



BAMTA BEAT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

At the risk of overdoing the philosophical bent of this column, let me relate the words of yet another presenter at the MTNA Conference in Toronto. Dale Wheeler of Red Deer College in Alberta gave a session titled, "Proactive or Reactive: What Kind of Teacher Are You?" He suggested, among many other things, that we display quotes and maxims about music in our studios, both for our students and for us. To quote from his class: "The way you act in your studio is the way you live your life." And, "It is not my job to motivate, but to inspire." "Taking the average student to a point of enjoying and succeeding in music is what is most important."

Some of you have sayings in your studios, hand printed, or nicely framed, or painted on the wall. One I especially like is, "There are no shortcuts to anywhere worth going."
-Beverly Sills

Here are some others I have come across:

It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are. -e.e.cummings

We are often mistaken about art. Art is not emotion. Art is the medium in which emotion is expressed. -Nadia Boulanger

Without music, life would be a mistake. -Frederich Nietzsche

If a composer could say what he has to say in words, he would not bother trying to say it in music. -Gustav Mahler

The notes I handle no better than many pianists, but the pauses between the notes -ah, that is where the art resides. -Artur Schnable

I worry that the person who thought up Muzak might be thinking up something else. -Lily Thomlin

Opera is where a guy gets stabbed in the back, and instead of dying, he sings. -Robert Benchley

Richard

UPCOMING BAMTA EVENTS

November 7 at 9 a.m. BAMTA Meeting

Harvest Baptist Church

Deepening Musical Performance Through Motion

Dr. Alexandra Pierce explores movement of the full body to bring out musical elements such as melody, meter, phrase and character.

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November 3--Multiple Piano Festival auditions

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November 17, 7 p.m.--Multiple Piano Festival

Vance Brand Auditorium, Longmont. First-year BAMTA members are entitled to one complimentary ticket that will be held for you at the ticket booth.

No meeting on December 5

December 15: BAMTA Brunch

RSVP to Norma Schattke 303-665-2237

Multiple Piano Festival

THIS WEEK:

Each pair of students needs to bring their filled-out **Audition Form** to their audition November 3. Be sure to send it home with them at their lesson next week. (You will need to make copies from the one sent in your MPF schedule packet.)

Be sure students know of their **audition time and place on November 3.**

The audition results will be in envelopes on Carol Wickham-Reviere's front porch by 6 p.m. on November 3. Be sure to pick up your envelope so you know which pieces your student has been selected to play.

Remind parents that students need to wear black and white (plus a little red if they wish).

Digital Pianos Needed for Nov. 16-17

We need to borrow members' (or students') digital pianos for rehearsals at Vance Brand in the band room on Nov. 16-17. Please contact Irene Jergensen 303-678-7646, irene@studio.jergensen.net or Lacey Wheeler, 303-775-6412, curls018@yahoo.com or if you have one available.

Refreshments Needed:

November: Carol Boyd

February:

March

April:

May:

If you still have not picked up your BAMTA packet and yearbook, you are

missing out on all the information you need to enjoy the group and enrich yourself and your students with many great experiences. Call Richard Capp if you need your materials. 303-494-4147

BAMTA MUSIC FESTIVAL February 2

Students will play 2 memorized pieces from the standard repertoire--one Classical (music written between 1770-1830), and one piece of the student's choice.

Please note the following total time limits:

Elementary (grades 3-5)--5 minutes

Intermediate (grades 6-8)--8 minutes

Advanced (grades 9-12)--10 minutes

Completed registration form and entry fee of \$20 per student must be sent to Toby Tenenbaum by December 15th, 2007.

Thanks from Alejandro Cremaschi:

"On behalf of the keyboard department at CU, I would like to warmly thank BAMTA for your generous support of Mary Kogen's workshop "Learning Through Rhythm and Movement" presented on Saturday, October 6 at CU. The workshop was a great success; it was attended by our students, faculty and some local teachers. BAMTA's \$200 grant, combined with other CU grants, made Ms. Kogen's visit possible.

As usual it is a pleasure to work with BAMTA to provide enriching opportunities for our students and the teacher community. We look forward to more collaborations in the future!"

Best Wishes, Alejandro Cremaschi

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