



The Music Learning Center April 2023 Newsletter



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**Lessons at the Music Learning Center continue during school
spring break weeks.**

Please use your online account to cancel and schedule makeups for any

lessons you are unable to attend. Click a link here to login.....

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MLC Student Accomplishments

The following voice and/or piano students study with MLC instructor **Sara Vokes**:

Marguerite Lock will play Viviane for the Avon Mountain Drama and Adoro Te Musical Theatre group's production of "Oklahoma." The show opens in June 2023.

Rosa Calamito performed the roles of Jitterbug and an *Ozian*, and was the understudy for the role of Dorothy in the New Milford Theatre Works January 2023 production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Charlotte James is cast in the supporting roles of Hidden Folk and Townspeople in Broadview Middle School's "Frozen Jr" production, opening in April 2023.

Olivia Vanak was selected with another singer to perform the National Anthem as a duet at a Danbury Ice Hockey Team Game in March at the Danbury Ice Arena.

Andres Idrovo played a lead role in an ensemble play for Naugatuck Valley Community College's production of "Everybody." Andres was nominated to perform for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Competition at Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region 1. The entire cast of "Everybody" was also invited to perform at the Festival in Cape Cod, MA. This semester Andres will perform the role of Mr. King in the musical "Carrie," which opens at the end of April 2023.

Andrew Vongsouvanh plays jazz piano in the Middlebury Middle School Jazz Band, and violin in the school's Orchestra. 2023 will be his second year of participating in the Greater Connecticut Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. The orchestra is comprised primarily of high school students who are selected after an audition. Andrew acts as the orchestra's Concert Master. Andrew has also been selected as the principal second violinist for the CT Music Educator

Association's Southern Regional Orchestra. Andrew studies violin with MLC instructor **Anthony Mancuso**, and piano with **Sara Vokes**.

Congratulations to all of these students!

2023 Spring Recital Weekend: June 24th - 25th

All Students are eligible to participate in MLC's Spring Recital Weekend - one of our two major recital weekends yearly. Sign-up is completed with your instructor. Students/Parents will be e-mailed their Recital Section Day/Time assignment by May 20th. Click on the following link for more information... [**Guide to MLC Recitals**](#)



Our Spring Bands & Ensembles will begin rehearsing in May - but there is still time to join!

If you are interested in joining our rock band or chamber ensemble next month please contact the office for more information today!

Our bands and ensembles are designed to enhance a student's weekly private lessons. Each group will perform during our Spring Recital Weekend. Please [**Email the MLC office**](#) for schedule and tuition details.

Dates to Remember!!

- May 13th - Last Day to notify your teacher that you will participate in the June Recital.
- May 20th - Each student's Recital Sections time will be announced.
- June 24-25th - MLC's 30th Annual Spring Recitals!



REMINDER: Have you scheduled any

makeups that you may be eligible for?



1. Login to your account Dashboard.
2. If you have makeup lesson time eligible for scheduling then "**Schedule Make-Up**" will appear under "**Actions**".
3. Makeups may be scheduled thru August 31st. Students must maintain their regular weekly lesson schedule in order to be eligible for makeup lesson scheduling.
4. Check your account dashboard regularly for additional makeup lesson day/time availability with your teacher.
5. See [MLC Policies](#) for full details about makeup eligibility, scheduling, and other limitations.



This Month's Article: "Playing an Instrument Benefits Your Brain: Music for Cognitive Health"

Learning to play a musical instrument does more than brain games to benefit your mind as it ages— and it's fun!

The buzz about playing challenging brain games to keep sharp as you age is everywhere! But researchers say they aren't that effective, if at all.

Click [HERE](#) to read the article.

Questions or comments?

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

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