

HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER



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Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, and Happy New Year!

No matter what (or if) you celebrate, the Maestro Musicians Academy wishes you and your family a warm, heartfelt season full of love, laughter, and most important - **Good Music!**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

School Open
March 17

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Did You Read Your Newsletter Contest!

Jan 2019

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 Smith 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 wrong answers!*

MULTIPLE RECITALS!

Dear parents,

The response to our arrangement to have two recitals on January 20 was wonderfully humbling. The 3 PM recital has 15 participants and the 5 PM recital has 9 students signed up. **As a reminder, the recital will take place at Carriage House Violins on 1039 Chestnut Street in Newton Upper Falls.**

Did you Miss the Deadline?

No Fear!

There will be ANOTHER CHANCE for both young and adult students to perform on January 21 at the Belmont Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on 34 Agassiz Avenue in Belmont! The recital will be at 10:30 AM. If you need to sign up and have not done so, **please let me know ASAP by e mailing lessons@maestromusicians.com.** The sign-up deadline is January 10 and an official e mail will go out on Jan 3.

Looking forward to some wonderful music making!

Daniel





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IS YOUR TEACHER SOLD OUT?

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

- Bryan A.
- Nadia A.
- Reeth B.
- Hakan B.
- Lillian v. H
- Noah K.
- Elle R.
- Julianne Z

Here is the list of current availability for our most popular instruments:

Piano with Giselle: Saturday at 5:15 at home; Sunday evenings at UMC or home, Monday at UMC or home, Friday before 3:15 or at 4:45 at home

Piano with Haesook: Tuesday before 3:45 at UMC; Thursday before 1:45 PM or 2:45-3:15 at UMC or home

Piano with Julia: Saturday after 2 PM at home; Sunday after 2 PM at home; Monday before 2 PM at home or 6:45 PM at UMC; Wednesday before 5 PM at home or mornings at UMC; Thursday morning at UMC or 5:30 PM at home; Friday morning or 6:30 PM at UMC or home.

Piano with Yu Ya: Thursday at 5:30 or 5:45 at home

Voice with Jamie-Shannon: Sunday at home; Saturday at 12 PM or 4:45 PM at home; Friday at home or UMC

Voice with Kelly Zhang: Wednesday at 5:30 at UMC or home, Friday at UMC or home

Voice with Olivia Akana: Sunday at home, Tues-Thurs after 3 at UMC or home, Sat at UMC or Home

OOPS -We ran out of space! Ask about guitar, violin, bass, sax, flute, and more!

Did You Know?!

Gioachino Rossini wrote a piece called the "Cat Duet"? Check it out on Youtube for some holiday humor!



Teacher of the Month - Haesook Han

1. What do you love the most about teaching?

Teaching students for many years has been a wonderful experience. I love seeing students develop their musical abilities and understandings.

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

I sometimes give students a good variety of repertoire, for example: Disney melodies, Christmas songs or songs they are familiar with.

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

Recitals provide students an opportunity to feel successful. Learning the piano requires many hours of practice. Performing gives students the recognition they deserve for their hard work.

4. What is your favorite type of music?

I listen to classical music by Chopin and Rachmaninoff, but I also enjoy jazz and pop music.

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

When students learn a new piece, they should start at half speed. Then when they can play it perfectly at that speed 2 to 3 times, I recommend speeding up the pace.



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Student of the Month - Charles M.

1. What instrument do you play?

Piano

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

4 months

3. What are your other hobbies besides music?

Dance, play chess, soccer, spend time with my family

4. Favorite food?

Blueberry waffles with whipped cream, syrup and butter

5. Who is your favorite artist?

Weird Al Yankovic

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

How to play "Come see the parade!" because it is loud and fast

7. Do you have any performances coming up?

Yes! The recital on January 20! Everyone should come.



Waiting List!

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

Vaani M.



Holiday Referral Contest!

Did your neighbor get a new instrument for Christmas? Tell them about our school and if they sign up for a month, you win a \$50 Amazon gift card! Just send us their name and contact info (ask them if it's ok first!) to lessons@maestromusicians.com and **be sure to quote HOLIDAY50**

