

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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Did You Read Your Newsletter Contest!

October 2018

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 Ryoo 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!



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IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Halloween
Oct. 31
SCHOOL OPEN

Veteran's Day
Monday, Nov. 12
SCHOOL OPEN

Thanksgiving
Nov. 22-25
NO LESSONS

Winter Break
Dec. 22-Jan 1
NO LESSONS

BUSY TIMES AT THE ACADEMY

Dear parents and adult students,

It is with deep gratitude that I write this newsletter. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all of our students and parents, both new and experienced alike, for the large growth that we have experienced over the past two months. We enrolled 23 new students in September and 10 in August. This is a big jump for us!

Many of our newer students and their families do not know that our business model has changed to focus exclusively on the greater Lexington area. I felt that, although change can be risky, it was necessary and important to "nest" in a community that we could ultimately call our home, as opposed to our previous model of serving pockets of students in many parts of greater Boston.

Please rest assured that if you are not in the greater Lexington area and you currently take lessons through us, we are still here for you!

We also owe a massive debt of gratitude to the United Methodist Church for their flexibility in allowing us to schedule our lessons. Thank you.

-- Daniel



Student of the Month - Phillip Y.

1. What instrument do you play?

I can play the violin and piano.

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

It has been 3 months.

3. What are your other hobbies besides music?

I like playing video games and reading books.

4. Favorite food?

Pepperoni pizza

5. Who is your favorite artist?

Burgmüller

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

I like reading violin notes, making more clear sounds, and making the best position for playing the violin.

7. Do you have any performances coming up?

I will play the piano at the Halloween Party recital in October, and I will play the pieces called Trick or Treat Night and something else. Next time I would like to present my first violin recital!





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

- Kanata A
- Rohan A
- Chloe D.
- Lia E.
- Benjamin H
- Adeline L.
- Allison L.
- Eileen L.
- Isaac L.

Teacher of the Month - Jamie Shannon Ferguson

1. What do you love the most about teaching?

I love helping a student discover their potential. Voices are fascinating to me because it is part of our outward representation in the world. No two people in the entire world have the exact same voice. When we learn the most efficient way to use our voices, we learn how to express ourselves. Helping others hone the skills to unlock the entire range of their unique voice is the best job.



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

If you want to improve, you will practice. If you don't want to improve, you will not practice. People generally do what they want to do. I encourage my students to keep a practice journal as well.

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

Sharing what you have learned with others through a recital is vital. It can certainly produce some anxiety, especially if it is the first time the student is participating, but it can ultimately make them so much stronger and more confident in what they do. A lot of the time I sense a student's anxiety around a performance comes from the pressure to be 'perfect' or 'the best.'

This kind of thinking is toxic because [since] every single person's voice is different and constantly growing, perfect can never be achieved and no one is 'the best' because everyone is different. Attempting to hold yourself to those standards is simply irrational. All the student has to do in a recital is share where they are in that moment. Sharing where you are in the process with others is beautiful. Recitals are a wonderful way to track where you are and where you have been in your process of learning your art.

4. What is your favorite type of music?

Musical Theatre and the music that my brilliant fiancé, Warren Ertle writes.

5. Tell us about some new projects you are working on!

I am working on some new music with Warren. I am also dialect coaching the actors in Longwood Players' Gross Indecency.

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

Practice, practice, practice. Write about your observations of your practicing. Record yourself singing or playing. Track your progress. Realize that your voice is special. No one else in the world has your voice, and that is amazing.

Trust the process and realize that where you are in your process is exactly where you are supposed to be.

- Charles M.
- Felicity M
- Amelia O.
- James O.
- Will O.
- Daniel P.
- Eva Lina P.
- Jai P.
- Surina P.
- Alexia S.
- Sierra S.
- Amelia T.
- Audrey T.
- Julia T.

Current Availability During Peak Times and Location

Ask us about Mornings, Early Afternoons, and Weekends!

GUITAR

Chris Ramusiewicz: Monday 4 or 5 PM

PIANO:

Annie Chen: Sat. Afternoons UMC or Home
Julia Chung: M 6:45 at UMC; W. 4:00-5:00 PM at home;
Th 6:00 PM at UMC or Home; F 6:30 at UMC or Home
Yu Ya Huang: Thurs: 3:30-4:45 UMC or Home
Sat. 2:30-4:00 UMC or Home

VOICE

Jennifer Greer: Mon. 3:15, 3:45 or 4:45 PM at Home
Kelly Zhang: Wed. 4:30 at UMC
Jamie Shannon Ferguson: Sat. 4 PM or later at Home or UMC

BASS

Francis Hickey: Wed. 4:00, 4:30 or 5:30 at UMC

VIOLIN

Eric Wuest: Mon. 5 or 5:30 at home, Tues at UMC or Home

We also offer clarinet, trumpet, flute, sax, drums, and more! lessons@maestromusicians.com | 857-756-5230



Waiting List!

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

- Elle P.
- Katie L.
- Winnie N.
- Dennis N.



Refer a Friend & get a FREE lesson!

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 a free lesson!
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: _____