

Piano News

November 2011



Christmas Recital

Friday, December 9, 2011
Music City Fireside Recital Hall

1322 N Monroe St

4:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

(Students should be seated in front by 4:15 & 6:15 p.m.)

4:30 p.m. recital: Please enter through the north-side doors

6:30 p.m. recital: Please enter through the south-side doors



There are two performances this year – please see below for your performance time. I will be placing students by age and experience (youngest first). Please do not request performance order.



We will be holding an ornament exchange! Each student will select an ornament when they finish performing. **Please bring an inexpensive wrapped ornament.**



Reception Following. Please plan to stay for a few moments after the recital to enjoy a brief reception hosted by Music City.



Students need to dress up! – **NO JEANS, T-SHIRTS, FLIP-FLOPS or ATHLETIC SHOES.** “Holiday” colors are encouraged! Girls – please tie your hair back so we can see your face, and make sure sleeves are not covering your hands; Boys – button down or polo shirts are great, and wear nice shoes. No bracelets of any kind.



There will be a special ‘surprise’ at the end of each recital – be sure to stay so you don’t miss out!

Christmas Recital Assignments:

Students are listed in alphabetical order, not performance order.

4:30

Olivia Cooke
Jakob Distel
Julia Farrel
Lydia Fender
Gen Gaura

Cale Irwin
Andrew Jaboro
Ashley Knighten
Michael McCord
Alli McKernan

Amy Reathaford
Wayne Schreiner
Carrie Schreiner
Morgan Smith
Olivia Spilker

Sebi Stiles
Simon Stiles
Sam Stiles
Rebecca Sumner
Lauren Udlock

6:30

Emily Armstrong
Solveig Baylor
Emma Bortz
Nicole Brookshire
Kelsey Ellenz

Ashley Ellenz
Claire Grubb
Annika Johnson
Micah Johnson
Peter Johnson

George Johnson
Makenzie Jones
May Lim
Roman Morelli
Gianna Morelli

Blake Peterson
Grace Stensland
Katie Thieschafer
Zac Ziegler

WSMTA ADJUDICATIONS

I will be starting the entry form process for Adjudications in the next 2 weeks. **Most students will be involved in this event.** First year students or those students who have asked for a “waiver” due to travel plans or other special circumstances will not be expected to participate.

In last month’s newsletter there was a special page explaining the event. The most important things to remember:

- Two pieces of contrasting style, from memory, is required;
- Event takes place March 5 – 8 and I will not know the exact day or time until the 2nd week of Feb.
- **STUDENTS WILL LIKELY MISS ½ DAY OF SCHOOL!** I will do my best to work with everyone but I do not have a lot of control regarding the day or the time block assignments;
- Cost varies from \$20 - \$40 depending on age/level and will be billed on January tuition statement;
- Locations vary. Host sites are: Covenant Methodist, Steinway Gallery, Music City and Holy Names Music Center. I request specific adjudicators and go wherever they end up being assigned.

IF FOR ANY REASON YOU FEEL THAT YOUR CHILD CANNOT OR SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE, I NEED TO KNOW RIGHT AWAY!

Much of the teaching that will happen over the next few weeks will be based on this event, and my lesson plans will prioritize preparing the music for this performance.

This is a wonderful performance opportunity for your child to work with a teacher that is not from our area. I am always happy to answer questions regarding this event – don’t hesitate to contact me!

WEATHER & ILLNESS

‘Tis the season for ice, snow, coughs, colds & flu! Please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- ✓ Walk.... Don’t run up my driveway, sidewalk or stairs! I do my best to shovel and de-ice, but sometimes the weather is a bit unpredictable!
- ✓ If you feel you cannot safely travel to piano, please call, text (509-995-5676) or email me. I will work with everyone to change and/or makeup a lesson missed due to snow and/or ice events.
- ✓ When a student is ill, please contact me at least 4 hours ahead of time if at all possible. In many cases it is possible for me to make up another student in your time slot because they were sick earlier in the week!
- ✓ Sometimes a student is too sick for a full day of school, but OK for a piano lesson. I rely on the judgment of the parent to decide this. If they cannot stop coughing, running a fever, throwing up or otherwise unable to focus on their lesson, they should definitely stay home!