

Blanchard Piano Studio

October Newsletter 2021



MTASM October Recital Day

October 16th, 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm

(If you need a special time, you must notify Mrs. Blanchard by Wednesday, October 6th)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Recital Dress Code in effect:

Gals: Dresses or skirts, no backless shoes or flip flops

Guys: Dress pants, shirt, tie, no flip flops

Memory is not required, but encouraged.

Studio Performance Classes and Studio Master Class

Our performance classes started last Thursday with the theme of "Performance Etiquette".

They will continue each Thursday through November 4th from 6:30-7:15 pm at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church. This week's theme is "Expressive Playing."

On December 2nd from 4:00-6:00 pm, Mrs. Debra Smedley will present a master class with invited Blanchard Piano Students. All are welcome to come and observe at no charge. Performers pay a fee.

Musikgarten- God's Children Sing!

We are still accepting registrations for Musikgarten, ages 3-5, on Mondays from 11:00-11:45 am at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church. Since our first class has already occurred, the fee will be reduced \$180 for the remaining classes which end December 13th. To for more information and to register for this fun music and movement class, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Musikgarten2021>. Tag-along siblings are welcome and attend at no charge.



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.

Events List 2021-22

2021

✓	Save the Date:	Activity:
	Thursdays, beginning September 30 and ending November 4	Performance Classes and Theory Games at Grace and Peace: 6:30-7:15 pm
	October 16 (Sat.)	MTASM Fall Recital Day at St. Aloysius, Leonardtown, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00
	October 23 (Sat.)	MTACC Fall General/Mask-er-ade Recitals at Christ Church, LaPlata, 1:00, 3:00. Fee \$5
	November 5-6 (Fri. and Sat.)	MSMTA Keyboard Testing at various local teacher studios. Fee \$15 per test
	December 2 (Thur.)	Blanchard Studio Master Class at Grace and Peace, California, 4:00-6:00 pm, Fee \$25-35
	December 3 (Fri.)	Royal Conservatory Assessments, Location TBD, Fees: \$89 and up.
	December 4 (Sat.)	MTACC Carols and Cookies Recitals at Christ Church, LaPlata: Fee \$5
	December 11 (Sat.)	MTASM Christmas Marathon Recitals at Grace and Peace, California, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00. 4:00
	December 12 (Sun.)	Tentative: MSMTA Composers' Circle in College Park: Fee \$25
	2022	
	TBD	Performance and Theory Games will be decided at a later date.
	January 22 (Sat.)	MTASM Ensemble Recitals at Grace and Peace, California, 3:00, 4:00 pm
	February 5 (Sat.)	MTASM Winter Recital Day at St. Aloysius, Leonardtown, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00
	February 11 (Sat.)	MTACC Ensemble/Winter Recitals at Grace Lutheran Church, La Plata 11:30, 1:00, 3:00, Fee \$5
	March 12 (Sat.)	MTASM Spring Festival at Lexington Park Baptist Church, Lexington Park, Fee \$15
	April 2 (Sat.)	Tentative: *MSMTA Theory Test, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park, Fee \$15
	April 7 (Thur.)	BPS Master Class at Grace and Peace, California, 4:00-6:00 pm, Fee \$25-35
	April 23 (Sat.)	BPS Recitals at Grace and Peace, Times TBA
	April 30/May 1 (Sat.-Sun.)	MTACC Sonatina Festival in LaPlata, Fee \$15
	May 7 (Sat.)	Tentative: *MSMTA Festival for Solo Piano in College Park, Fee \$20
	May 14 (Sat.)	MTACC Scholarship Competitions in LaPlata, Fee \$15 or \$20 depending on your level.
	May 21 (Sat.)	MTASM Honors Competitions at Grace and Peace, California, Fee \$15
	June 11 (Sat.)	BPS Awards Recitals at Grace and Peace, California
	Stay Tuned!	MSMTA Ensemble, Gottlieb, E.R. Davis, High School Exam etc. are all undecided at this time. They may be remote or in person.

