

Blanchard Piano Studio



April 2024 Newsletter

Our **Piano Party** for those who reached the practice goal of 100 days is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 4:30-5:30 pm at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD. We are planning fun games, prizes, and a light snack! Be sure you have a memorized piece to play. **Please wear something that has music on it to the party.**

Those who have qualified:

Nate Bankston, Paige Bankston, Simon Bowling, Daniella Cha, Zoe Chorney, Khalid Habeebullah, Saleem Habeebullah, Joshua Herrera, Alex Hou, Lingly Hou, Sam Loesch, Micah Mack, Emma McDonald, Sutton McDonald, Wyatt McDonald, Anna Morgan, Ben Morgan, Katherine Morgan, James Moritz, Lilliana O'Brien, Carden Parmer, Mikaela Saucier, Christina Sullivan, Chaya Thomas, Zoe Thomas, Jadon Thomas, Julian Uzhca, Kayli Werner, Ellie Wort, Lorraine Zaborsky

Sonatina Recital April 12-13

We will hold several recitals at Grace and Peace to prepare for the upcoming Sonatina/Sonata Competition on April 27-28 in Waldorf. Please let Mrs. Blanchard know in which recital you would like to play:

Friday 6:30-7:30 pm
Saturday 1:00-2:00 pm
Saturday 2:00-3:00 pm

Recital dress code is in effect. Please arrive 10 minutes early.



Master Class April 12

Our spring master class will be held Friday, April 12th, from 4:00-6:00 pm at Grace and Peace. Our clinician is Mrs. Tracey Ernest from Chesapeake Beach, MD. The following students have been invited to play:

Simon Bowling, Izzie Chorney, Zoe Chorney, Angela Hou, Wyatt McDonald, Chaya Thomas

All students are welcome to attend and observe. Please let Mrs. Blanchard know if you will attend so she can prepare materials for you.

Music Mind Games will be held every Thursday from April 18th to May 23rd. We will meet at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD. Please check the list below for the class most appropriate for your level. Classes are free for Blanchard students and choristers. Otherwise, the fee is \$22/class, which will be billed at the end of the spring session. All classes are 45 minutes in length. Our last class will feature the Musopoly Game! If I missed someone, please let me know immediately!

4:00 pm Intermediate Group: Paige Bankston, Daniella Cha, Ethan Corbin, Alex Hou, Eden Huckabee, Johnny Keeler, Sam Loesch, Ben Morgan, Emma McDonald, Wyatt McDonald, Anna Morgan, Graham Nuhfer, Lillian Nuhfer, Christina Sullivan, Zoe Thomas, Julian Uzheca, Ashley Whistler, Ellie Wort, Lena Zyga

4:45 pm Beginner Group: Khalid Habeebullah, Harper God, Joshua Herrera, Lingly Hou, Tzipporah Mack, Micah Mack, Emma McDonald, Sutton McDonald, James Moritz, Lillianna O'Brien, Zachary Riviere, Mikaela Saucier, Jadon Thomas, Ellie Wort, Julia Zaborsky

5:30 pm Advanced Group: Nate Bankston, Simon Bowling, Izzie Chorney, Zoe Chorney, Nate Corbin, Sebastian Delgado, Saleem Habeebullah, Angela Hou, Jeremy Liang, Hannah Mack, Katherine Morgan, Carden Parmer, Addison Riviere, Chaya Thomas, Jared Werner, Kayli Werner, Lorraine Zaborsky

Parvuli Prep Choir Summer Session

Parvuli Preparatory Choir will meet 11:00-11:45 am, each Friday from May 24-June 21, 2024 and will be held at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD.

Parvuli Preparatory Choir is a rhythm and movement group designed to prepare young children, ages 3 through 6, for entering Deo Cantamus Children's Choir. The classes incorporate the educational concepts of Musikgarten within a Bible-based setting.

Just like Musikgarten, parent involvement in the class is highly recommended! The classes are free and open to the community, but **registration by May 10th is required**. To register, go to www.gppopc.org and click on the link "Parvuli Preparatory Choir" under upcoming events.

Our teacher, Patricia Blanchard, is a certified Musikgarten instructor and can be contacted at blanchard@md.metrocast.net.

All are welcome, including tag-along siblings!

Spring 2024 Calendar

April 4: Party for those who reach their practice goal!

April 12-13: BPS Sonata Recitals, Grace and Peace

April 12: Masterclass, Grace and Peace, \$35 per performer

April 27 and 28: MTACC Sonata Festival (competitive), Grace Church, Waldorf, \$15 per student

May 4: MSMTA Solo Festival (competitive or non-competitive), Times TBA, University of Maryland, College Park, \$15 per student

May 11: MTACC Scholarship Competition Day (by invitation), Christ Church, La Plata, \$15 or \$20 per student, depending on level

May 17: MSMTA High School Exam, video submission, \$35 per student

May 18: MTASM Honors Recital (by invitation), Dodge Performing Arts Center, St. Mary's College, \$20 per student

May 18: MSMTA Scholarship for Performance Competition open to all 9-12 graders. Fee is \$20. First prize is \$100.

May 19: MSMTA Gottlieb Competition, Times TBA, UMBC, \$20 per student

June 7: Royal Conservatory Assessments, Times TBA, Grace and Peace, California, Fees on the website: rcmusic.com

June 7/8: BPS Awards Recitals, Times TBA, Grace and Peace, California

Practice Buddies

Saleem Habeebullah is available to serve as a practice buddy for your young pianists this school year. He **can help when preparing for adjudicated events**. Please let Mrs. Blanchard know if you are interested in this service or if you want to serve as a practice buddy. Practice buddies will work for your generous tips!