

# Blanchard Piano Studio

October Newsletter 2020



## October Performance Opportunities

There are two recital opportunities in October. The details are below. If you are interested in either recital, you need to let Mrs. Blanchard know at your lesson this week since the deadlines are upon us. The COVID waiver will need signed and returned to her at your lesson as well. Here is the link for waiver: [https://mtacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVID\\_Waiver.pdf](https://mtacc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/COVID_Waiver.pdf)

**October 17: MTASM Recitals indoors at Grace and Peace, California.** The time is 2:00 pm, but we will have a second recital at 3:30 pm if needed. Each recital has a 10 family limit. Physical distancing and sanitizing practices will continue.

**October 17: MTACC Recitals outdoors at Grace Lutheran Church, La Plata.** A general recital will be held at 1:00 pm. A costumed recital will be held at 3:00 pm. Since this recital is outdoors, there is a rain date of October 24<sup>th</sup>. Fee is \$5.00. Physical distancing and sanitizing will be observed.

## Upcoming Studio Performance Classes

We will have a studio performance class this month on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Grace and Peace. Music Mind Games will not meet that day so that we can perform for each other. There will be two classes, one at 4:00 pm and one at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to perform, but everyone should attend whether playing or not as this is a great learning experience for performance etiquette. It is best if you RSVP with Mrs. Blanchard so we can keep the classes balanced. Physical distancing and sanitizing will be observed. Those preparing for the early December Royal Conservatory Assessments will want to play some of their exam repertoire for performance experience.



## Royal Conservatory of Music Practical Exams

It is time to register your child(ren) for the upcoming remote exams for the Royal Conservatory of Music to be held in early December. The link below will lead you to the exam page. If you are new, you'll need to create a profile for your child/family. My teacher number is #10883 which you will need to register. Be sure to register for "practical" exams, not "academic." Also be sure to register for the correct level. If you are uncertain, please speak to Mrs. Blanchard at lessons this week.

<https://www.rcmusic.com/learning/examinations/2020-exams-update/winter-2020-exams>

Dress for the remote exams should be recital attire. Please use a phone or tablet, not a computer, and thank the examiner at the end of the exam. More details to follow as Mrs. Blanchard receives them.

***Music Mind Games continue through Friday, November 19.  
Come join us for the learning and the fun!***



## Student Activities for 2020-21

### 2020

✓ <b>Save the Date:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
Fridays, beginning September 18 and ending November 20	Music Mind Games Classes at Grace and Peace: 4:00-4:45 pm Advanced Group 5:00-5:45 pm Intermediate Group 6:00-6:45pm Beginner Group
October 16 (Fri.)	BPS Performance Class at Grace and Peace (Music Mind Games Classes attend.)
October 17 (Sat.)	MTASM Recitals at Grace and Peace, 2:00 or 3:30 pm
October 24 (Sat.)	MTACC Fall "Mask-er-ade" Recital in La Plata: 1:00 or 3:00 pm Fee \$5
November 20 (Fri.)	BPS Performance Class at Grace and Peace (Music Mind Games Classes attend.)
November 21 (Sat.)	MTASM Recitals at Grace and Peace, 2:00 or 3:30 pm
December 4 (Fri.)	Royal Conservatory Assessments (Remote) Fees: \$89 and up.
December 5 (Sat.)	MTACC Carols and Cookies Recitals in La Plata: Fee \$5
December 13 (Sun.)	*MSMTA Composers' Circle in College Park: Fee \$25

### 2021

✓ <b>Save the Date:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>
Fridays, beginning January 15 and ending March 19.	Music Mind Games Classes at Grace and Peace: 4:00-4:45 pm Advanced Group 5:00-5:45 pm Intermediate Group 6:00-6:45pm Beginner Group
January 15 (Fri.)	BPS Performance Class at Grace and Peace (Music Mind Games Classes attend.)
January 16 (Sat.)	MTASM Recitals at Grace and Peace, 2:00 or 3:30 pm
February 5-6 (Fri.-Sat.)	*MSMTA Keyboard Testing at Grace and Peace: Fee \$15
February 13 (Sat.)	MTACC Winter Recital/Ensemble Festival in LaPlata: Fee \$5
February 19 (Fri.)	BPS Performance Class at Grace and Peace (Music Mind Games Classes attend.)
February 20 (Sat.)	MTASM Recitals at Grace and Peace, 2:00 or 3:30 pm
March 6 (Sat.)	*MSMTA Theory Test at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church: Fee \$15
March 13 (Sat.)	MTACC Spring Evaluation in La Plata: Fee \$5
March 19 (Fri.)	BPS Performance Class at Grace and Peace (Music Mind Games Classes attend.)
March 20 (Sat.)	*MTASM Spring Festival at Grace and Peace: Fee \$15
March 28 (Sun.)	*MSMTA E.R.Davis Competition in Takoma Park: Fee \$35
April 16 (Fri.)	*MSMTA High School Exam at Grace and Peace: Fee \$35
April 17 (Sat.)	MTACC Spring Recital in La Plata: Fee \$5 <b>OR</b> MTASM Recitals at Grace and Peace, 2:00 or 3:30 pm
April 24-25 (Sat.-Sun.)	*MTACC Sonatina Festival in La Plata: Fee \$15
May 1 (Sat.)	*MSMTA Festival for Solo Piano in College Park: Fee \$20
May 8 (Sat.)	MTACC Scholarship Competitions in La Plata: Fee \$15 or \$20 depending on your level.
May 15 (Sat.)	MTASM Honors Competitions at Grace and Peace: Fee \$15
May 16 (Sun)	*MSMTA Gottlieb Competition and Chase Sonata Competition at UMBC: Fee \$20
June 12 (Sat.)	BPS Awards Recitals at Grace and Peace

**BPS:** Blanchard Piano Studio  
**MTACC:** Music Teachers Association of Charles County  
**MTASM:** Music Teachers Association of Southern Maryland  
**MSMTA:** Maryland State Music Teachers Association