

BAMTA BEAT



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Belated Happy New Year to All!

It is a long time from the beginning of December to the beginning of February, isn't it? All of us who attended the December brunch had a good time and enjoyed the good food at Le Peep. Can you guess which of our members enjoys quilting, or photography, or painting, or spelunking? We have many multi-faceted people around us.

We are all in the throes of getting students ready for the next festival, the next recital, or the next Achievement Day. But don't forget to plan time for your own professional enrichment. The MTNA National Conference will be in Denver, March 29-April 2 this year! You should not miss this opportunity. The leading professionals in our field will be giving workshops and lectures; music dealers and educators will have displays where you can see first-hand what their products look like; and you will meet teachers from all over the country. The cost is tax deductible. Plan on staying at the hotel at least one night. It makes it so much easier to get to classes, gives a feeling of participation, and makes it a special time away for you.

Speaking of Festivals, the BAMTA Music Festival is Saturday, February 2 at Harvest Baptist Church, 9:00-4:00. Drop by for 15-20 minutes and see what the Festival is like and hear some of our talented students perform. You will be impressed? Or come to the Honors Concert Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Richard

February 2--BAMTA MUSIC FESTIVAL

9:00-4:00 Harvest Baptist Church
7:00 Honors Recital

February 6--BAMTA MEETING

9:00 a.m. -Harvest Baptist Church

Dr. Errol Haun--Pedaling in the Chopin Preludes

Dr. Haun has been the head of the Piano Department at the University of Northern Colorado for over 25 years. Pedaling is one of his specialties.

February 14--Early Registration Deadline for MTNA National Conference in Denver

March 9, 4 p.m.

"Classic Clementi" concert by the BAMTA Performance group teachers with the Mercury Ensemble--Boulder Public Library Auditorium

March 29-April 2

MTNA National Conference in Denver
Be sure to attend! See more info on page 2

April 6 Student Recital

Registration due by March 30 to Emily Miller

May 10--Achievement Day

More information and the registration form are in your red BAMTA packet

"CLASSIC CLEMENTI" CONCERT

Sunday, March 9, at 4 p.m.

John Branson has composed special orchestra accompaniments to the well-known and loved Clementi Sonatas and Sonatinas. The BAMTA Performance Group (Lisa Harrington, Grace Asquith, Toby Tenenbaum, Lois Abbuhl, Stella Pradeau, and Heidi Lenzer-Camilli), accompanied by the Mercury Ensemble (a string and woodwind group) will add a new dimension to these favorites. Story-teller Len Barron will play the role of "Clementi" and spin the story of his life and music. Your students will love it and you will too.

Muzio Clementi, the "Father of the Piano", almost single-handedly made the piano a household instrument, with his compositions for both the amateur and professional. He played a pivotal role in mass-production of the piano and the publishing of music for the piano.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MTNA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Among the Highlights:

Nearly 100 educational sessions, technology labs and industry showcases

Evening concert featuring pianist **Lang Lang**

Opening Session Concert: Collaborative Concert with pianists Anne Epperson and Robert Spillman, mezzo-soprano Margaret Lattimore, flutist Marianne Gedigian, and violinist James Buswell.

Master Classes with Lang Lang, Phyllis Lehrer, Paul Sheftel, Robert Spillman, and Piano Duo team Weekley and Arganbright

Preparing Students for a Lifetime of Ensemble Experiences -- including opera star **Marilyn Horne**, who will reflect on her career as a collaborative artist

PBS "Piano Guy" Scott Houston will offer insight into the future of music teaching

Professional Studio Development

Technology Resources

Recreational Music Making and Group Teaching

Q & A Session with Randall Faber, Scott McBride Smith and Ingrid Jacobson Clarfield. Submit questions to mtnanet@mtna.org with the subject line "Panel Questions".

FREE PIANO

Brett and Stephanie Wallace have an old upright piano that they would like to give to a student who is in need. New owner would have to arrange for piano moving. This piano belonged to Eugene Hilligoss, long-time professor of cello at CU, so it has sentimental value to the Wallaces, who studied with Dr. Hilligoss. Contact them directly at 303-494-2650

The 2008 Multiple Piano Festival is scheduled for November 22 at Vance Brand Auditorium in Longmont.

New member **Alexandra Pierce's** book ***Deepening Musical Performance Through Movement*** has just been published by the Indiana University Press and will soon be available at the CU Bookstore, Barnes and Noble, Boulder Bookstore, and Amazon. She is giving a colloquium talk on the book at the CU Music College on February 18 at 2 p.m. Comments on the back cover say: "This is a music theory book with a difference and one that fills a need" and "Musicians and music teachers will take from it both a sense of liberation and an incentive for more imaginative discipline".

Be sure to add Alexandra Pierce's name to your yearbook listing: arpierce1@mac.com
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Violinist **Bill Terwilliger** and **Andrew Cooperstock** will be performing at an unusual venue on Thursday, January 24, at 7:30 at **Nissi's** (2675 North Park Drive in Lafayette--near 95th St. and Arapahoe). Following an apparently growing trend, Nissi's is programming classical music for the first time. According to the Denver Post, Nissi's is a "delightful 21st century Ricky Ricardo supper club." The tapas menu looks great, and if you mention it in the comments section of the website when ordering tickets, they'll have a \$5 coupon towards food/drink waiting for you at the door. If this event is successful, Nissi's would be interested in continuing to program classical music. Hope some of you will be able to come and support their effort. It should be an evening of fun and great food, and we'll plan to do our best.

"Babaloo"!... Andrew
http://nissis.com/lmbio_opustwo.html

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This year, a CSMTA 2008 State Conference shirt will be available for pre-order. This is a fund raiser: any profits will be used to help defray conference costs. Shirts are light blue denim material, long sleeved, sizes XS, S, M, L, XL and cost \$25.00 each (XXL are \$27). The CSMTA logo is printed in the upper left hand area.



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