



BAMTA BEAT

President's Message

Greetings Everyone,

Spring is just around the corner and a time for renewal. There are a lot of BAMTA events happening in the next few months to renew and inspire you.

The BAMTA BREAKFAST on Wednesday, **March 4**, will be a great opportunity to network and share ideas with other members, especially those you haven't connected with recently. We will also have an opportunity to share what we do to re-inspire ourselves to keep our teaching lively. Then on Friday, **March 20**, the first day of spring, Rebecca Martin will host a BAMTA TEA at her home in Superior. This is a chance to connect with other teachers on a more intimate level. Rebecca will provide a yummy egg dish. Everyone should bring something else (fruit, cake, etc.) to share. Please RSVP to Rebecca at rebnotz@aol.com.

If you have ever thought that technology was over your head and not applicable to your teaching, here is a chance to take another look. Our next two educational programs will be focused on how you can use technology in your studio to benefit you and your students:

March 4 Aaron Garner has developed software called "PianoMarvel" and he will show us how it has inspired his students. There will be time to try it out and ask questions. He will be selling this product in the near future.

April 8 A panel of four BAMTA teachers Rebecca Martin, Heather Hall, Irene Jergensen and Lois Abbuhl will show us how they successfully use technology in their studios to motivate their students. This program will be from 9:30 – 11:00am.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 4 9:00am BAMTA BREAKFAST

10:00am program: Aaron Garner

"Piano Marvel software"

Harvest Baptist Church

Mar. 7 10:00am Taubman Workshop

Brenna Berman (a new BAMTA member)

Baker's Piano Center, Boulder

Mar. 20 9:30am BAMTA TEA

Rebecca Martin's home

Mar. 28-Apr. 1 MTNA Conference in

Atlanta, Georgia

Apr. 7 Achievement Day registration

deadline

Apr. 8 9:00am BAMTA meeting

9:30am program: BAMTA panel on

"Technology in the Studio"

Apr. 11 Achievement Day deadlines

Apr. 19 4:00pm BAMTA Spring

Student Recital

May 8, 9, 30 NMCP Exams

Parlando School for the Arts

May 9 Achievement Day, IMIG

building, CU

May 16 4:00pm BAMTA Ensemble

Recital (new time)

The Bamta Music Festival Concert was joyful, inspirational and a celebration of students' hard work to achieve excellence. I highly recommend that you encourage your students to attend this concert next year even if they are not playing in it.

The Boulder Bach Festival's "Kids for Bach" concert took place on February 22. Congratulations to the many BAMTA teachers whose students auditioned to play on this program. Lisa Harrington led the audience in a simple counterpoint exercise to introduce the program. She will share it with us at the meeting so that you can do this with your students. I look forward to singing with all of you on March 4th.

Barb

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NMCP EXAMS

National Music Certificate Program exams will be given on May 8 and 9 (theory exams) and May 30 (practical exams) at the Parlando School for the Arts located in the Dairy Center for the Arts at 2590 Walnut St., Boulder.

Please note that starting this year the practical exams in Boulder are open to all instruments and voice.

Late registration deadline is noon on Monday, March 2. The late fee is \$35. Details are on the NMCP website at www.nationalmusiccertificate.org.



BAMTA Music Festival, February 14, 2009. Toby Tenenbaum, chair, and student performers.

STUDIO OPENINGS

Cathy Millis, piano and violin instruction

908 Snowberry St. SW,
Longmont, 303-818 7868

Nancy Thomadsen, piano

ThomadsenStudio.com
Louisville, 303-410-7139

Kama Devi, piano/voice/
harp/music theatre

KIDSMUSIC

1203 Stein Street, Lafayette,
720-297-1770

TEACHER RESOURCE

“Your student recital is coming up! Do you have time to create the program? Let me do it for you! A one-page program is only \$35 (pricing may vary depending on length of recital). Call Rebecca Cruz at 303-618-9253 or email me at beckblldr@yahoo.com for more information.”

RECITAL RENTAL

Any teacher wishing to use Harvest Baptist Church for their studio recital should call Kate Smailer at 303-530-4760 to schedule the event and get all the details. The cost for a 3-hour block of time is \$45.

**ACHIEVEMENT DAY DEADLINES**

Registrations are due by **April 11** to: Irene Jergensen, 727 Ridge Creek Ct., Longmont CO 80501

Fees: Prep to Level 4--\$13; Levels 5 to 8--\$15; Levels 9 to 12--\$18. Super Achievers--add \$5 per student

The forms are all available online at bamta.org

Special Projects are due by April 11 (or bring to the April 8 BAMTA meeting)

Art and Construction projects (options #21 and #22) go to Kate Smailer

Compositions (#18) go to Toby Tenenbaum

Written Projects (#19 and #20) go to Shelby Vanderborgh

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND OTHER EVENTS

Taubman Technique Piano Workshop: Brenna Berman, 10:00am-2:00pm, Saturday, March 7, 2009, Baker's Piano Center, Boulder. Free. The Taubman Technique is a groundbreaking analysis of the motions that produce a virtuoso technique. It provides solutions to technical and musical challenges, fatigue, and pain.



Brenna Berman is a Certified Instructor of the Taubman Approach with the Golandsky Institute and former Professor of Piano at Drexel University in Philadelphia. In addition to being a private piano teacher and lecturer, she is an active performer throughout the United States and Italy, often giving solo performances in venues such as Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall and The Philadelphia Art Alliance. Call 267.259.4500 or email brennaberman@yahoo.com for more information.

Outreach recitals: The MTNA Collegiate Chapter at CU is organizing two outreach recitals at local retirement homes. This is a great performance opportunity for a friendly audience! On Friday, March 20, at 10:30am, we are performing at Balfour Care in Louisville. On Sunday, April 5, we are again performing at Villas at the Atrium in Boulder, at 3:00 pm. If you are interested in taking part in the recitals, please send your name and names of your pieces to Janet Pettit (janet.pettit@colorado.edu) as soon as possible.

2009 MTNA Convention: This exciting event, held March 28–April 1, 2009, in Atlanta, Georgia, will be an ideal opportunity for all independent and collegiate music teachers to learn, network and enjoy high-caliber performances.

Pianist Olga Kern will headline the roster of performers, giving a piano recital and master class. Performance coach Don Greene will present a keynote address on Sunday March 29. In addition, collaborative pianist Margo Garrett along with tenor Anthony Dean Griffey will present a recital immediately following the Opening Session.

Additional highlights include Pedagogy Saturday, Music for a Lifetime: Learning and Teaching Strategies for Adults; Professional Studio Saturday, A Studio Without Walls; and Collegiate Expo, Learning to Earning: From Student to Professional. Professional Studio Saturday attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop computer.

Also, Dennis Alexander, Randall Faber and Peter Takács will be giving master classes and Martha Hilley will present a group teaching demonstration.

To find out more about the conference or to register, visit the MTNA National Conference website. Be sure to register by February 16, 2009, to receive your discount. Remember if you can't attend the entire conference, you can purchase a one day registration and attend the day of your choice.