



# BAMTA BEAT

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## President's Letter

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The BAMTA Board and festival chairs have been hard at work gearing up for another great year of BAMTA programs, recitals, workshops and festivals. A HUGE thanks to Lisa Harrington for rescuing the BAMTA Music Festival and to Harumi Tabler for saving the Ensemble Festival from the chopping block. Please help make these two festivals a success by encouraging your students to participate.

The Multiple Piano Festival season is in full swing. Are your students getting ready? Registration forms and fees are due to Heather Hall by October 13. A "teacher jobs" sign-up sheet will be passed around and emailed out this year, please consider signing up for a MPF job that you are familiar with doing. Please send a list of all "single" student participants to Karen Ziegler ([kznotes@revealmail.com](mailto:kznotes@revealmail.com)) and include the following information: Student's name, age, duet name and part, and locale. It is going to be a fabulous 25th anniversary celebration this year!

This year's BAMTA Board is continuing in the same "green" tradition started last year by distributing e-packets with all of the yearly information on festivals and activities etc., which will be sent to your inboxes and will also be on the BAMTA website. These will be available by September 14. Unfortunately, I will be out of town for our first meeting on September 15 so President-Elect, Heather Hall, will be leading the meeting in my stead. Please contact her or Nancy Sundal with any questions or concerns in my absence. I sincerely look forward to working together with all of you in the coming year!

*Lacey*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>Sep 15</b>    | <b>9:00am BAMTA meeting</b><br><b>10:00am Program:</b> Barb Grout<br>"Intro to Music Moves for Piano" |
| <b>Sep 24-26</b> | Marilyn Lowe workshops<br>(co-sponsored by BAMTA and CU)  |
| <b>Oct 13</b>    | BAMTA Ensemble Festival<br>registration due to Harumi Tabler  |
| <b>Oct 13</b>    | Multiple Piano Festival<br>registration due to Heather Hall   |
| <b>Oct 19</b>    | 7:30pm Alejandro Cremaschi<br>CU Faculty Concert<br>Grusin Hall, Imig, CU                             |
| <b>Oct 20</b>    | <b>9:00am BAMTA meeting</b><br><b>10:00am Program:</b> TBA  |
| <b>Oct 23</b>    | 4:00pm BAMTA Ensemble Festival<br>Harvest Baptist Church  |
| <b>Oct 30</b>    | 2:00pm BAMTA Student Recital<br>Harvest Baptist Church  |
| <b>Nov 6</b>     | MPF Auditions at various locations  |
| <b>Nov 12/13</b> | 1st MPF Rehearsals at Bakers Piano<br>Center or CU Piano Lab  |
| <b>Nov 19/20</b> | 2nd and 3rd MPF Rehearsals at<br>Skyline HS   |
| <b>Nov 20</b>    | 7:00pm 25th Annual Multiple Piano<br>Festival Vance Brand Auditorium                                  |

## 2010-2011 BAMTA OFFICERS

clockwise from top left:

Barb Grout, First VP, Membership; Lacey Wheeler, President  
Maya Baum, Secretary; Emily Miller, Second VP, Student Activities  
Nancy Sundal, Past President; Martha Thompson, Treasurer  
Carol Wickham-Revier Third VP, Programs Lisa Harrington, Fourth  
VP, Outreach; Heather Hall, President-Elect (not shown)



## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Certified Taubman Approach Specialist, **Brenna Berman**, will teach the 2010 DAMTA Fall Course. Over seven courses on varied facets of the Taubman Approach, Ms. Berman will explain principles of the body that will help all pianists and other instrumentalists avoid injury, fatigue and tension. She will demonstrate the movements necessary for virtuoso playing, tonal control, and overall ease. She will show how proper movements can unlock anyone's true artistic potential.

7 sessions: Sept. 8 and 22, Oct. 13 and 27, Nov. 10 and 17, Dec. 8. All classes 10am-12pm. Wells Music, Denver. Contact Brenna Berman at [brenna@brennaberman.com](mailto:brenna@brennaberman.com) for more information.

**Tony Caramia** "Jazz 101"

Tony Caramia is professor of piano at the Eastman School of Music where he is Director of Piano Pedagogy Studies and Coordinator of the Class Piano Program. As a clinician, he has given Hal Leonard presentations throughout the United States and Canada. In addition, he has conducted many workshops in jazz piano at MTNA national and state conventions, the International Association for Jazz Educators (IAJE) Teacher Training Institute and the National Piano Teachers Institute.

Friday, September 10 at Rockley Music Center  
9:00 am registration, 9:30 am workshop  
Light lunch will be served. Cost is \$10.  
To register, please call Liane at (303) 233-4444 x105 or email at [LPRockley@aol.com](mailto:LPRockley@aol.com)

**Ralph Hedges, Ph.D** will be presenting two very exciting seminars, one featuring the music of Chopin and the other popular and Christmas music. An authority on the harmonic and contrapuntal language of Chopin, Dr. Hedges will show new areas of music theory that are not commonly known as they relate to the music of Chopin.

