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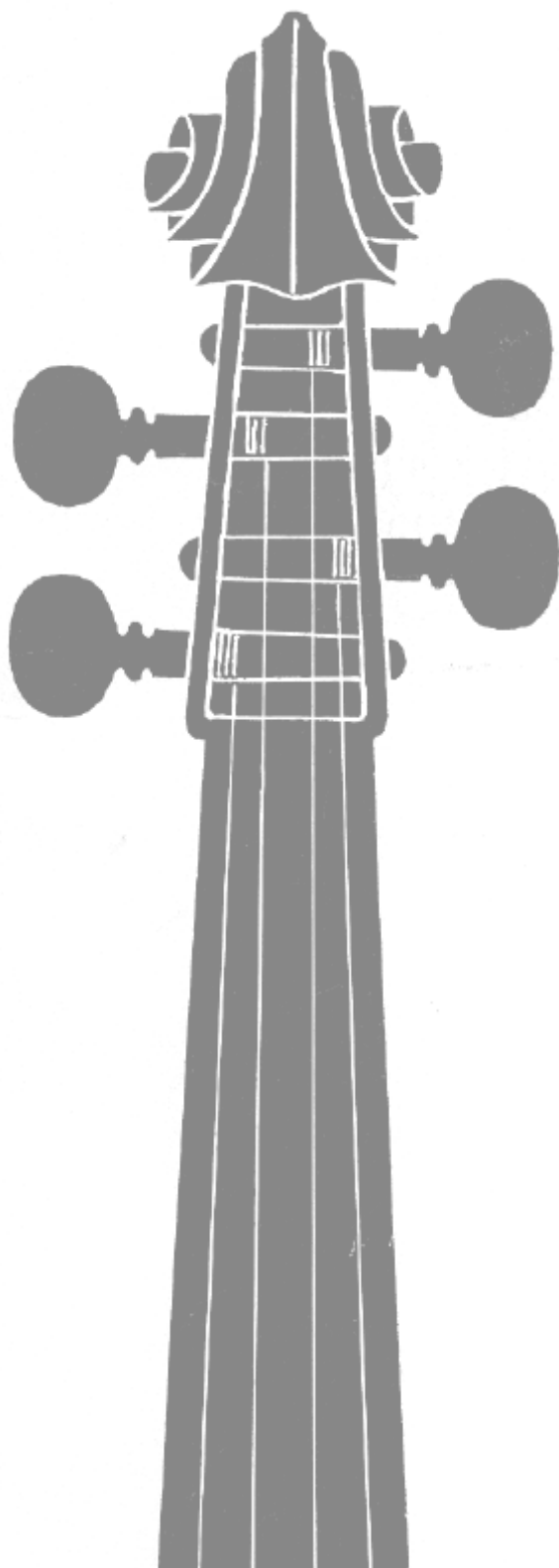
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NEXT CASTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
Saturday, November 8, 2003 at 10:00 AM
Green Room of the Union Colony Center
Greeley, Colorado



From the President:

Hello fellow CASTA members,

Congratulations are in order for the following groups that were accepted to perform at CMEA in January 2004:

Grandview High School Orchestra under the direction of Gail Sindelar
Cherry Creek High School under the direction of Daniel Leavitt
Denver School of the Arts under the direction of Frank Fyock
Southern Hills Middle School/Manhattan School of the Arts and Academics under the direction of Brett and Stephanie Wallace
Cresthill Middle School under the direction of Susan Day
Prairie Middle School under the direction of Mary Neptune
Creighton Middle School Jazz Strings under the direction of Michelle Ewer

A complete schedule will be available in the next publication. I believe over 40 tapes were submitted. Way to go Colorado!!

Again our chapter was recognized by the national office, as having many diverse activities going on. We have a great organization!

Our website has a new address and new look. Please welcome Linda Johnson as our new web master. Linda is a string specialist in Colorado springs District 11. Check out the new site at www.colorado-asta.org. Feel free to submit articles or dates for the calendar to Linda at ljtoots@adelphia.net. Linda would also love to have pictures of your students. Email any digital photos to her at the same web address.

