

JULY NEWSLETTER



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Some Highlights From Our June 2 Recitals!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

School Closed
July 4
Independence Day

Fall Holidays To Be Announced Soon



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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 O'Donnell Family!!

You can win \$15.00 free music retail from Johnson String Instrument Co. in Newton Upper Falls

To redeem your prize just contact the school office at lessons@maestromusicians.com to claim the prize. Limit one coupon per family per year.

Be sure to read our newsletter each month!

Waiting List

The following students are on our waiting list for lessons. We will be hiring new teachers to serve them soon!

Rithwik L.

Kelley S.



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

- Ethan A.
- Calliope F.
- Felix C.
- Alexa M.
- Sara S.
- Amy T.
- Laura X.
- Sean X.

Teacher of the Month - Ben Holt

1. What do you like the most about teaching?

I view teaching as a gift given to me, an art in itself. When I can communicate knowledge to others and maintain (or increase) their enthusiasm for the subject, I feel successful - like I've truly accomplished something. This need not be musical in nature!



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

Simply put, I don't try. I feel that if I'm teaching well, and there is a natural propensity and intrinsic desire to learn, nagging about practice won't help all that much. When I picked up guitar, I practiced many hours - not because my teacher told me to, but because I wanted to. I needed to. The instrument called to my soul. That said, I do try to make sure my students have something definite they can practice to improve their skills. Preferably a song they know and like.

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

It can be a huge boost in motivation to practice, and encouraging to hear good feedback. However, it can also be detrimental if there is too much pressure. Personally I was a "closet" player for years, playing only in my room with the door closed. Only after I felt confident enough did I emerge to perform for others. I am wary of pushing students to perform until they feel ready and excited.

4. What is your favorite type of music?

This is hard. It depends on my mood. Also, listening for fun is often different than practicing or playing along! I suppose my latest favorite is old school bossa nova.

5. Tell me about an ensemble you are playing in!

I play in a rock cover band called the Zen Music Men. We play 60s and on. It's fun - good people dynamics, and people like our playing!

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

Guitar is a special instrument. When people learn it, it's usually because they really want to, not because someone made them. So tap into this and just have fun. Harness that inner drive that calls you to make music and express your emotions on this beautiful piece of wire and wood.

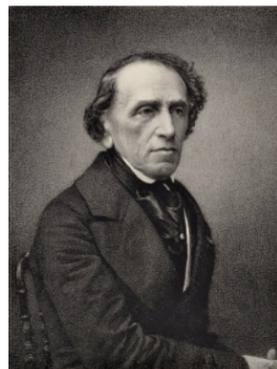
Pet of the Month Club

Would your pooch or feline friend like to be featured in our newsletter? Animals can appreciate music, too!



Did You Know?!

The German-born Jewish composer Giacomo Meyerbeer was one of the most influential opera and stage writers of the 1800's. Due to the posthumous attacks by the anti-Semitic composer, Richard Wagner and the later suppression of Meyerbeer's music by the Nazi regime, his music was sadly neglected in the 1900's.



Student of the Month - Georgia C.

1. What instrument do you play?

Piano

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

<1 year

3. What are your other hobbies besides music?

Karate and art

4. Favorite food?

Macaroni

5. Who is your favorite artist?

Taylor Swift

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

How to use the foot pedal for the piano



Of Local Interest to our Students

Lexington Chamber of Commerce Concert Series
7/12, 7/19, and 7/26
6:30-8:30 PM
Emery Park, Depot Square
Free Admission

Banjo performers Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn at Cary Hall
Sunday, July 28
7PM - 9 PM
\$49-\$79

Contact these organizations online directly for more info!

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