/summer-college-music/summer-music-academy/high-school-summer-music-academy/high-school-summer-music>

**Some highlights:**

- **Daily lessons with CU faculty**
- **Duet playing**
- **Solo and duet performances**
- **Masterclass opportunities**
- **Theory and keyboard musicianship (including improv) class every day**
- **Social opportunities across the camp**

**We sincerely hope you'll consider sending our information to your students. Myself and my colleague, Dr. Forrest Howell are co-planning this summer's activities, and we are available to answer any questions, or to make a zoom call appearance for upcoming meetings if you think your chapter would like to hear more about this opportunity.**

**Best,**

**Robert Hjelmstad**

**Robert Hjelmstad (he/him/his), DMA**

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**[roberthjelmstad.com](http://roberthjelmstad.com)**

**<https://www.youtube.com/@hjelmstad2>**

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**BAMTA's current membership list:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/152ycAcMJcg7wEKlCNocZqfb9WcdXsL2dq-em3f\\_T\\_98/edit?gid=0#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/152ycAcMJcg7wEKlCNocZqfb9WcdXsL2dq-em3f_T_98/edit?gid=0#gid=0)

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**BAMTA Meetings Program List 2025:**

**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 9:** *Presentation of MPF Repertoire*, presented by Karen Ziegler and Rebecca Martin

Host: Carol Wickham-Revier

Location: 2502 Blue Heron Circle, Lafayette

(please note the altered date)