Our next meeting will take place at the Western States Honor Orchestra rehearsal in Greeley on November 8th at 10:00 AM. It will be held in the Green Room of the Union Colony Center located roughly at 10th Ave and 10th St. Please join us and share your thought and ideas.

Bob Gillespie will be our headliner at CMEA this year. Plan now on attending the CMEA Convention. The dates are January 22, 23 and 24, 2004. It promises to be a great educational experience. If I can be of assistance in any way please email me at mewer@jeffco.k12.co.us.

Best of luck to you as we start another school season and take on more private students.

Sincerely,

Michelle Ewer

CASTA President

From the Editor:

Hello CASTA members. Please take a few moments to read and respond about your organization's improvements to serve you. This is a survey about your State Newsletter and information to be posted on the new

CASTA website concerning you. The members of the CASTA Board and I as Editor have been brainstorming better ways to serve you, the General Membership. We propose the following changes to how we currently provide information about our organization.

First, we would like to see how many of you would like to continue receiving the CASTA String Vibrations Newsletter as a hard copy in the mail or would rather download a copy from the CASTA website. The cost of publishing and mailing a newsletter three times a year is not prohibitive; however, we are always looking for ways to save money. If you are happy receiving a hard copy of the CASTA String Vibrations Newsletter in the mail, do nothing. If you would prefer to download a Microsoft Word™ file copy of the newsletter from the CASTA website at www.colorado-asta.org and not receive a copy in the mail, then email me at fredjewell1@comcast.net by December 1, 2003. Beginning in January you will no longer receive a hard copy of subsequent issues of the CASTA String Vibrations Newsletter in the mail. (Please note: in an effort to make the newsletter downloadable in a manageable file size, some ads placed in the newsletter may not be available in that version.)

We would like to have the Colorado General Membership listed on our new website at www.colorado-asta.org. Names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of CASTA members would be available for anyone to access. This information will not be password protected at this time. If you do not wish to have this information available on the CASTA website, then contact Linda Johnson, our CASTA Webmaster, at ljtoots@adelphia.net and let her know you do not wish to have this information shared.

Thank you for your help,

Fred Jewell

CASTA String Vibrations Newsletter Editor

Please note my new email address for submissions to the newsletter:

fredjewell1@comcast.net

Violin Pedagogy Course: Solos For Young Violinists
Taught by Barbara Barber, Artist Teacher in Violin, PeakArts Academy
Fall 2003

Barbara Barber will begin teaching a series of courses at PeakArts Academy in Fall 2003 based on her series, *Solos For Young Violinists*, published by Warner Bros. Publications. Each 12 hour unit will cover a volume of Barber's widely used collection of graded violin repertoire. Beginning with Volume 1 in September, every piece will be studied in detail and performed, demonstrating teaching points, technical and musical features, and ideas for solo and group use.

Various advanced and virtuoso violin techniques will be discussed, demonstrating where they can be introduced and how they are taught and developed through student violin literature. The teaching of stylistic awareness will also be emphasized as teachers learn to prepare their students for the major violin repertoire. Teachers may take any unit; however, study of all volumes from the beginning is strongly encouraged. The courses will be presented in sequence, one volume each term. Participants should prepare in advance all of the music in each *Solos For Young Violinists* volume to be studied.

Tentative dates: September 10, 17, October 1, 8, 15, 22
Time: Wednesday mornings, 10:00 AM-12:00 noon:
Location: Recital Hall, Dairy Center for the Arts
Tuition: \$190 (20% discount for PeakArts employees)

Further information: Barbara Barber - barbervln@aol.com

Register now @ PeakArtsAcademy, 303/449-1343,x3/x120
2590 Walnut St., www.peakarts.org

What You Missed if you DIDN'T Attend the 2003 CASTA/CBA Conference!!

