

# Cambridge Academy of Music and Arts NEWSLETTER September & October 2006

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## 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 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at England Piano in Doraville for the Chamblee school, and Sunday, December 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Piano Works in Duluth for the Alpharetta 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. Parents, if you play an instrument and would like to perform a duet piece with your child, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible. Teachers have begun choosing the music and students should start working on them.

You may sign up for one of these recitals. Sign-up sheets will be available in October for Chamblee school and in November for Alpharetta school. If you have a conflict with the designated school recital, you may request to perform with the other school.

## 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.



## Reminder . . .

The teachers' lounge is for the use of teachers and staff only.



## Academy Policies

Please note that starting in September, you will pay the first of the nine monthly equal payments for the school year. The tuition payment is due on the first lesson of each month or before the 10th of each month. Please pay on time each month to avoid the \$15 late charge. If your account has not been paid in full by the 15th of the month, lessons will be suspended. Lessons will not resume until the past due amount is paid in full. Lessons missed during the suspension period will not be made up.

If you pay cash for tuition or books, we would greatly appreciate it if you could pay in exact change. Be sure to get a cash receipt after you pay. We will not provide receipts if you pay by check.

When the office is closed, payments can be dropped through the slot in the office door. If paying with cash, be sure to put the payment in a sealed envelope. Please write the student's name on the envelope and indicate what the payment is for. We will issue a cash receipt when we come back to the office.

## For Your Child's Safety



We have had a few times when parents dropped off students for lessons and did not pick them up on time. This is inconvenient to the teacher, especially if the child is the last student of the day. Teachers need to lock up and leave. Please pick up your students on time.

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

Parents, please supervise your young children in the waiting area and restroom. Please help us to maintain a quiet, positive learning environment for all of our students. Excessive noise, running around, eating and drinking are not permitted in the waiting area. We appreciate your support!



## Program highlights

There are many challenging and fun programs planned for our 2006-2007 school year. The dates and locations are listed in the Calendar of Events.

**Recital** is a time for students to share with their family and friends what they have learned from their music lessons. Check our Calendar of Events for recital dates and locations.

**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 to perform solo pieces before a judge and earn points toward the gold cup awards.

**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.

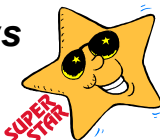
**Bach Competition**, sponsored by North DeKalb Music Teachers Association, encourages the study of music by J.S. Bach and provides an opportunity to compete in several performance levels. Instrument categories are piano, strings, voice and flute.

**“Celebrate with Music” Program** is sponsored by the North Fulton Music Teachers Association to provide students an opportunity to perform for the public on December 3 and 4 at North Point Mall.

**Student Solo Festival** is sponsored by North DeKalb Music Teachers Association. It provides an opportunity for piano students to perform two memorized pieces for the judge and receive comments and a certificate.

## Share Your Good News

Please let us know when your child has been recognized for a special music or education related accomplishment. With your permission, we will publish the good news in our next newsletter.



## Happy Birthday



### **SEPTEMBER**

- 5 **John Cage**, American composer
- 5 **Johann Christian Bach**, German composer and the youngest son of Johann Sebastian Bach
- 8 **Antonin Dvorak**, Czech composer
- 13 **Arnold Schoenberg**, Austrian composer
- 13 **Clara Wieck Schumann**, German pianist and composer; wife of Robert Schumann
- 25 **Glenn Gould**, Canadian pianist
- 25 **Dmitri Shostakovich**, Russian composer
- 25 **Jan-Philippe Rameau**, French composer
- 26 **George Gershwin**, American composer

### **OCTOBER**

- 1 **Vladimir Horowitz**, Russian pianist
- 9 **Camille Saint-Saens**, French composer
- 10 **Giuseppe Verdi**, Italian opera composer
- 12 **Luciano Pavarotti**, Italian tenor; known as the King of the “High C”
- 12 **Ralph Vaughan Williams**, English composer
- 20 **Charles Ives**, American composer
- 21 **Sir Georg Solti**, American conductor
- 22 **Franz Liszt**, Hungarian composer & pianist
- 25 **Johann Strauss, Jr.**, Austrian composer; known as the “Waltz King”
- 26 **Domenico Scarlatti**, Italian composer and harpsichordist
- 27 **Niccolo Paganini**, Italian violinist and composer

## Word Search

Here's the answer to the last game

