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Greetings!

Fall greetings from all of us at the Music Learning Center! This edition of "Music News" includes information about our upcoming fall recital weekend, plus important dates for your calendar, new program announcements, short bios of our four outstanding new faculty members and much more.

Please let us know if you have questions about any of these topics... and thank you for being a part of the Music Learning Center!

The MLC Staff -
Jeff McGill, Director
Sara Vokes, Assistant to the Director
Renee Harris, Office Assistant

Important Dates

We ARE open on
Saturday, Oct. 31st
Happy Halloween!



FALL RECITAL
WEEKEND
November 20th - 22nd

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Our students and teachers are busy getting ready for the Music Learning Center's annual fall recital weekend. Each participating student will receive a recital information slip from their teacher. The slip contains the day and time of the section in which the student has been scheduled to perform. Slips will be passed out during lessons beginning on Saturday October 31st.

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 stop by the office for a copy of our Parent's Guide to MLC's Student Recitals.

Location:
Danbury Music Centre's Marian Anderson Recital Hall,

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The MLC is closed on the following dates:



Thurs, November 26th
Friday, November 27th



Thurs, December 24th
Fri, December 25th



Fri, January 1st

We are open for ALL other dates around the holidays.



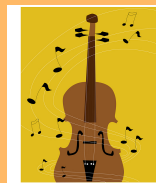
WEATHER CANCELLATION NOTIFICATIONS

Announcements concerning inclement weather closings or delays may be viewed on our website

www.musiclearningcenter.org
(look for a scrolling banner at the top of our homepage)

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.



NEW PROGRAM: Suzuki Violin Lessons

For ages 3-6 years

Weekly 30 min. Private Lessons plus 30 min. Group Activity
Time slots available Tuesdays between 4pm -7pm

Parents are a crucial part of the Suzuki method's learning process and will need to be in attendance at each private lesson and group class. You will also need to practice daily with your student. Taking on the role of helping your child to learn to play violin through the Suzuki method is both a rewarding endeavor and a significant commitment. Please call or stop by the MLC office for more information.

Taught by Dr. Mary Larew

Dr. Larew learned to play violin starting at the age of four at the Preucil School of Music, a world-renowned Suzuki school in Iowa City, Iowa. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Composition at the Oberlin Conservatory, then, as a Marshall Scholar, completed a Master of Arts in Ensemble Singing and PhD in Directing Medieval Music Dramas at the University of York, UK, followed by a Master of Arts in Arts Administration at Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City. Dr. Larew has taught violin, using the Suzuki method, in the United Kingdom and United States for almost ten years. Before moving to the greater Danbury area to serve as Danbury Music Centre's Executive Director in June of 2014, Dr. Larew taught Suzuki violin at Neighborhood Music School in New Haven and Community School of the Arts, affiliated with the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

MLC Students take piano workshop at WCSU

.....or at

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 Mon-Fri and by 8:00am Saturday. A complete explanation of MLC's weather cancellation policies may be found here:

[Weather Cancellation Policies](#)



A special Piano Workshop was held at Western CT State University exclusively for the Music Learning Center's advanced piano students!

The Workshop was led by WCSU senior year music majors Charles Chamberlain and Alex Saraceno, with assistance by WCSU Professor of Music Dr. Russell Hirshfield.

MLC's students heard inspiring performances, learned valuable practice techniques and received a tour of the amazing new Veronica Hagman Concert Hall at the University's Visual and Performing Arts Center. A wonderful afternoon all in all!



Teacher Feature:

James Walker, our percussion and piano instructor, recently attended the "Rhythm Retreat" drum set workshop, a week-long series of master classes held in Ithaca, NY., with students from around the United States and Europe. While at the workshop, Jim studied with three internationally renowned drummers: Billy Cobham (solo artist,

Welcome New Faculty!

