

# Blanchard Piano Studio

## April 2026 Newsletter



**MTACC Scholarship for Performance** will be held on **April 18<sup>th</sup>** at Christ Church, 112 East Charles St, LaPlata. Students who won last year may not participate the following year. Everyone must arrive at the beginning of their session. Certificates and winners will be announced after each group, at which time performers may depart.

**9:00 am**

**Grades 5-6:** Daniella Cha, Ethan Corbin, Joshua Herrera, Ellie Wort

**Grades 7-8:** Paige Bankston, Anna Morgan, Zoe Thomas, Julian Uzhca

**11:00 am**

**Grades 9-10:** Simon Bowling, Saleem Habeebullah, Chaya Thomas

**Grades 11-12:** Nate Bankston, Lorraine Zaborsky, Helena Zyga

**Spring Festival** will be held on Saturday, **April 25<sup>th</sup>**. **The location has been changed to St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington St., Leonardtown.** Our recital dress code is in effect which includes ties for boys and dresses/skirts for girls. Each student plays two pieces from memory. Please bring your music for the judge. Certificates will be issued at the end of each session. Critiques will be given to students at their lesson following the event. Our local judges are Mrs. Haemi Erickson and Mrs. Debra Smedley. Below are the BPS participants:

**9:00 am:** Ruth Flannagan, Harper God, Lingly Hou

**9:45 am:** James Moritz, Lucean Stewart, Jadon Thomas, Samuel Thomas, Julia Zaborsky, Jane Zyga, Sebastian Delgado (with Nathaniel Steere)

**MTASM Sonatina/Sonata Festival** will be held on Saturday, **April 25<sup>th</sup>**, at St. George's Episcopal Church, 19167 Poplar Hill Lane, Valley Lee. This is a competitive event. Any level with 5 or more performers will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the end of the session. Otherwise, only first place will be awarded. There are more participants than those listed below. The list only includes BPS performers. The recital dress code is in effect which includes ties for boys and dresses/skirts for girls. Please do not forget your music or you will not be eligible to win. Adjudication sheets will be shared with students at the lesson after the event. Our judge is Mrs. Susan Ticknor of Winchester, VA.

**9:00-10:30 am Level 9 (First and Second place will be awarded):** Nate Bankston, Simon Bowling, Zorianna Chorney, Saleem Habeebullah, Jeremy Liang, Chaya Thomas

**10:45-11:45 am Levels 6-8 (One winner for each level):**

**Level 6:** Ethan Corbin, Anna Morgan

**Level 7:** Alex Hou, Helena Zyga

**Level 8:** Katherine Morgan, Lorraine Zaborsky

**12:00-1:00 pm Level 5 (First and Second place will be awarded):** Daniella Cha, Hannah Mack, Zoe Thomas, Ellie Wort

**1:00-1:45 pm Lunch Break**

**1:45-2:30 pm Level 4 (First and Second place will be awarded):** Paige Bankston, Julian Uzhca

**2:45-3:30 pm Levels 1-3 (One winner for each level):**

**Level 1:** Fitz Bankston, Isabel Duncan, Khalid Habeebullah

**Level 2:** No participants from BPS

**Level 3:** Joshua Herrera, Christina Sullivan

**MSMTA Solo Festival** will be held on Saturday, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 8270 Alumni Drive, College Park, MD. Please be sure to take your music. The recital dress code is in effect which includes ties for boys and dresses/skirts for girls.

**Noncompetitive:** Isadora Chorney, Joshua Herrera, Chaya Thomas, Zoe Thomas, Julian Uzhca, Lorraine Zaborksy, Lena Zyga

**Competitive:** Simon Bowling, Daniella Cha, Zorianna Chorney, Saleem Habeebullah, Alex Hou, Jeremy Liang, Anna Morgan, Katherine Morgan, Ellie Wort

**MSMTA Scholarship Competition** will be held on Saturday, **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, at Dodge PAC, Recital Hall, 47855 College Dr., St. Mary's City, MD. This competition is open to all high schoolers who study with a MSMTA teacher. The \$100 award is given by MSMTA and can only be won once. The winner, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be announced at the end of the second session. All are welcome to attend both sessions. Our judge is Mrs. Helen Smith Tarchalski of Annapolis.

This year's participants from BPS:

**9:00-10:00 am:** Saleem Habeebullah, Hannah Mack, Lorraine Zaborsky, Helena Zyga

**10:15-11:15 am:** Isadora Chorney, Chaya Thomas, Simon Bowling, Nathaniel Bankston

**MTASM Honors Recital** will be held on Saturday, **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:00 pm at Dodge PAC, Recital Hall, 47855 College Dr., St. Mary's City, MD. Due to our large enrollment, each student will only **play one piece**. This recital is by invitation only and each participant will receive an honors trophy.

This year's participants from BPS:

Daniella Cha, Zorianna Chorney, Ethan Corbin, Saleem Habeebullah, Alex Hou, Jeremy Liang, Anna Morgan, Julian Uzhca/Lorraine Zaborsky Duet

**MSMTA High School Exam** is by video submission by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Students perform 10-12 minutes of memorized music and receive two adjudications. Grades are computed with the teacher grade making up 1/3 of the final grade and the exam making up 2/3 of the final grade. Adjudications will be send to participants after the event closes.

This year's participants: Simon Bowling, Zorianna Chorney, Saleem Habeebullah, Chaya Thomas

## Spring Events

- \_\_\_ April 18 (Saturday) MTACC Scholarship for Performance, Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata, MD, Fee \$15
- \_\_\_ April 25 (Saturday) MTASM Spring Festival, St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington St., Leonardtown
- \_\_\_ April 25 (Saturday) MTASM Sonatina/Sonata Festival for Piano, St. Georges Episcopal Church, 19167 Poplar Hill Lane, Valley Lee, MD
- \_\_\_ May 2 (Saturday) MSMTA Solo Festival, Clarice Smith PAC, 8270 Alumni Drive, College Park, MD, **20742**
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ May 15 (Friday) MSMTA High School Exam, video submission, Fee \$35

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