

Blanchard Piano Studio

September 2025



Get a jump start on your music reading and theory!

Music Mind Games will be held every Friday beginning September 26th and ending November 14th, except for October 17 and 31. 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. You will notice that some students may be asked to stay for two classes. Classes are free for Blanchard students and choristers. Otherwise, the fee is \$20/class, which will be billed at the end of the fall session. All classes are 45 minutes in length. If I missed someone, please let me know immediately!

4:00 pm Intermediate Group: Paige Bankston, Fitz Bankston, Daniella Cha, Joshua Herrera, Khalid Habeebullah, Alex Hou, Lingly Hou, Ben Morgan, Anna Morgan, Christina Sullivan, Zoe Thomas, Julian Uzhca, Ellie Wort, Julia Zaborsky

4:45 pm Beginner Group: Fitz Bankston, Isabel Duncan, Ruth Flannagan, Isabella Fontanez, Harper God, Josiah God, Khalid Habeebullah, Carl Hager, Henry Hager, Seth Hager, David Hellerman, Michael Herrera, Kaylie Hou, Lingly Hou, James Moritz, Layla Moritz, Lilliana O'Brien, Lucean Stewart, Samuel Thomas, Jadon Thomas, Julia Zaborsky, Jane Zyga

5:30 pm Advanced Group: Nate Bankston, Simon Bowling, Izzie Chorney, Zoe Chorney, Ethan Corbin, Sebastian Delgado, Angela Hou, Jeremy Liang, Hannah Mack, Katherine Morgan, Chaya Thomas, Julian Uzhca, Lorraine Zaborsky, Lena Zyga

MTASM Traditional Hymn Festival

Sunday, September 28, 2025

2:00 or 3:00 PM

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

22646 Benswood Road, California, MD



Students and their families are invited to play traditional hymns on piano, other instruments, or voice. If you have a specific time request, you must let Mrs. Blanchard know before the registration deadline on September 20th. Memorization is not required for this event. Recital dress code is in effect.

GUIDELINES

To help lessons run smoothly this year, Mrs. Blanchard asks for students to follow these protocols:

1. **Arrive early** enough to play folder games and check your theory. When checking theory, please use a red pen and be prepared to ask Mrs. Blanchard about anything you don't understand.
2. **Bring** all books and folder.
3. **Put books in the order** they are listed on your assignment sheet.
4. **Practice record** must be filled in with the minutes practiced each day. This should be done each day so that it is completed when arriving for lessons. Students are required to practice 5 days each week.

Events List 2025-26

2025

- September 26 (Friday) Music Mind Games Begin, 4:00 pm, 4:45 pm, 5:30 pm, Grace and Peace Presbyterian, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD
- September 28 (Sunday) MTASM Hymn Festival 2:00 pm/3:00 pm, Grace and Peace Presbyterian, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD
- October 18 (Saturday) MSMTA Keyboard Testing, Local Teacher Studios, Fee \$15
- November 8 (Saturday) MTASM Fall Recital Day 10:00 am/11:00 am/1:00 pm, St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD
- December 3 (Wednesday) Royal Conservatory Assessments, Grace and Peace Presbyterian, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD, Fees vary
- December 6 (Saturday) MTASM Christmas Marathon beginning 10:00 am/11:00 am/1:00 pm/2:00 pm, Grace and Peace, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD

The studio will be closed December 23-January 9

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- January 23 (Friday) Music Mind Games Begin, Grace and Peace Presbyterian, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD
- January 31 (Saturday) MTASM Ensemble Recitals 10:00 am/11:00 am, Dodge PAC, 47835 College Drive, St. Mary's College, Fee \$10 (Family cap \$20)
- February 14 (Saturday) MTASM Recital Day 10:00 am/11:00 am/1:00 pm, St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD
- March 1 (Sunday) MSMTA Ensemble Festival, (Times TBA), 8270 Alumni Drive, College Park, MD, Fee \$15 per ensemble
- March 7 (Saturday) MSMTA Theory Test at 1:00 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD, Fee \$15
- March 14 (Saturday) MTACC Spring Evaluation, Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata, MD, Fee \$15
- April 11 (Saturday) BPS Sonatina Recital, (Times TBA), Grace and Peace Presbyterian, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD
- April 18 (Saturday) MTACC Scholarship for Performance, Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata, MD, Fee \$15
- April 25 (Saturday) MTASM Sonatina/Sonata Festival for Piano (Times TBA), St. Georges Episcopal Church, 19167 Poplar Hill Lane, Valley Lee, MD (competitive location) or Grace and Peace Presbyterian, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD (non-competitive location)
- May 2 (Saturday) MSMTA Solo Festival, Clarice Smith PAC, 8270 Alumni Drive, College Park, MD, Fee \$20
- May 9 (Saturday) MSMTA Student Scholarship Competition (local), Dodge PAC, 47835 College Drive, St. Mary's College, Fee \$20
- May 9 (Saturday) MTASM Honors Recitals, Dodge PAC, 47835 College Drive, St. Mary's College, Fee \$20
- June 13 (Saturday) MTASM Outdoor Recital, 23449 By-the-Mill Way, California, MD

MTASM: Music Teachers Association of Southern Maryland

MTACC: Music Teachers Association of Charles County

MSMTA: Maryland State Music Teachers Association

BPS: Blanchard Piano Studio



Welcome to New Students!

Isabella Fontanez, Josiah God, Seth Hager, Kaylie Hou

Dress Code Reminders



Lesson Attire:

Shorts must be longer than finger-tip length. Please, no exposed mid-sections or low-cut tops for girls. Guys, no tank tops, sleeveless tops, or cut out t-shirts. Shoes may not be worn in the studio. Clean socks are available if you forget yours.

Recital Attire:

Guys: dress shirt, tie, dress pants, and dress shoes.

Gals: modest dress or skirt and piano shoes (No flip flops, backless sandals, or platform shoes as this affects your pedaling technique.)

Deo Cantamus Children's Choir (Ages 7 and up) Come sing with us!



Deo Cantamus Children's Choir will meet **5:00-6:30 pm each Thursday from September 4th to November 20th** and will be held at Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, 22646 Benswood Road, California, MD. The choir is made up of non-auditioned children, ages 7 and up and it is open to all children in the southern Maryland community at no charge. Our theme for the fall season is "The Lord Is My Light". The children learn to use their voices to praise God and build a repertoire of songs and hymns. The choir does two concerts each season, one at a retirement home and another for the community. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/DCCCRegistration2025>. Our director, Patricia Blanchard, can be contacted at blanchard@md.metrocast.net.