

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Make-Ups due to Snow
(School Closed if Not Needed)
Feb. 19-20 and 22-23

School Open
Feb. 17-18 and Feb.21
(School will be open by appointment on Feb. 19-20 and 22-23 if needed for snow day make-ups)

School Open
March 17

School Closed
April 15-21
(School will be open by appointment if needed for snow day make-ups)

OUR WINTER RECITAL IS FEB. 3!

Many of you shared our disappointment at the fact that Mother Nature required us to cancel our January 20 recital.

We are ready to give the winter recital another try and have rescheduled the event to Sunday, February 3 at 4:30 PM. So far, the weather looks ok! Although this day and time conflicts with Superbowl Sunday, we have confirmed that there will still be enough interest in making this concert a successful event.



Please note that the new recital venue will be in the sanctuary of the United Methodist Church on 2600 Mass. Ave in Lexington

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Did You Read Your Newsletter Contest!

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To increase readership of the MMA Newsletter, each month we'll feature a new contest winner or a new contest.

Be sure to read your newsletter each month to see if your name has been drawn or you might miss out!

This month's winner is

The Sen Family!

You can win \$15.00 free music retail from Spectrum Music in Lexington on 1844 Mass Ave!

To redeem your prize just bring this to the store and spend a minimum of \$15 for the discount. Limit one coupon per family per year.

Be sure to read our newsletter each month!

Recital Prep Ideas

- 1. Before a concert, eat a good meal but avoid sugar and caffeine*
- 2. If you are a singer, avoid dairy as well*
- 3. Some people do well practicing right up until they practically go on stage. Others need time away from their instrument. Do what feels best!*
- 4. Remember that your ultimate reason for performing is to share beauty, joy, emotions, and ideas - not to show how perfect you can play!*
- 5. Think about and decide what story the music is telling. There are no*

There will be TWO recitals. One at 4:30 PM and the other at 6 PM. Doors will open at 4:10 PM and 5:40 PM for tuning and set-up. Please arrive at the time doors open for the relevant time you have signed up for. **We will start right on time so please come early!**

When you get to the church, please park in the rear lot off of Crosby Road. The entrance is the right-hand door that has a sign in Korean in front of it.

By the time you receive this newsletter, I will have likely already called you to confirm availability of your child(ren). **If you did not receive such a call, kindly let me know by Friday, Feb. 1 and we will fit anyone in who is ready to perform!**

Please call Daniel at 857-756-5230 by Friday, February 1 if your child is ready and able to perform..



Please welcome the NEW students who enrolled since our last newsletter!

- Reagan P.
- Michael F.
- Eypsaa R.
- Andrew M.
- Mika L.
- Ashton G.
- Nairi G.
- Ryan Z.
- Sarah A.

Teacher of the Month - Cecila Dunoyer

1. What do you love the most about teaching?

I love teaching because I feel the urge to share with others my life's passion. I cannot selfishly keep it to myself! Introducing students to a world of beauty that speaks its own language feels like taking them to the magical world of Narnia.

Giving students the tools to discover this other world is rewarding beyond words, and I cherish the nurturing trust that grows between teacher and student through this journey.

2. How do you inspire your students to practice more?

By assigning music they love, pieces they want to play, and by reminding them that the better we are at something, the more we enjoy it. And to get better....we have to put in a little work - every day. I like to call it a joyful pursuit of excellence.



3. What part do you feel that the recital experience plays in a student's development?

The recital experience is a precious moment when a child celebrates his progress and accomplishment in front of his family. While the daily practice and weekly lessons are rather solitary, the recital brings the school community together to support, validate, and cheer the common pursuit of beauty shared by all. It is also a great opportunity for children to hear their peers and be inspired and motivated by those who are older and further along.

4. What is your favorite type of music?

I love many types of music. My true love and career as a pianist focuses on Western music composed in the last three centuries - loosely referred to as "Classical music." Mozart, Chopin, Brahms, the Russian and French composers are at the top, although life's [vicissitudes] can shift affinities. American jazz brings me many hours of pleasure as a listener, if not as a player, since improvising eludes me. I have unbounded admiration for the imagination and virtuosity of Errol Garner, Oscar Peterson, Bill Evans and the likes.

5. If you could give a quick tip to piano students, what would it be?

The most important tip I have for students is GO TO CONCERTS as often as possible. Watch YouTube videos of great performing artists. Listen to music everyday, and let the music speak to you. You will develop affinities and an ear for certain composers and discover specific pieces that delight you - "I really want to play this piece!!" will boost your motivation. The more music you have in your life, the more spiritual beauty you will surround yourself with, and you will realize and appreciate why you are committing to the discipline of daily practice. You will build a lasting treasure within you, for life.... the opposite of futile, instant gratification and material possessions.



Did You Know?!

Czech composer Antonin Dvorak (1841-1904) was obsessed with trains! He lived during a time when trains were linking huge distances across the world.

Student of the Month - Benny H.

1. What instrument do you play?

Violin

2. How long have you been taking lessons at Maestro Musicians?

4 months with Eric

3. What are your other hobbies besides music?

Hockey, skiing, paper origami, and board games

4. Do You Have a Favorite food?

Chinese leeks, broccoli and green beans.

5. Who is your favorite artist?

My art teacher, Ms. Durrell

6. What is the coolest thing you have learned in your music lessons in the last 3 months?

How to play violin while following the piano rhythm

7. Do you have any performances coming up?

Yes. I will plan Minuet No. 1 by J. S. Bach [at the winter recital in February]



Waiting List!

Due various teachers being sold out on given days, the following students are on our waiting list:

Vaani M.
David V.



Monthly Referral Contest!

Do your neighbors have kids?

Tell them about our program and if they sign up for a month, you win a free lesson!

Make sure that they fill in this online form at <https://maestromusicians.com/refer-a-friend/>

