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Dates To Remember

April 12. DAMTA Business Meeting, 9:30-10:10am, Online Only (Zoom link will be sent out via Passalongs).

April 12. Spring Program with Chandrika Prem, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Online Only (Zoom link will be sent out via Passalongs).

April 23. Student Musicale, 2:00 p.m., Classic Pianos and online (Zoom link sent to registrants).



LYRICS

NEWSLETTER



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SPRING PROGRAM 2023: Session 3



April 12

Chandrika Prem

Online Only

Introduction to
the Music of India

Description: Indian music dates back 6,000 years and is rich in tradition. We will discuss the basic mathematical systems of notes and rhythmic cycles as well as listen to some different styles of classical Indian music.

Bio: Chandrika Prem has been playing cello for over 30 years. She started playing cello at age nine and instantly fell in love with the instrument. Music has been a core part of her life ever since. She earned a Bachelors of Music in Cello Performance from Metropolitan State University of Denver. She teaches private cello, violin, viola, piano, early music education, and music theory. She has a successful studio of over 45 students and is the co-owner/business manager and cellist for the Mile High String quartet. She contracts freelance projects in all genres of music and theater.

Spring programs are free and open to DAMTA members and the community.

Join us, in person or online, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Classic Pianos Denver: 1332 S. Broadway, Denver, CO 80210.

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Submissions

- DAMTA issues the Lyrics Newsletter monthly from September through May, with a double edition in December/January.
- Submit all flyers, announcements, or news items as an email attachment to David House, at davidhouse1@comcast.net no later than the 20th of each month. Please give emails the heading "Lyrics Submission".

Passalongs

DAMTA's closed Google group for members:

- Notices in addition to official DAMTA business.
- Announcements and passalong emails that may be of interest to DAMTA members.
- News of workshops, competitions, special sales, instruments for sale privately, auditions, concerts, recitals, etc.

“When I was growing up in Tel Aviv, I didn’t even look at Arabs. They were the enemy. But as I traveled outside of Israel and performed around the world, I discovered that music gave us a common language.”

- Ohad “Udi” Bar-David, cellist

Celebrating NATIONAL ARAB - AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



*Malek Jandali
Syrian-American
pianist and composer.*



*Malika Zarra
Moroccan singer, composer, and
music producer.*



*Dend El Saffar
Iraqi-American violist and master
of the oud, kemanche, and joza.*



*Hanna Khoury
Israeli-Arab
American
violinist, music
director with
Al-Bustan
Seeds of
Culture.*



*Mohammed Fairouz
Arab-American composer.*



Children learn to play tablehs with Al Bustan Seeds of Culture in Philadelphia.



*President's
Message:*

REPRESENTING DAMTA AT THE 2023 MTNA CONFERENCE IN RENO

The conference began with Pedagogy Saturday, which includes different tracks of presentations such as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Artistry, and Musical Wellness, to name a few. I learned so much about Philippine music from Ross Salvosa and Indigenous representation in classical music from Connor Chee. The Saturday evening concert featuring the Formosan Violin-Piano Duo (Shi-Hwa Wang & Yu-Jane Yang) and Cann Sisters Piano Duo (Kimberly & Michelle Cann) was absolutely delightful.

Dear DAMTA,

The 2023 MTNA Conference in Reno was spectacular and I was very appreciative to attend and represent our local association, DAMTA! I was impressed by the hundreds of sessions and learning opportunities at every corner, concerts, award celebrations and exhibitions. There was never a dull moment in the entire five days!



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I had a wonderful time at the Foundation Fellow Dinner, celebrating Joan Sawyer, our Colorado Foundation Fellow. The awards ceremony was full of energy and excitement, and believe it or not, featured a magician-musician that played card tricks and the piano for the audience.



I enjoyed learning from the Master Class sessions, and especially the Advanced Piano Master Class with Angela Cheng and Alvin Chow. A comical discussion they had on-stage with a student was whether a phrase lasted 8 bars (Angela)... or two pages (Alvin). They did not fully resolve this dispute.



I was so happy to attend the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Open Meeting hosted by MTNA's Vice President of DEI, William Chapman Nyaho and many members of the MTNA DEI Committee. This meeting discussed MTNA's current and future DEI initiatives. I was proud to speak in this meeting, share important work that DAMTA has been doing, and how we are happy to be a resource to other associations seeking to do the same.

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Last but not least, during this conference I was honored to be a panelist for the session "Creating the Concert Pianists of the Future" which explored what is the "true" path to a career concert pianist, the decolonization of our repertoire, and creative ideas and strategies we have used with our students. It was a fantastic discussion and I want to thank the moderator Kimberly Cann, my fellow panelists, Laura Stokes, Annie Jeng, Jani Parsons, along with Dr. Leah Claiborne for inviting me to join this conversation and Deborah De La Torre for the kind support.