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:00pm  
Baker's Piano Center, 3111 Walnut, Boulder  
Admission free, RSVP 303-449-3177.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a way to play Christmas and popular songs without the music? Dr. Hedges will show step by step how this is done. You will be able to play and teach these songs with your

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own simple but effective arrangements.

Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00-5:00pm  
Baker's Piano Center, 3111 Walnut, Boulder  
Admission free, RSVP 303-449-3177.

**BAMTA Program: Barb Grout** will give an introduction to the unique and innovative *Music Moves for Piano* series by Marilyn Lowe. This series teaches the most important skill for musical literacy--audiation. You will come away with activities that you can use to help your students deepen their understanding of music.

Barb Grout is a music educator and has taught Suzuki Piano for over 25 years. She is certified to teach the *Music Moves for Piano* series through the Gordon Institute of Music Learning.

Wednesday, September 15, 10:00, Harvest Baptist

**Marilyn Lowe** will give a series of workshops on her *Music Moves for Piano* series, co-sponsored by BAMTA and the CU College of Music Piano Pedagogy department. The series is a unique approach to music making, that introduces rhythmic and tonal improvisation activities that will help students understand music at a deeper level, learn to feel the meter, learn to hear familiar tonal patterns in their pieces, internalize the music before they play it, and play naturally with flow.

Friday, September 24 6:30-7:30pm  
Lecture for parents of music students  
Baker's Piano Center, 3111 Walnut; free.

Saturday, September 25  
9:00am-12:00pm - Teacher workshop  
Room C199, Imig, CU campus.

1:00-3:00pm - Master classes; free

Sunday, September 26  
10:00am-12:00pm - Teacher workshop  
BarbGroutPianoStudio  
10226 Macedonia Street, Longmont

Cost is \$20

1:30-5:30pm - Master classes  
Calvary Church, Longmont

To register students to play in the master classes, contact Barb Grout at [barbgrout@comcast.net](mailto:barbgrout@comcast.net), or [Alejandro.Cremaschi@Colorado.EDU](mailto:Alejandro.Cremaschi@Colorado.EDU).

## ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

This year the Ensemble Festival has been moved to Saturday, October 23 at 4:00pm. This activity is a wonderful opportunity to introduce students to the joys of chamber music! Collaborative music making develops close listening, rhythmic stability, cooperation and expressive synergy, traits that all musicians value. Duets, trios, quartets, any and all combinations of instruments or voice and all levels of ability are welcome. At least one person in the ensemble needs to study with a BAMTA teacher, who can choose repertoire and provide coaching. Email chairperson Harumi Tabler at [harumi86@hotmail.com](mailto:harumi86@hotmail.com) by Oct. 13 to register.



The last meeting of the 2009-2010 year was an occasion to demonstrate our appreciation for the hard work of some of our most dedicated members. Lois Abuhl was honored for keeping the Achievement Day "torch" lit through uncertain times, and Harumi Tabler was presented with the Super-Duper Achiever Award for her excellent leadership as Achievement Day Chair.

## RECITALS AT HARVEST CHURCH

Call Kate Smailer at 303-530-4760 with requests for recital bookings starting Wednesday, September 1st after 9 a.m. The cost for your 3 hour block of time is \$45.

## REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our refreshment coordinator, Carol Boyd asks all BAMTA members: "To which BAMTA meeting would you like to bring refreshments: September, October, February, March, April or May? Please email Carol Boyd to help her with the scheduling of refreshments. Carol's email address: [ccjh4@aol.com](mailto:ccjh4@aol.com). Write "BAMTA Refreshments" in the subject line."

## STUDIO OPENINGS

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Heidi Lenzer-Camilli, piano  
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Nancy Thomadsen  
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[ThomadsenStudio.com](http://ThomadsenStudio.com)

The **Colorado State Music Teachers' Association annual conference** was held June 2-5, 2010 at the Ramada Plaza and Convention Center in Northglenn.



Lois Abbuhl with composer Robert Vandall.



Kitty Keim with Nancy Kaesler, past presidents of CSMTA.

Nancy Sundal with Kitty Keim, BAMTA's nominee for Teacher of the Year.



Karen Zeigler presented at the convention.



BAMTA will be well-represented in the new slate of CSMTA officers: Lois Abbuhl, Secretary, Alejandro Cremaschi, President Elect and Grace Asquith, President.

(below) BAMTA members Lois Abbuhl, Nancy Sundal, Carol Wickam-Revier, Toby Tenenbaum, Kitty Keim, Brenna Berman, Barbara Grout, Nancy Thomadsen, Maya Baum, and Mitzi Babb attended the conference.

