



The Music Learning Center Newsletter
January 2021



Wishing a Happy & Healthy New Year to all of our students, parents and friends, from all of us at MLC!



Follow MLC on Facebook and Instagram

Please join our social media communities where we provide a variety of online resources such as carefully curated articles on the benefits of music, historical and current musical instruments, audio streams of different music genres and engaging opportunities for all our students.



- **Our Holiday "Open Mic" Series** using ZOOM was very well attended and great fun. Congratulations to all of the students who participated. We heard so many fine performances. Coming soon...look for an announcement email about our Winter Series of Open Mic Nights ... including a special open mic for our adult students!
- **ZOOM "Tips & Tricks"** - Be sure to visit this page on our website for help getting the most out of your online lessons. We have just added new info about ZOOM's recently

released **Hi-Fidelity, Professional Grade Audio Setting**. It really improves your sound quality significantly if you are able to use a computer to join your lessons. (Not currently available on mobile devices.) Check it out!

- **Did you know...?** The Music Learning Center began operating a second teaching studio in Ridgefield last February. Learn more [HERE](#)



NOTES & REMINDERS

- **Martin Luther King Day** - We are open for our regular lesson schedule on Monday, January 18th. Please contact our office if you need to reschedule your lesson for a different day that week.
- **Winter Storm Procedures** - In the event of a winter storm, all lessons continue as scheduled using ZOOM MEETING. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **Lesson Rescheduling** - Remember to contact our [OFFICE](#) by 12pm Mon.-Fri. or 8am on Saturday if you need to reschedule your lesson that day. You can find MLC's complete policies here: [Danbury Studio](#) [Ridgefield Studio](#) Thank you!



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 1/11/21) Enjoy!

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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