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## Fall Recitals

Our Fall Recitals will be held on Saturday, November 17 at England Piano at 3740 DeKalb Tech Parkway, Doraville for the Chamblee school, and Sunday,

November 18 at Piano Works at 2805 Buford Highway, Duluth for the Alpharetta school.

Students who perform will receive a certificate.

These recitals are formal performances and we should observe the following rules:

1. **Be on time.** The recital will start *promptly*. Performers should arrive at least 15 minutes before the recital to be lined up at the front in the order of performance in the program. If you are late and the recital has already started, you should notify the teacher and *wait quietly* at the back. They will arrange the program or let you play last.

2. **Dress Code.** Participants should *dress up* for the occasion. Blue Jeans, T-shirts, platform shoes and short mini skirts are not appropriate.

3. **Manners.** Performers need a quiet environment to concentrate and try to do their best. Interruptions like talking and going in and out of the room can bother the performer, as well as the audience members who are trying to listen.

Parents, we would greatly appreciate it if you would have someone take care of your baby or toddler at home.



## Happy Holidays

There will be no regular lessons from Wednesday, November 21 to Sunday, November 25 due to

**Thanksgiving.** Classes will resume on Monday, November 26.

There will be no regular lessons from Monday, December 24 to Saturday, January 5 due to our **winter break.** Classes will resume on Monday, January 7, 2008.



## The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Exams will be held from Saturday, November 10 to Tuesday, November 13 at our Chamblee school and Wednesday, November 14 to Saturday, November 17 at our Alpharetta school. The examiner is Mr. Barry Clark from the U.K.

Each year over 600,000 students take these exams in more than 90 countries around the world knowing that their achievements will be recognized internationally.

Six teachers from Cambridge sent 34 students to participate in the practical exam this session. Subjects include piano and violin, and grade levels range from Grade 1 to Grade 7. Students will play three pieces and the scale requirements, and participate in aural and sight-reading tests. Seven students will take the Preparatory Test. Students will play 2 pieces, technical tunes, and participate in musical games.

Best wishes to these students as they prepare for this high standard examination.



## Federation Gold Cup Festival

Our National Federation Gold Cup Festival will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at our Chamblee location. Students who participate will be a member of their teacher's Junior Music Club. They will play two pieces by memory before the Federation judge and will receive comments, a certificate and points towards the Gold Cup award, besides gaining great performance experience. This will be our annual event besides the fall and spring recitals.

The Gold Cup Concert will be held on Sunday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m. at Piano Works. In this concert, students will receive the 15-Point, 30-Point, 45-Point or 60-Point Gold cup awards.



## ... to New Faculty

**Ms. Kaliya Okuri**, our bass and strings teacher, joined our faculty on September 6, 2007. Ms. Okuri holds a Master of Music degree from Peabody Conservatory. She has taught music since 1988, has taught in school music programs as well as at the University of Michigan and the University of California, Berkley. She is a professional bassist who has founded several performing groups and done volunteer work with school music programs.

**Mr. Brad Knobel**, our cello teacher joined our faculty on September 19, 2007. Mr. Knobel holds a Doctor of Music degree from Florida State University, a Master of Music degree from University of Maryland, College Park and studied at Eastman School of Music. He was principal cellist of several symphony orchestras, has performed with many ensemble groups and served on the faculty on the University of West Florida. He has maintained an active private cello studio for twenty years, teaching students of all ages and levels.



## Competition Winners

**The Rachel Howard Sonata/Sonatina Competition** sponsored by North DeKalb Music Teachers Association was held on Saturday, October 13 at Piano Works in Duluth. Two students from Lois Finlay's piano studio were named Outstanding Performer and received cash prizes. These students are:

**Richard Wan** Middle Intermediate Division  
**Derek Vann** Advanced Romantic Period

These students were invited to perform their winning piece at the Winners Recital on Sunday, October 14 at the Recital Hall of Piano Works.

**Caterina Li** and **Derek Vann** participated in the **Piano Duet Competition** sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association. They will represent Georgia at the Southern Division auditions in January 2008. Caterina and Derek are students of Lois Finlay.

**Will Rountree**, student of Margaret Liu, holds first chair saxophone in the Kittredge Magnet School 6th grade band. Also, Will participated in the Atlanta Trumpet Festival on November 10-11 at Emory University.



## Celebrate with Music 2007

Twenty students from our Academy will participate in this scholarship fund-raising event sponsored by the North Fulton Music Teachers Association on Sunday, December 2, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. outside the JC Penney store on the lower level of North Point Mall.

Participating students are: Jocelyn Chan, Jonathan Chan, Peilin Chung, Aomeng Cui, Davon Harper, David Hsi, Anthony Lam, Nadir Lewis, Andrew Liang, Valerie Lin, Evin Liu, Sabrina Long, Terry Phang, Deepti Rao, Cameron Reaves, Kristoffer Reaves, Patrick Wang, Emily Yeh, Sara Yeh and Sabrina Zhao.

Please come to the mall to do your Christmas shopping that day and support our students by visiting them at the site. They will play Christmas music and help you get into the holiday spirit.

## Ensemble Olympics



**Ensemble Olympics** is a musical event sponsored by the North DeKalb Music Teachers Association. It will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at Piano Works in Duluth.

Students will perform a piece together with one or more other performers in one of the 40-minute concerts scheduled throughout the day. Each performer receives an olympic medallion at the end of the concert.

This will be a very positive experience for your child. Performing in front of an audience will help build your child's confidence and will provide an opportunity for him/her to experience the joy of sharing their talents with others.

If your child is interested in participating, you may discuss with your child's teacher. Deadline to enter is January 10, 2004.

## Partner in Performance

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