

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



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BACK TO SCHOOL!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 1 - Sept. 3
WE ARE OPEN

Yom Kippur
Tuesday, Sept. 18
Wednesday, Sept. 19

Columbus Day Weekend
Oct. 6 - Oct. 8
SCHOOL OPEN

Halloween
Oct. 31
SCHOOL OPEN

Veteran's Day
Monday, Nov. 12
SCHOOL OPEN

- **Yes - We said it!!** As soon as August 1st rolls around, it's back to school season at the Maestro Musicians Academy!
- That means that in a few short weeks, we will be inundated with scheduling requests as parents fight to get their children enrolled in after-school activities on very specific days and times.
- We know that you will be crazy busy and want to help. In order to accommodate your family schedules, here is how to buck the trend and secure your spot early:
- **For former students, we will expand our enrollment period past the usual necessary two weeks notice and begin enrolling for September lessons on August 11. Note that our school year begins SEPTEMBER 1st.**
- Contact us as soon as you know your child's schedule at lessons@maestromusicians.com or 857-756-5230.
- ***if studying with a certain teacher or having a certain day and time is important to you, get in touch today and secure your slot!***



In This Month's Newsletter:

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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 Nussbaum Family!

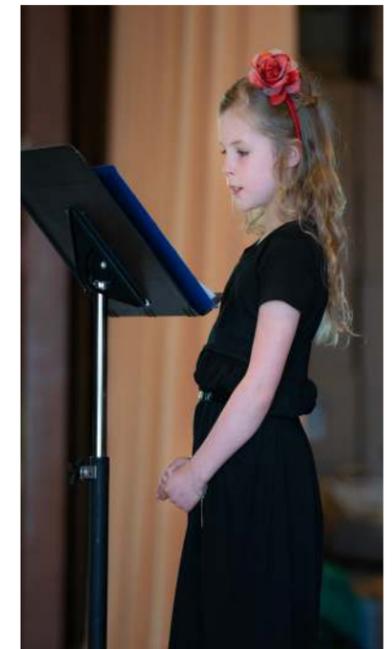
You can win \$15.00 free music retail from Spectrum Music in Lexington on 1844 Mass Ave!

To redeem your prize just bring this to the store and pick out anything that's in stock.

Be sure to read our newsletter each month!

Student of the Month - Sidney L.

- 1. What instrument do you play/Sing?**
I sing and sometimes try to play the ukulele and piano too!
- 2. How long have you been taking lessons?**
About a year
- 3. What are your other hobbies besides music?**
Fishing, drawing, coloring, playing with my dolls, making bracelets, and having fun with my family!
- 4. Favorite food?**
Candy!
- 5. Who is your favorite artist?**
Taylor Swift – I am seeing her in concert for my birthday!
- 6. What is the coolest thing you have learned in your music lessons in the last 3 months?**
Building confidence to sing on stage in front of lots of people.
- 7. Do you have any performances coming up?**
No however I had a few this Spring and loved all of them!



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

- Josh S.
- Alyssa S.
- Rebecca S.
- Jennie S.
- Philip Y.
- Catherine C.

Teacher of the Month - Robert Bell

1. What do you like most about teaching?

My favorite thing about teaching is being able to share what I'm most passionate about with aspiring musicians. To be able to pass on the skills and ideas I have worked all my life to attain is truly rewarding. Watching my students grow and become inspired by some of the things I can give them is incredible!



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

The most effective way I've been able to inspire students to practice more is by simply demonstrating the things I try to get across in my teaching process. I remember when I was a student, watching professionals first hand (and one on one!) were some of the most motivating moments in my life.

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

Playing in a recital not only builds confidence and performance skills in music, but in life as well. There are so many beneficial components to performing as a young person. Students feel accomplished and courageous after playing in front of a group of people.

There are many obstacles and difficulties to conquer when preparing and performing, and to be able to successfully complete a recital is such a rewarding thing to do as a young person.

4. What is your favorite type of music?

My favorite type of music is constantly changing. I grew up loving the blues, yet found a love for classical music and Spanish guitar in my late teens and early adulthood. More recently I've fallen for jazz and more freely improvised music. They all still hold a special place in my heart!

5. Where Else do You Play?

I frequently play with a jazz group with some of my closest friends, The Seba Molnar Quartet, led by the excellent saxophonist Sebastian Molnar. I also play in a progressive rock band, Lee Terrace. I always continue to pursue my own solo work as a jazz and classical guitarist as well.

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

The most important thing I can say to guitar students, and aspiring musicians in general, is to truly think about what you're doing! In my opinion, music is 95% mental and 5% physical. Many questions can be answered by oneself by simply asking if the way you're doing something on the instrument works effectively for you and the music. Ask yourself why the problems are occurring and what steps you can take to complete the task at hand. This type of critical thinking and problem solving not only serves your musical career, but every aspect of your life. I have learned more about life and the way my body and mind works through music than anything else I've studied.



Teachers With Current Availability in Lexington

Here is the current list of who is teaching at our Lexington location. Please feel free to make a special request if your favorite teacher or instrument is not listed on a day that works for you, as we can likely accommodate you!

GUITAR

Mondays: Chris Ramusiewicz

PIANO:

Tuesdays: Julia Chung
Tuesdays and Fridays: Haesook Han

VIOLIN

Thursdays: Arpine Azatyan and Daniel Broniatowski

We also offer clarinet, voice, trumpet, flute, and bass on most days.

We can also sometimes open up new days for any of the above instruments. Ask for details!

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Pet of the Month

Want your beloved pet to be featured in our newsletter? Send us your best photo and if we feature your pooch or kitten, you'll get \$25 off the next month's tuition! Other animals welcome as well.



Refer a Friend & get TWO FREE lessons!

If you have a friend who might like to take lessons, if you refer them to the Academy and they take 1 month of lessons, we'll give you TWO lessons for free! It's very easy to refer someone. Just visit: maestromusiciansacademy.com/referafriend Type in your name, their name and their e-mail address and we'll take care of the rest! There's no maximum to the amount of free lessons that you can receive!

Free Lesson Gift Certificate

Thank you YOUR NAME HERE!
For referring _____
To the Academy!

1. To redeem your free lesson, call 857-756-5230 and sign up for an additional lesson any day of the week with your teacher or any of our other teachers. You are welcome to try another instrument if you like or give this to a friend. Lessons cannot be rescheduled once they are on the Academy calendar.
2. Certificates cannot be used for refunds to your account or cash.

Given by: _____ Date: _____