

FCMTA Meeting Schedule, 2021-2022

Note: All meet & greets will be at 9:30 with presentation/meeting at 10:00/BYOS (bring your own snacks) unless specifically noted.

*****All meetings/continuing education opportunities will be hybrid.***

Sept. 21: Business Meeting

Middletown United Methodist Church

7108 Fern Circle, Middletown, 21769

Oct. 12: Jay DeWire: Master Class, "Digging Deeper"

Host: Tatjana Podjaski-Desler, 6960 Snead Court, Middletown, 21769

"Metaphors are useful tools, and crafting these metaphors in detailed ways that vary from composer to composer can help inspire students to be more musical. For Chopin, singing is often invoked--but if a student is singing, what are they singing? Is it opera or art song? Does the word begin with a consonant or vowel? Are they moving around the stage? Debussy and Ravel are commonly tied closely to the visual arts, and their music benefits from considerations of things like point-of-view, perspective, the experience of the viewer, mass, momentum, etc. And since large forms (like a Classical sonata) are frequently described in architectural terms, creating a literal blueprint can help students to guide their audiences through the work."

Nov. 9: Sharing get-together: "The Joy of Teaching Scales"

Host: Bobbie Rastall, 6777 Sunnybrook Drive, Frederick, 21702

Bring your teaching ideas; handouts encouraged; demonstrations optional.

Dec. 14: Holiday Party

Venue: TBD

- Jan. 11: Business Meeting
Middletown United Methodist Church
7108 Fern Circle, Middletown, 21769
- Feb. 8: Nick Int Veldt: "Improv. 102 - Lecture & Lab"
Host: Nick IntVeldt, 20612 Beaver Creek Road, Hagerstown, 21740
(all-inclusive: piano, voice, flute, etc.) duets and solos
- Mar. 8 Nancy Breth: "Mapping" - Short cuts to musical understanding
Host: Tatjana Todjaski-Desler, 6960 Snead Court, Middletown, 21769
"An interactive seminar on how mapping music can save hours of practice time, build a solid foundation for memorization, and help students understand what they play. Participants will experiment with multiple mapping strategies designed for students of all levels. The handout consists of four short pieces of music for audience members to map, right in the session, and to compare with each others' solutions."
- Apr. 12 Sharing get-together: "Time Management"
30-minute lessons; prioritizing, organizing lesson time.
- May 10 Business Meeting
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