

Blanchard Piano Studio

September 2017 Newsletter



MTASM Traditional Hymn Festival

Sunday, September 17, 2017

1:00, 2:00 or 3:00 PM

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church
22646 Benswood Road, California, MD

Students are invited to play traditional hymns on piano, other instruments, or voice. Family and friends are invited to participate. If you have a specific time request, you must let Mrs. Blanchard know by your first lesson because the registration deadline is September 2nd. Memorization is not required for this event.

Music Mind Games Theory Classes begin Friday, September 15th

Get a jump start on your music reading! Music Mind Games will be held every Friday beginning September 15th and ending November 17th. We will meet at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, 22646 Benswood Road, California. Please check the list below for the class most appropriate for your level. You will notice that some students may be asked to stay for two classes. The 6:00 PM class will also learn beginning conducting.



4:30-5:15 PM Adalyn Baumann, Sophia Ford, Alisa Gant, Eden Huckabee, Eve Huckabee, Trison Li, Jeremy Liang, Katherine Morgan, Lauren Reed, Rachel Rioux, Maya Smith, Katelyn Smith, Timothy Smith, Sophia Sobolewski, Kayli Werner.

5:15-6:00 PM Kelvin Baldwin, Izzie Chorney, Zoe Chorney, Claudia Gemmel, Julia Hood, Josiah Huckabee, Mackenzie Klawitter, Jane Liang, Grace Marie Rorke, Andrew Rioux, Katherine Rioux, Connor Senechal, Marlin Smith, Emily Smith, Victoria Smith, Selam Taylor, Jared Werner, Kara Willen, Clara Wilson, Grace Wilson.

6:00-6:45 PM Kristina Chan, Joseph Ensminger, Kristen Ensminger, Claudia Gemmel, Julia Hood, Ezra Huckabee, Emma Huckabee, Peri Hinton, Elizabeth Lawlin, Emma Levin, Mia Levin, Leah MacQuilliam, Eliana Reynolds, Victoria Smith, Megan Soriano, Olivia Taylor, Grace Wilson. Luke Wichrowski.

Music Mind Games is a curriculum with dozens of cooperative games for teaching music reading and ear training, created and developed by Michiko Yurko. Used in music studios and classrooms around the world, *Music Mind Games* makes music theory easy to understand and most of all, makes it really fun. Students learn sophisticated concepts involving rhythm, dictation, note reading, and sight-singing in the form of imaginative games. Thanks to a nurturing teaching philosophy, sequential pedagogical concepts, clever materials and mind-stimulating games, students grow to love and be excited about music theory. To learn more about Music Mind Games, go to www.musicmindgames.com.

The Southern Maryland Teen Piano Group president, Olivia Taylor, invites all teen pianists to join this service group which plays classical music in retirement and nursing homes or anywhere people would like to hear classical music. You may contact her at 240-587-8306 or olivia.taylor@smrhs.org to participate in periodic performances.



Deo Cantamus Children's Choir and Deo Adoramus Youth Choirs

begin Wednesday, September 13th! Deadline for enrollment is September 1st.

You can find registration forms in the studio. All are welcome!

Student Activities for 2017-18

2017

| ✓ Save the Date: | Activity: |
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| September 17, 2017 (Sun.) | MTASM Traditional Hymn Festival (Grace and Peace Church, California) |
| September 24, 2017 (Sun.) Tentative | Hymn Recital/Sing at The Hermitage on Solomon's Island (13325 Dowell Rd., Solomons) (service event) |
| October 20-21, 2017 (Fri./Sat.) | *MSMTA Keyboard Test (Various Studios in St. Mary's County) \$12 |
| October 21, 2017 | MTASM Fall Recitals (SAYSF Bible Church, Lexington Park) |
| October 28, 2017 | MTACC Fall Recitals (LaPlata) |
| November 17, 2017 (Fri.) | Performance Class/Master Class(Grace and Peace) \$25-35 depending on your level |
| November 18, 2017 | MTASM Contemporary Recitals |
| November 30-December 1, 2017 (Thur.- Fri.) | RCMDP Assessments (Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, California) \$72 and up |
| December 9, 2017 | MTASM Christmas Recitals (Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, California) |

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| ✓ Save the Date: | Activity: |
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| January 27, 2018 | MTASM Ensemble Recitals (Grace and Peace Church, California) |
| February 10, 2018 | MTACC Ensemble Recitals (LaPlata) |
| February 17, 2018 | *MTASM Students in Recital (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Leonardtown) |
| March 4, 2018 (Sun.) | *MSMTA Spring Festival: Piano Ensemble (University of MD, College Park) \$10 |
| March 9-10, 2018 | *MTASM Spring Festival for Piano (Grace and Peace Church, California) \$13.50 |
| March 17, 2018 | MSMTA Theory Testing (Immaculate Heart of Mary Church) \$12 |
| March 24, 2018 | *MTACC Spring Evaluations (LaPlata) |
| April 21, 2018 | Sounds of Tomorrow Auditions (St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, California) \$10 |
| April 28-29, 2018 (Sat./Sun.) | *MTACC Sonata/Sonata Festival (Christ Church, La Plata) \$15 |
| May 5, 2018 | *MSMTA Festival for Solo Piano (University of Maryland, College Park) \$15 |
| May 12, 2018 | *MTACC Scholarship Competitions (Christ Church, La Plata) \$15 |
| May 19, 2018 | *MTASM Honors Competitions (Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, California) \$12-15 |
| June 1, 2018 | RCMDP Assessments (Grace and Peace Church) \$72 and up |
| June 9, 2018 (Sat.) | Blanchard Piano Studio Recital (Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, California) |
| June 10, 2018 (Sun.) Tentative | Sounds of Tomorrow Concert (St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, California) |

Beginning Friday, September 15th and ending Friday, November 17th, Music Mind Games will be held every Friday at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church. Beginners meet at **4:30 PM**; the Intermediate Group meets at **5:15 PM** and the Advanced Group will meet at **6:00 PM**. The advanced group will also study beginning conducting.

- All events are on Saturday, unless otherwise indicated.
- Fees are estimated from last year's amounts. There is no fee for recitals, but donations are welcome.
- Watch the monthly newsletter for master classes, theory classes and performance classes which will be offered throughout the year.

*Those students who are working towards the Distinguished Music Achievement Awards should consider these events.

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| <p>MTAGC: Music Teachers Association of Greater Calvert MTASM: Music Teachers Association of Southern Maryland MSMTA: Maryland State Music Teachers Association RCMDP: Royal Conservatory Music Development Program</p> |
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