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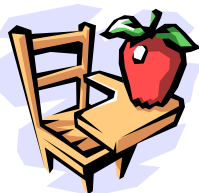
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Welcome Back to School



Summer vacation always seems to be too short. Many of you hope you could have a few more weeks off, but some of you could not wait to go back to school, meet the new teachers and see your school friends again. Anyway, I hope you all had a

good summer break.

I have heard some of you telling me that you have more homework this year. I have confidence in you and know you will do very well again. However, I suggest that you plan your daily schedule carefully to include your music practice time.

We are excited to see you back at music lessons.

There are a lot of music activities planned for you in the coming months. Please work with your teacher to set a goal to participate in these activities. To reach the goal, you will work harder and will become a better musician.

Tuition Payment Plans

Our AutoPay tuition payment plans are in effect, starting September 1, 2008.

If you have enrolled in the **AutoPay by Credit Card** plan or the **AutoPay by Bank Debit Card** plan, tuition payments will be charged automatically to your account on the first day of each month. If funds cannot be transferred to the Academy account by the 10th of each month, lessons will be suspended. Lessons will not resume until the past due amount, including the service fee or NSF fee of \$25.00, is paid in full by cash. Lessons missed during suspension will not be made up.

Payment with the **Pay by Cash** plan is also due by the first of the month. We do not accept personal checks any more. Please bring exact change for the tuition payment. A \$15.00 late fee will be incurred for payment after the 5th of each month, and lessons will be suspended if the payment is not received by the 10th.

We will not accept any other tuition payment methods besides the above three plans.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.



Calendar of Events

We have finalized the dates and locations of music activities for the year, and the calendar is now available. You may pick up a copy from the office. Please check the calendar and mark down all the activities your child will participate in and plan ahead so your child will be able to attend these events.

On-Line Statements

We will send music book statements and late tuition statements to your email address. Payment is due upon receipt of the statement.



Ensemble Recitals

To encourage the study of ensemble repertoire and give our students the opportunity for ensemble performance, our fall recitals will focus on duets, trios, and quartets.

The recitals will be held on Saturday, November 15 at Piano Works in Duluth for the Alpharetta school, and Sunday, November 16 at England Piano in Doraville for the Chamblee school.

We will not divide the recitals up by levels. It will be a mix of different levels so that elementary level students may perform with their more advanced older siblings. Students may also perform with their teacher, parents, or grandparents. Performing students will receive a certificate for their accomplishments.

Sign-up sheets will be available in October. If you have a conflict with the designated school recital, you may request to perform with the other school.

Reminder!

Parents, please supervise your young children while they are in the waiting area and in the restroom. We do not mind if students' younger siblings come along, but they should not be left alone and unattended. The teachers and office staff will not be responsible for any accidents that happen if students are left alone in the waiting area.





... to New Faculty

Dr. Patricia Steele, our flute teacher at both Alpharetta and Chamblee schools since August 2008, holds a Doctor of Education degree from Oral Roberts University, and a Bachelor's degree of Music from University of Georgia. Dr. Steele has been a band director for grades three through twelve in the public schools, and private flute teacher for 30 years. She has taught general music, theory, band as a class and private lessons.

During her school years, she was first chair in the flute section in elementary and high school bands, Redcoat Band at UGA, as well as first chair at Georgia All-State Band.

Mr. Sergio Rodriguez, our violin and viola teacher at our Alpharetta school since August 2008, received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Southeastern Louisiana University. He was the Fellowship Conductor at South Carolina's Conducting Institute in Columbia, SC. He maintains a busy performance schedule and an active private teaching studio. He is a member of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, Macon Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Virtuosi, and the Atlantis String Quartet. Besides teaching at Cambridge, he is the Orchestra Director at Grady High School in Buckhead.

Mr. Kevin Fleming, our guitar teacher at our Chamblee location since August 2008, holds a Master of Music degree in guitar performance from Florida State University, and a Bachelor in Music degree from Kennesaw State University. He has completed his first year of study in the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in guitar performance at the University of Southern Mississippi. Mr. Fleming has been teaching since 2002 — Assistant professor of Guitar at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Teaching Assistant at University of Southern Mississippi, and Assistant Professor at Gordon College. He also keeps a busy teaching schedule with students of all levels and all ages.

ABRSM Exam Results

Several students participated in the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music theory exam on June 17, 2008. Congratulations to the following students who scored distinction:



Student	Grade	Teacher
Supriya Sharmer	2	Margaret Liu
Ziyu Ding	3	Chiu-May Yu
Christina Curlette	5	Chiu-May Yu

Special congratulations to Christina who scored 100 (full score) on her exam and became one of the **Hedy King Robinson Scholarship** cash award recipients. Good job, Christina!



Program highlights

There are many challenging and fun programs planned for our 2008-2009 school year. Check our Calendar of Events for recital dates and locations.

Recital is a time for students to share with their family and friends what they have learned from their music lessons.

Music Competitions are offered by the Georgia Music Teachers Association and the Georgia Music Educators Association for various instruments. Students compete with others in the same school grade. Piano students will compete and win in the local competition before proceeding to the state level.

National Federation of Music Junior Club Audition provides an opportunity for students to perform solo pieces before a judge and earn points toward the gold cup awards. Students may choose to participate in a single or multiple events, such as piano solo, piano duets, piano concerto, vocal solo in art song, vocal solo in musical theatre, string solo, guitar solo, woodwind solo, etc.

ABRSM Music Exams are offered by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Examiners come from England to assess the performance of students of different music instruments. The practical exams will be offered in the spring and fall at our Academy. The theory exams will be held three times a year.

Piano Guild Audition is an opportunity for students to perform for the Guild judge and receive a report card, certificate and fraternity pin. Students may prepare a program of one to twenty songs.

Bach Competition, sponsored by North DeKalb Music Teachers Association, encourages the study of J.S. Bach's music and provides an opportunity to compete in several performance levels.

"Celebrate with Music" Program is sponsored by the North Fulton Music Teachers Association to provide students an opportunity to perform for the public in December at North Point Mall.

Student News

Donna Guo, piano student of Lois Finlay, has received a \$200 scholarship from the Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra of Atlanta. The scholarship will be used to defray the cost of piano lessons. Congratulations, Donna!



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