It's not often that you read an article after an event, but this our attempt to raise your curiosity and to encourage you to attend the conference in 2004!! The 2004 CBA/CASTA Conference will be held July 8 and 9, 2004 at Cherry Creek High School. So mark your calendars now so you won't miss it!

Highlights from the 2003 Conference included:

- * 3 informative sessions on playing and teaching the double bass, including some new ideas about how to talk about positions on the bass
- * A session on teaching students how to tune from Day 1 to more advanced levels (thank you Stephanie Wallace!)

- * 2 sessions on 'Fiddling for Classical Stiffs' where we got to play and receive some constructive comments on how to make our fiddling less...(you guessed it!) stiff!!
- * A session on basic Pilates concepts and beginner exercises (thank you Jennifer John!)
- * A fun dinner at Dave and Busters where drink and game coupons were provided for FREE!
- * A jam-packed new music reading session
- * An informative session on tips for teaching cello shifting and thumb position (thank you Katherine Tischhauser!)
- * A super session on how to mark orchestra parts (thank you Nancy Allwein!)
- * A delicious banquet dinner
- * The opportunity to earn 2 CU credits

If you've got ideas for sessions for the 2004 CASTA/CBA Conference, don't hesitate to contact me!
We look forward to seeing even more of you at the 2004 Conference!!!

Dr. Margaret Berg

CASTA President-Elect

CASTAwithNSOA Chamber Music Festival

Sponsored by CASTAwithNSOA and the University of Colorado

Dr. Margaret Berg

Mark your calendars now for this first time ever CASTAwithNSOA event! Registration for ensembles and CASTA members interested in attending the festival is due September 8, 2003.

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2003

Time: 9:00 AM -3:00 PM

Location: University of Colorado, College of Music, Imig Music Building

Cost: \$15/student (fee includes lunch and a T-shirt)

Teacher/Parent Chaperone/CASTA Member Participant Cost: \$5 (fee includes lunch and Festival participation)

Description: Established middle or high school string ensembles (trios, quartets, quintets, sextets, octets) are invited to participate in the first CASTAwithNSOA Chamber Music Festival. The festival will include a coaching session with a member of the University of Colorado string faculty, supervised rehearsal, lunch, Takács Quartet master class, and a chamber music concert. Ensembles should be prepared to perform one movement of a work at the concert. All ensembles must be supervised by a teacher or parent. Festival participation is open to all CASTAwithNSOA members. Questions? Call Margaret Berg at (303)735-5301 or Michelle Ewer at (303)982-7296.

CASTAwithNSOA Chamber Music Festival Ensemble Registration Form

Registration Deadline: September 8, 2003

Ensemble Contact Person:

Name: _____ Phone _____
 Number: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____

Ensemble Member Information:

Name	Instrument	Phone Number	Email

School: _____
 School Orchestra Director (signature required) _____
 Teacher or Parent Chaperone: _____

Work to be Performed:

Title: _____
 Composer: _____
 Movement: _____
 Registration Fee: _____

of students in ensemble X \$15.00 _____

T-shirt Sizes for Ensemble (S, M, L, XL):

Last Name: _____	Size: _____	Size: _____	Size: _____
_____	Size: _____	_____	Size: _____
_____	Size: _____	_____	Size: _____

Extra T-shirts Available for \$10.00 Each _____
 Number _____ Sizes _____

TOTAL DUE: _____

Make Check Payable to CASTAwithNSOA

*Send registration form and payment to:
 Dr. Margaret Berg
 University of Colorado, College of Music
 301 UCB
 Boulder, CO 80309*

CASTAwithNSOA Chamber Music Festival Participant Registration Form

Registration Deadline: September 8, 2003

Participant (Teacher Chaperone/ Parent Chaperone/ CASTA Member):

Name: _____ Phone number: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 School: _____

Registration Fee \$5 \$ _____

T-shirt for Participant (T-shirts are \$10) _____
 Size: _____ (S, M, L, XL)

Extra T-shirts (T-shirts are \$10) \$ _____
Quant _____ Sizes _____

TOTAL DUE: _____ \$ _____
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