



## The Music Learning Center April 2022 Newsletter



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### **MLC Student Accomplishments: *Congratulations!***

**Austin Bradford** made Western Regional Jazz band for the second time and recently performed at an Open Mic held at "The Note" restaurant in Bethel (Instructor, JoAnn Randi - Piano).

**Avery Cohan** was named student of the month by his elementary school music teacher (Instructor, JoAnn Randi - Piano).

**Charlotte James** played the role of Periwinkle in the Broadview Middle School production of Dear Edwina (Instructor, Sara Vokes - piano/voice).

**Ernst Koch** played the role of The Cat in the Hat in the Immaculate High School

production of Seussical (Instructor, Sara Vokes - piano/voice).

**Isabella Mosquera** played the role of Hera & understudied for the role of Melpomene in the North Salem Middle and High School Production of Xanadu (Instructor, Sara Vokes - piano/voice).

**Julia Gearing** played the role of Mary Sunshine in the New Milford High School production of Chicago (Instructor, Sara Vokes - piano/voice).

**Matthew Uy** was a violin soloist in a recent Ridgefield High School Orchestra performance. He also wrote an article for the Ridgefield Press about the High School's Music Mentors program in which he participates (Instructor, Antonette Cornelius - piano).

**Sydney Abarientos** played the Oboe and Flute parts on an electric piano for 4 performances of Seussical for New Fairfield High School in one weekend. Sydney, chosen by her band instructor, was 1 of only 5 school musicians in the pit orchestra which was comprised mainly of professional musicians.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
OUR ADVANCED  
STUDENTS WHO  
PERFORMED IN OUR  
STUDENT SHOWCASE  
ON MARCH 13TH!!**

Students are selected by their instructors to perform in our Annual Student Showcase. Bravo!

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## Spring Recital Weekend: June 10 - 12

All Students are eligible to participate in MLC's Spring Recital Weekend - one of our two major recital weekends each year. Sign up is completed with your instructor. Students/Parents will be e-mailed their Recital Section Day/Time assignment during the week of May 2nd. Click on the following link for more information... [Guide to MLC Recitals](#)

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***Pre-Registration***

**Your Current Lesson Schedule continues through August 2022.** MLC's new school year runs from September 2022 through August 2023. During our annual spring **pre-registration** students and parents may reserve their current lesson time(s) for our upcoming school year. Students may also request a change of day and/or time. This is your opportunity to reserve a convenient lesson time with your preferred teacher! Lesson times that have not been reserved through pre-registration will fill up quickly, so we encourage you to take advantage of your priority status at MLC and **Pre-Register** for the next school year. You will receive your email invitation to **Pre-register** shortly, so please keep an eye out for it! The deadline to Pre-Register will be May 21st.

**Remember: Your current lesson schedule continues through July & August**

## Dates to Remember!!

- April 23rd - Last Day to notify your teacher that you will participate in the June Recital
- Week of May 2nd - Recital Sections Times will be announced.
- May 9th - 21st: Pre-registration for our '22- '23 School Year. Forms will be sent by email.
- June 10-12 - MLC's 29th Annual Spring Recitals!
- July & August - Lessons Continue!



## NOTES & REMINDERS



IN-PERSON and ONLINE LESSON Lessons now available for all instruments and voice.

MLC will always remain focused on the health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff, including implementing the most current CT and CDC recommendations. Parents and students may continue to choose between online and in-studio lessons. Please contact the MLC office for more information about any possible changes you may like to make to your lesson schedule or lesson format.

[MLC's Current COVID Safety Guidelines](#)

## Article: "Getting Kids to Practice Music - Without Tears or Tantrums"

Looking for helpful ways to encourage your child's daily music practice? Be sure to consult with their teacher - they can make suggestions specifically

tailored to how they have seen your child learn best. For an additional perspective, [THIS ARTICLE](#) from NPR's website has several great suggestions and is written by a parent who is not a musician themselves. Ideas include creating "games" that make practicing fun. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher outside of lesson time, just let us know - we'll be happy to set that up.

P.S. - Our [Facebook](#) page has a TEDEd video titled "How to Practice Effectively...for just about anything" (posted 1/12/21) Enjoy!



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### Questions or comments?

We would love to hear from you. [Send Us a Note](#)

Thank you for being a part of the Music Learning Center!



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