**Noelle Chave
Voice & Piano**

Noelle received a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Western Connecticut State University where she graduated Magna cum Laude. She performed as a member of the WCSU Opera Ensemble in all their productions and sang with the WCSU Chamber Singers. Noelle tutored fellow undergraduate music majors in Music Theory and Sight-Singing through the WCSU Tutoring Resource Center and performed on flute with the WCSU Symphonic Band. During her studies, Noelle also sang with the Connecticut Master Chorale, performed in the US Premiere of Karl Jenkins' "Stabat Mater" at Avery Fisher Hall in NYC and performed with the Opera Orchestra of New York in their production of "The Tsar's Bride" at Carnegie Hall. Soon after graduation, Noelle worked as a Choral Music Editor for Hal

Mahavishnu Orchestra, Miles Davis), Dave Weckl (solo artist, Mike Stern, Chick Corea), and Steve Holmes (LA studios, Celine Dion, Lee Ritenour).



Thank you for reading this edition of "Music News" - the newsletter of the Music Learning Center. We have lots more news to come ... so keep an eye out for our next edition. Have something to share? Please let us know!

Leonard Music based in Wisconsin. While there she was a member of both the Madison and Milwaukee Chamber Choirs, sang with the Madison Symphony Chorus and was creator and Director of the Epic UGM Madrigal Ensemble. She has been a vocal judge with the Connecticut Music Educators Association for Northern and Western Regions and performs with the Kent Singers. Noelle is the Cantor at St. Edward's Church in New Fairfield, CT. She has been teaching Voice and Piano for eight years.

Stanley Indig Brass & Woodwinds

Stanley Indig has over 36 years of teaching experience in both private and public schools. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Herbert H. Lehman College and his Master of Science in Music Education from Queens College.

He has taught Elementary to High School music at the Community Jr. High School, H. Frank Carey High School, Elmont Memorial High School and the Tuckahoe School District from which he recently retired as their Director of Instrumental Music for Grades 4-12. While at these schools, Stanley held the positions of Woodwind and Brass Teacher, Senior High Concert Band Director, Orchestral Director for Musicals, District Band Coordinator, Elementary/Middle/High School Jazz Band Director, and Middle and High School Band Director. Stanley has also performed as a member of the Putnam Country Orchestra and in the pit orchestra for the Broadway production of "Grease".

Edward "Ted" Morcaldi Guitar & Bass Guitar

Ted received his Bachelor of Music degree in Jazz Studies from Western Connecticut State University. In addition to teaching at the Music Learning Center, Ted is an Adjunct Instructor at Western Connecticut State University providing Classical guitar lessons and directing the college's Guitar Ensemble. Ted performs with Mad Satta, an 8-piece R & B Soul Group that recently performed in residency at "Live from Daryl's House" in Pawling, NY. Additionally with Mad Satta, he has appeared at the Blue Note in NYC, the Atlanta Jazz Festival, the Art of Cool Festival in North Carolina and Yoshi's Jazz Club in Oakland California. Ted has held an Artist Residency with Zoo Labs and received Artist Endorsements from EMG Guitar Pickups, Jim Dunlop Guitar Manufacturing, Inc., and B & K Instruments. Ted has been teaching for nine years.

Samantha Murtha Voice, Piano & Guitar

Samantha holds both Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Music Education from Western Connecticut State University.

She performs with the Connecticut Chamber Choir under the direction of Constance Chase. Samantha has performed leading roles in both operatic and musical theater productions including: Chicago (Velma), Footloose (Ariel), The Magic Flute (Papagena) and The Marriage of Figaro (Barbarina). She also performed with ECSU's Opera Ensemble, with members of the New York City Opera and the West Point Glee Club at Carnegie Hall for a production of Tsar's Bride. Samantha also frequently appears in venues throughout Fairfield County as a vocalist with several pop music bands. In addition to the Music Learning Center, Samantha teaches choir and music at Immaculate High School in Danbury, Connecticut.

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