I feel this conference was such a wonderful opportunity to meet dedicated and enthusiastic music teachers from across the nation, connect deeper with all of our Colorado members who attended, and celebrate the career path of teaching music, towards which we have all dedicated our lives. I highly recommend our DAMTA members consider attending next year in Atlanta!

Thank you, DAMTA, for the opportunity to participate in this amazing event.

Ben Raznick

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DAMTA President

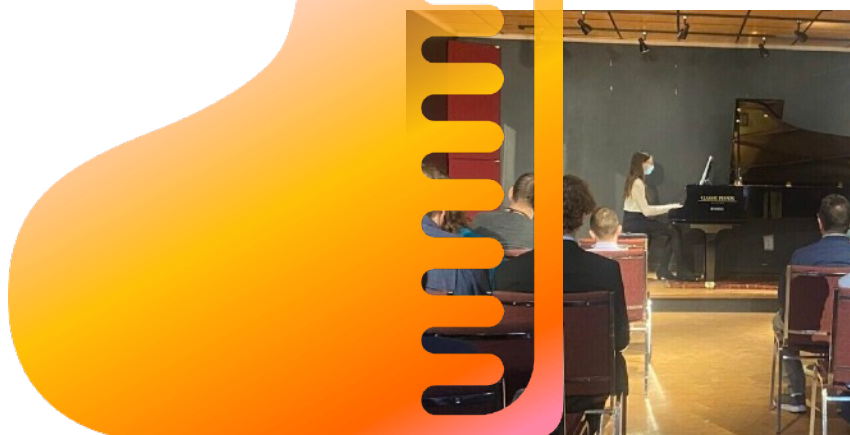
Guidelines for Participants and Teachers:

1. **Sign up to participate:** Any Interested performers can sign up through their teacher and complete the form provided:
2. **Preparation:** The student should be prepared musically, but memorization is not required.
3. **Performance Etiquette:** Teachers should prepare their students with essentials for performance, including how to walk on stage, what to wear, how to introduce yourself and your piece, and how to bow.
4. **Musicale Fee:** We encourage a donation of at least \$10 per participant. Donations support DAMTA's scholarship fund as well as its ongoing operations. You can donate using the Donate Link on DAMTA's website, or pay in person before the performance.
5. **Access & Participation:** Each participating teacher should take up no more than 1/3 of the program length. Musicales typically last no longer than 60 minutes.
6. **All Students Are Welcome and Supported:** Students of all ages, skill levels, and instruments are welcome to perform in our musicales. Every student, teacher, and audience member should be supportive of the other participants.
7. **Copyright Policy:** Copyright laws must be observed; all music must be an original publication, licensed for reprint,

Guidelines for Musicale Hosts:

See the Student Musicales page on DAMTA's website: <https://denvermusicteacher.com/students/>

STUDENT MUSICALES



DAMTA presents a Musicale once a month during the school year. Musicales give students of DAMTA teachers the opportunity to perform in a welcoming and supportive environment. **Students of all instruments, ages, and levels are encouraged to perform.** Masks are encouraged but not required. We also offer a livestream over Zoom for anyone who can't attend in person. Contact musicale chair, Joshua Zabatta, at JoshuaZabatta@gmail.com with any questions.

Get involved:

1. Sign students up to perform! (sign up form: [Musicales Sign-Up Form](#))
2. Host or co-host/assist with a musicale.
3. Donate to DAMTA.

Next Musicale: April 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at Classic Pianos of Denver (1332 Broadway, Denver, CO. 80210) The host will be Nancy Harris: nancy@thevoicebuilder.com

Upcoming Musicales:

- May 14, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

DAMTA'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT WORK

April Report:

Cora Eliasson

Submitted by Cora Eliasson

Thank you for awarding me a scholarship to be used for my School of Rock summer performance program. I have really enjoyed this experience. The program was three months in length and consisted of weekly individual voice lessons as well as weekly rehearsals with the band. I wanted to participate in this program to showcase my vocal skills, but also to improve my stage presence and become more confident singing in front of a crowd. Throughout the summer, I was able to use my piano playing skills to step in when other keyboard players were not present during rehearsals and to practice my vocals.

My group is the "One Hit Wonders." I sing lead vocals for three songs, backup vocals for two other songs and I have a trumpet solo in one song. Our band has over 15 kids ranging in age from 9-15 years old. We play 12 songs. Instruments include guitar, bass, keyboards, drums, tri-bell, tambourine, keytar, lead and backup vocals and trumpet.

