



## FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear ,

Thank you for taking a moment to catch up on the latest news from the Music Learning Center. Below you will find information about the upcoming Fall Recital Weekend, plus important dates for your calendar, staff announcements, reminders and much more. Please give us a call or drop us an e-mail if you have questions about these or any other items.

We thank you for being a part of the Music Learning Center!

Musically Yours,  
Jeff McGill, Director



## Fall Recital Weekend

November 19th - 20th



Our students and teachers are busy getting ready for the Music Learning Center's annual fall

recital weekend. All participating students will receive a recital information slip at their next lesson. The slip indicates the day and time of the section in which the student has been scheduled to perform. Students who will be using a microphone and/or amplification will also have the time of their "sound check" indicated on their recital slip.

Each of the sections will feature a wide variety of instruments and musical styles. From piano to voice...guitar to violin...from classical to pop and jazz...plus everything in between! Our performers range from age four to adult, and from beginner to advanced levels. Our recitals are FREE and open to the public, so please invite all of your family and friends.

Parents are encouraged to review our "[Parent's Guide to MLC's Student Recitals](#)" ...or stop by our office to receive a printed copy.

Location:

Danbury Music Centre's Marian Anderson Recital Hall,  
256 Main Street at the corner of Library Place.

There is a parking garage directly behind the Centre on Library Place. Elevator access to the recital hall is available from the rear entrance.

## For Your Calendar:



### **Fall Recital Weekend!**

Saturday, November 19th and Sunday, November 20th  
Sections at 1:00pm, 3:30pm & 6:00pm

### **Happy Thanksgiving!**

We are closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th.  
We reopen for all regularly scheduled lessons on Saturday, November 26th.

### **Happy Holidays!**

We are closed Saturday, December 24th and Sunday, December 25th.  
We reopen for all regularly scheduled lessons on Monday, December 26th.

### **Happy New Year!**

We are open for all regularly scheduled lessons on Saturday, December 31st.  
We are closed Sunday, January 1st.

### **Open Mic Night!**

Wednesday, January 25th  
7:00pm

Please visit our [\*\*ONLINE CALENDAR\*\*](#) for a complete listing of MLC 2016-17 Recitals, Holiday closings and other events.

## *From the Director.....MLC "Staff Notes"*



After serving as "Assistant to the Director" for the past (nearly) ten years, this fall, Sara Vokes has expanded her teaching schedule to five days a week at the Music Learning Center. I am sure that our teachers, parents and students will join me in sending this warm "thank you Sara!" for all her dedication and exceptional work in the MLC Office since 2007.

### ***Happy Work Anniversary Christina!***

This November we celebrate Christina Inman's one year anniversary at the Music Learning Center. Thank you Christina for all that you do each day to insure that things run smoothly in the MLC Office!





## Welcome Yvonne!

I am happy to officially welcome Yvonne Mancuso, who joined the MLC Office staff this past August. An avid musician and music-lover, Yvonne is a violist and member of the Danbury Music Centre's Community Orchestra, We have known Yvonne since 2010 when her talented son Anthony began studying violin with us... and now we couldn't be more pleased to welcome her to the MLC office team!

## Notes & Reminders...



Lesson Absences & Rescheduling - Please remember that the MLC Office must be notified by 12:00pm\* the day of your lesson in order to request a "reschedule" or to apply one of a student's two annual "excused & credited absences".

\* For Saturday Lessons the MLC Office must be notified by 5:30pm Fridays.

For all of the details concerning student absences and MLC holiday closings\*\*, please refer to "Policies & Information" that appears on the back of your registration form...or you may click [HERE](#).

\*\* MLC does not follow the Danbury public school system's holiday closing schedule. Please refer to MLC policies for a complete list of all dates when MLC is closed.



Announcements concerning inclement weather closings or delays may be viewed on our website [www.musiclearningcenter.org](http://www.musiclearningcenter.org)

(look for a scrolling banner at the top of our homepage)  
or at

[www.ctweather.com](http://www.ctweather.com)

(go to IAN Cancellations - then look under "Learning Centers")

Notifications will also continue to be posted on our telephone answering system.

A decision to close MLC completely due to inclement weather will be made by 1:00pm Monday through Friday and by 8:00am Saturday. A complete explanation of MLC's weather cancellation policies, including details about delayed openings and early closings, may be found here:

[Weather Cancellation Policies](#)



## **Welcome New Faculty!**

### **MARY BUZAK - Piano**

Mary studied piano at New England Conservatory and received a B.A. from Simmons College. She has been teaching piano for 13 years and is a certified Kindermusik educator. In addition to her extensive experience teaching piano to children, Mary has also taught at several senior centers in the region.

### **AVA MAZZELLA - Voice & Piano**

Ava received both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music education from Manhattanville College. She received several college honors and awards for Piano Performance, Music Theory and academic achievement. She has completed additional training and certification in several music teaching methods, including Kodaly, Orff Schulwerk, Gordon Music Learning Theory and workshops at the Dalcroze Institute. Ava has been teaching music since 1996 serving as choral director, accompanist and general music teacher in Westchester County, NY.

### **JOSHUA (JOSH) MEADE - Brass, Piano & Voice**

Josh received his B.S. from Western CT State University where he is currently completing his Master's Degree in Music Education. He was the lead trumpet player in the WCSU Jazz Orchestra for three and a half years, during which time he performed with Slide Hampton, Dafnis Prieto, Jimmy Heath, and Paquito D'rivera. Josh has been teaching music in CT public schools since 2010, including positions as band director, chorus director, and general music teacher. Josh is currently instructor of music technology and chorus at Westside Middle School Academy in Danbury. His performance credits also include the WCSU Jazz ensemble, Jazz combo, wind ensemble, symphonic band, chamber brass and choir. Josh continues to perform and sub with pit orchestras, brass quintets and orchestras around the state.

### **ZAKHARY PARANYUK - Cello**

Zakhary received his Bachelors and Masters of Music degrees from Kiev State Conservatory (former Soviet Union). He has performed as a soloist and member of several symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the Soviet Union, and in numerous tours of Europe, Asia and Latin America. In 1992, he immigrated to the United States with his family. Since moving to Danbury in 1998, Zakhary has been a member of the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra. He has also frequently appeared in concerts with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Brooklyn Chamber Orchestra and Westchester Philharmonic. In addition to teaching at the Music Learning Center, Zakhary teaches cello as part of the Visiting Artists Program at Newtown High School.

### [AVA WING - Voice & Piano](#)

Ava received her Bachelor of Music degree from Purchase College Conservatory of Music with a major in Vocal Performance. She made her operatic debut as *Gretel* from Humperdinck's *Hansel und Gretel* at the conservatory, and later, her New York City debut with the Metro Chamber Orchestra in the roles of *Blonde* and *Erna* in the American premier of Van de Vate's *All Quiet on the Western Front*. She also appeared with the Maryland Lyric Opera in their production of *Romeo et Juliette* by Gounod. Ava was a Graduate and Teaching Assistant at the University of Maryland within the Maryland Opera Studio. She also studied opera through Juilliard's renowned Daniel Ferro Vocal Program in Italy and was the Assistant Director of Music for the Concert Series at the Little Flower parish in Bethesda, Maryland. Ava began her own piano studies at age 5. Before joining the faculty of the Music Learning Center she was a voice and piano teacher for the International School of Music, Music & Arts Center and Lessons in Your Home within the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.



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