



The Music Learning Center March 2023 Newsletter



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MLC Student Accomplishments:

Here are just a few of the great things some of our students

have recently achieved in music...

Joey Velasco auditioned and was accepted into the Symphonic Orchestra at Ridgefield HS. **Colton Kittredge** auditioned and was accepted to play in Western CT State University's Orchestra. Colton is currently a sophomore in High School. These young men study violin and viola respectively with MLC instructor **Anthony Mancuso**.

Avery Cohen has been selected as one of two students from fourth grade to participate in the All-Star Band from King Street Intermediate School in Danbury. He will play the Alto Sax. Avery is currently studying piano with MLC instructor **JoAnn Randi**.

Arnab Karmokar participated in the fall 2022 Thomas Rombilus Piano Competition & Showcase at his school in Bethel, CT. Arnab studies piano with MLC instructor **Natalia Kolenciak**.

The following voice students who study with MLC voice & piano instructor **Crystal Glenn** have been cast into roles in their upcoming school musicals:

- **Samantha DiCandido** will perform the role of "Donna" in the musical "Mamma Mia" at St. Rose School in Newtown.
- **Laura Takken** has been cast in the role of "Katalin Hunyak" in North Salem High School's production of "Chicago".
- **Isabel Bui** has been cast as a member of the "Ensemble" in her school's musical production of "Emma".
- And **Sabrina Saadi** was a member of her school's select choir, which opened for the New York City Rockettes in their annual Christmas Spectacular this past December.

Two MLC piano students who study piano with **James Walker** have been cast in their school's upcoming musicals:

- **Andrew Webster** will perform as "Pumba" in *Lion King Jr.*, presented by Westside Middle School.
- **Raphael Ventura** has been cast in two upcoming musicals: "Newsies" (Immaculate Heart) & "Beauty & the Beast" (St. Joseph's).

Austin Bradford won 2nd Place in the Connecticut State PTA "Reflections" Program, Middle School division, for his original musical composition entitled "A Minor Invention". Austin will also attend the Eastern U.S. Summer Music Program at Colgate University, July 9-23. Austin studies piano at MLC with **JoAnn Randi**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE AND ALL!

Look for a listing of additional musical accomplishments by our students in our April Newsletter. Have something to share? Please let us know!

[Email the MLC office.](#)



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR ADVANCED
STUDENTS WHO
PERFORMED IN MLC'S
STUDENT SHOWCASE
ON MARCH 12TH!!**

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

Bravo!

**Our 2023 Spring Recital Weekend:
June 23rd thru 25th**

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 15th. Click on the following link for more information... [Guide to MLC Recitals](#)



**WE'VE ADDED A NEW
PERFORMING GROUP!**

There is still time to let us know if you are interested in joining one of the groups we will be forming this spring!

Consider enhancing your lessons by participating in a Rock or Jazz Band, a Chamber Ensemble, and our new group, the **Guitar Ensemble**.

Please [Email the MLC office](#) for more information.

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 23-25th** - MLC's 30th Annual Spring Recitals!



It Doesn't Matter What Instrument You Learn.

The benefits of music lessons are numerous. Read about Nine of them [HERE](#).



NOTES & REMINDERS

Three ways to manage your schedule in our Lesson Management System (LMS). Login to your account dashboard and select from the following: (see image below)

1. **Cancel Lessons** - for a specific date - prior day's notice required.
2. **Schedule Make-Up** - Up to 7 days in advance for a Canceled Lesson.
3. **Change Time or Teacher** - for a permanent change to your schedule.

Actions

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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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