We had our first concert on August 13, 2022, at Fraco's Bar & Live Music. I thought it was a great first concert. The venue was big enough for family and friends to attend. I was nervous, but it wasn't too overwhelming, and my vocals were not affected by my nerves. I had a good time because I was able to perform in front of my friends who have never heard me sing and to perform with the friends I have made through School of Rock.

Our next and last performance is part of a two-day festival with a raised stage in the parking lot of the School of Rock location in Littleton. This festival will take place on Saturday August 27, 2022, and Sunday August 28, 2022. My band plays on Sunday August 28, 2022, around 2:00 p.m. I have included our concert promotional poster. It would be great if people from DAMTA were able to attend the concert.

I am really excited for the festival because I can see other groups perform and people from the other groups can watch our band perform. I am most excited for the space the venue provides so I can invite more people to the concert to watch me perform.



Young Voices of Colorado

by Margie Camp and Jena Dickey

Join the Young Voices of Colorado and discover the power of music! Our choir offers an incredible opportunity for young people to showcase their talents, connect with others who share their passion for singing, and develop important skills that will serve them for a lifetime. Our expert teachers provide a supportive and inspiring environment where each member can grow and flourish, both as a singer and as an individual. Whether you're an experienced vocalist or just starting out, Young Voices of Colorado is the perfect place to explore your potential and make lasting friendships. Join us today and experience the joy of making beautiful music with others who share your enthusiasm

Try It Classes

Looking to discover your child's hidden talent? Sign up for our Young Voices of Colorado "Try It" classes and watch them soar! Our fun and interactive classes give children ages 5 to 13 the opportunity to explore their vocal abilities

Submitted by Carolyn Angelier

I wanted to share some information about an outstanding choral organization called Young Voices of Colorado. My daughter joined this group two years ago, and I have been able to observe the exceptional music education that these children receive. If you have any students with an interest in singing, this organization is well worth looking into. They are performing a concert in May with songs in ten different languages.

DO YOUR CHILDREN LOVE TO SING?
Join Young Voices
next school year

**SCAN TO SIGN UP TO...
TRY IT BEFORE YOU BUY IT!**
May 22, June 8 & 12

K-1st grade 4:15-5:00

2-8th grade 4:30-5:30

Nonprofit after school children's choir
Studio located in Centennial
www.youngvoices.org/try-it-class/
303.797.7464

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in a supportive and inclusive environment. Led by professional music teachers, these classes will help your child develop fundamental singing skills and build confidence. Whether they're a seasoned singer or just starting out, our "Try It" classes are the perfect way to see if the Young Voices of Colorado program is the right fit for your child. Sign up today and watch them discover their true voice!



Young Voices of Colorado
Spring Concert – Come Travel With Me –
Sunday, May 7, 2023
Newman Center for the Performing Arts

Are you ready for a musical adventure like no other? Join the Young Voices of Colorado and their seven choirs, as they take you on a

journey around the world through music. Hear songs in ten different languages and explore a dozen countries, from the comfort of your seat.

From the icy fjords of Norway to the bustling markets of India, and the ancient cities of China to the savannas of Zimbabwe, the Young Voices of Colorado will transport you to every corner of the globe. Experience the rhythms and melodies of Turkey, Israel, Germany, France, Malaysia, New Zealand and more, as you journey through the sky and under the sea.

With their unique blend of voices and infectious energy, the Young Voices of Colorado will leave you feeling uplifted and inspired. Whether you're a lover of music, culture, or simply seeking a unique experience, this is a journey you won't want to miss.

So pack your bags, grab your passport, and join us for an unforgettable musical adventure with the Young Voices of Colorado. Book your tickets now! www.newmantix.com



APPLY FOR A DAMTA SCHOLARSHIP!



Scholarships can be used for master classes, additional instruction, summer programs, equipment or project support. Awardees are required to complete a report on their experience and how they used the funds.



21-22 DAMTA Scholarship Award winner Julianne Combs

APPLY HERE:

Use QR code
or visit
www.damta.org



**APPLICATIONS DUE
APRIL 16, 8PM
AWARDS ANNOUNCED
BY APRIL 24**

AWARDS INCLUDE:

**UP TO \$25, \$100, OR
\$200 TOWARDS
SCHOLARSHIP OR
EQUIPMENT**

**INVITATION TO JULY
BOARD MEETING**

**PROFESSIONAL
HEADSHOT BY
LAN VO
PHOTOGRAPHY AT
JULY BOARD
MEETING**

**SPECIAL
RECOGNITION AT THE
MAY STUDENT
MUSICALE**

**SPECIAL FEATURE IN
OUR LYRICS
NEWSLETTER**

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