

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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SAVE THE DATE!

Our Winter Recital is January 20!

Dear parents,

I hope you and your child(ren) will join us for our annual winter recital on January 20! Unlike in previous years, you now have TWO options to choose from! One recital will be at 3:00 PM and the other at 5:00 PM. This is because our last recital lasted longer than we anticipated, and we want to make sure as many children can stay until the end as possible. Our hope is to keep each recital to one hour or slightly longer, if needed.

This season's concerts will take place at Carriage House Violins, located at 1039 Chestnut Street in Newton Upper Falls. We encourage all children to perform if they are ready and feel ready. Please consult your teacher about this. Every participant gets a trophy at the end of the recital as well!



IMPORTANT DATES:

Thanksgiving
Nov. 22-25
NO LESSONS

Winter Break
Dec. 22-Jan 1
NO LESSONS

MLK Day
Jan. 21
SCHOOL OPEN

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

School Open
Feb. 17-18 and Feb.21

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Did You Read Your Newsletter Contest!

December 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 Denghe 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!



Some Benefits to Taking Music Lessons!

1. Music Lessons Teach Children How to Listen
2. Music Lessons Develop Early Reading Skills
3. Music Lessons Teach Early Math Skills
4. Music Lessons Give Children a Structured Goal to Work Toward
5. Music Lessons Teach Children That What They Express is Important and Meaningful
6. Music Lessons Enhance Focus, Body Awareness, and Discipline

Here's how to sign up:

I will need to know by December 10 if your child will participate. Please e mail me at lessons@maestromusicians.com to reserve your spot (and let me know which recital your child will perform in)

If your child is not a pianist, we will also need to find an accompanist for him/her. We would like to humbly ask for your financial support in this regard, as our pianists need to get paid for coming to two lessons before the concert + a recital fee. If lessons are 30 minutes long, the total price is \$90. If lessons are 60 minutes long, the accompanist will either come for 45 minutes of the lesson or the entire lesson, based on what the teacher believes is the most helpful. The 45 minute rate for 2 lessons + recital is \$120 whereas the 60 minute rate is \$150.

Checks must be made out directly to the pianist at the first lesson that will be accompanied. I will provide more information about his/her name soon.

I will send out another e mail reminding everyone about this recital in early December.

Hope to see you all there!

Daniel



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

- Sophie N.
- James S.
- Om D.
- Valerie B.
- Elle P.
- Stanley Z.
- Robert C.

Teacher of the Month - Eric Wuest

1. What do you love the most about teaching?

I enjoy helping students improve and become better violinists through sharing all of the knowledge that I've gained over the years of playing violin. Music has been such a large part of my life, and I am grateful for all of teachers I have had that have made that possible. I believe that music can bring great joy to your life, and I hope to enable my students to experience that through learning the violin.



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

I think that students will be inspired to practice more if they see that practice is effective and leads to learning new skills and sounding better. So in lessons I try to show students how to go about working on something that is challenging by breaking it down, working on the individual skills, and putting it back together into something that sounds better. Hopefully if they see that this works during the lessons, they will be inspired to do it on their own as well!

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

I think that recitals are important for a students' development because ultimately music is meant to be performed and shared with others. It gives the student an opportunity to express themselves, and to share a piece of music with the audience. Performances are also great for seeing what translates well from the practice room to the stage, as well as what things might need more work in the future.

4. What is your favorite type of music?

I love classical music. Some of my favorites are Beethoven string quartets, Schubert piano trios, and Brahms symphonies. I also enjoy listening to pop music, and I sometimes record cover songs of pop music and put them on YouTube!

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

To learn a piece of music well, break it down. Do the bowings just on open strings. Clap the rhythms without your instrument. Play the notes slowly to make sure you're in tune. Improving all of these individual skills will help the piece sound better!

Did You Know?!

The main theme of Elgar's Cello Concerto was written on a napkin after he woke up from dental surgery?



Student of the Month - Ellyn W.

1. What instrument do you play?

Piano

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

Late August 2018

3. What are your other hobbies besides music?

I do Acrodance and I love to do Paint and do Art & Crafts

4. Favorite food?

I love to eat fajitas

5. Who is your favorite artist?

The songwriter "Tal"

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

I have learned how I can read the notes and I can already play some easy melodies!

7. Do you have any performances coming up?

No, but maybe on Christmas I can show my family what I can play on the piano together with my sister Lilly!



Waiting List!

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

Vaani M.



Bring a Friend Week!

December 9-15 is Bring a Friend Week at the Maestro Musicians Academy! If you bring a friend to your lesson and they sign up for a month of classes, your friend will get a free lesson! In order to redeem this gift, they must tell us that they came in for "Bring a Friend Week".

