



2016-2017 Program Newsletter

January 5, 2017

MERIT IN MUSIC LAUNCH PARTY



Parents are welcome to join us on Tuesday, January 10 when we launch a new and exciting event, "Merit in Music...a film experience with Chicago's Merit School of Music"!

Be among the first to hear about this exciting, new partnership with the Chicago Media Project's 2017 DOC10 Film Festival (3/30 - 4/2/2017) that will combine the power of music with the inspiration of documentary film.

During the evening you will also be able to check out the venue of event host 2112inc., Chicago's first incubator focused on the development of business and entrepreneurs in music, film/video and creative technology.

We look forward to sharing more about the "Merit in Music" event and hope you will join us at 2112inc.'s unique venue!

CHICAGO SINFONIETTA MLK TRIBUTE CONCERT

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Conservatory Winter Concerts



Friday, January 20

7:00 pm = Chamber Music

Saturday, January 21

6:00 pm = Solo Voice Recital

Saturday, January 28

4:00 pm = Piano Duet

All concerts will be held in

Next weekend eight Merit string students will participate in an exciting community concert with the Chicago Sinfonietta and fellow community music school students. The Sinfonietta's annual MLK Tribute Concert will celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. With the help of young, diverse musicians and singers from across the city, the Sinfonietta will stage an intergenerational dedication to those that came before us and rally behind those working to make equality and freedom for all a reality still today. Culminating in an epic performance of Ode to Joy from Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, the evening promises to be more than just a concert - it will be a transformational and uplifting event.



We wish our students **Andrea Aguilera**, viola; **Steven Baloue**, viola; **Brandon Cheng**, cello; **Sheila Esquivel**, violin; **Sarah Scotese**, viola; **Cameron White**, violin; **Alex Zarate**, violin; and **Carly Zarate**, violin the best of luck at their upcoming performances!

Tickets are still available for the 3 performances and Merit students can purchase tickets for \$10.00, see below for more information.

MLK Tribute Concert

- Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 pm
North Shore Performing Arts Center, Skokie
- Sunday, January 15 at 3:00 pm
Wentz Concert Hall, Naperville
- Monday, January 16 at 7:30 pm
Symphony Center, Chicago

Tickets:

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

Adult Tickets: \$18 - \$60

Student Tickets: \$10*

**Use code MLKSTUDENT for the North Shore performance. No code required for Wentz or Symphony Center.*

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Saturday, January 7

12:30 pm = Music Masters 2
- Music Masters 2 classes resume today, no other Saturday classes will be held this day.

Week of January 9

Winter Session Classes Begin

Gottlieb Hall and are free and open to the public.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Holiday Donation Drive! Your generous donations for our West Loop neighbor, Open Books, successfully filled the box twice, and they were so grateful for everyone's contributions! When the Open Books representative came by to pick up our boxes, he said that the types of books we collected were exactly the kind of items they hope to receive. Thank you, again, to all who participated!

Pizza Days

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

PIZZA DAY

A Fundraiser for Merit School of Music
Pizza will be sold in Merit's Lobby; First come, first served!

JANUARY

- Thursday**
January 19 @ 4:00 - 6:30 pm
- Saturday**
January 21 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Stuffed Cheese = \$3 per slice
Stuffed Sausage or Pepperoni = \$4 per slice
Stuffed Veggie = \$4 per slice
Pre-Order an entire pizza! Call: 312-267-4461



January Pizza Days:

- Thursday, January 19
4:00 - 6:30 pm
- Saturday, January 21

- Shake, Rattle & Roll; Movers & Shakers; and Music Masters 1 begin this week
- Please check your e-mail for your welcome letter and orientation materials

Monday, January 9

- 11:00 - 11:45 am = Storytime (Gottlieb Hall)
- Free and open to the public, bring your friends!
 - No registration required, drop-ins are welcome!
 - Open to students 2 years old and up, parent/caregiver attendance required
 - Ms. Amy will be hosting in January - come join her for stories, games and networking!

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL MUSIC

Week of January 9

Classes resume this week.

Monday, January 16

No Classes - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 24

- 6:00 pm = Band & Advanced Piano Concerts (Gottlieb Hall)
- Beginning, Intermediate & Advanced Bands and advanced piano classes will perform
 - Call time for students is 5:00 pm

In-Class Group Piano Concerts will be held during regular class time in the classrooms.

Wednesday, January 25

- 6:00 pm = Choir & Advanced Piano Concerts (Gottlieb Hall)
- Children's Choir, Mixed Chorus, and advanced piano classes will perform
 - Call time for students is 5:00 pm

In-Class Group Piano Concerts will be held during regular class time in the classrooms.

Thursday, January 26

- 6:00 pm = Orchestra Concerts (Gottlieb Hall)
- Cherub Orchestra, Encore Orchestra, and Stradivarius Orchestra will perform
 - Call time for orchestra students is 5:00 pm; non-orchestra students will have group class at their normal times

In-Class Group Piano Concerts will be held during regular class time in the classrooms.

Monday, January 30

In-Class Group Piano Concerts will be held during regular class time in the classrooms.

Friday, February 3

In-Class Group Piano Concerts will be held during regular class time in the classrooms.

Student Concert Attire:

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Individual slices of Lou Malnati's pizza cost \$3 for cheese and \$4 for sausage, pepperoni or veggie and are sold on a first come, first serve basis. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Concerto Competition Application

Friday, February 3, 2017

[Download application here](#)

Open to Conservatory students only, *deadline to apply is Saturday, January 21, 2017.*

The Concerto Competition winner will perform as a featured soloist at an upcoming Merit Spring Concert and may perform at MeritFest.

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Students performing in Gottlieb Hall should wear the following for their Winter Concerts:

Black pants or skirt (*skirts MUST be below the knee or longer*), a **solid white shirt** (*boys' shirts MUST have a collar and girls' shirts must have short sleeves or longer*) with no lettering, pictures or graphics, **black shoes and black socks, tights or nylons.**

Students participating in in-class performances should see their teacher for dress requirements.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Please remember to sign up for a Parent/Teacher Conference time. Sign-up sheets will be posted on your student's classroom doors beginning January 17. Parent Conferences will be held the week of January 30.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Monday, January 16

No Lessons - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, January 13

6:30 pm = Violin Studio Recital (Gottlieb Hall)
Students of Patrick Rustandi

Saturday, January 21

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BRIDGES: PARTNERS IN MUSIC

Tuesday, January 17

Violin classes begin at Chicago Youth Centers Rebecca K. Crown Building

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Saturday, January 7

Winter Break - No classes

Tuesday, January 10

6:15 - 9:00 pm = Wind Symphony Rehearsal (Gottlieb Hall)

Saturday, January 14

Conservatory classes resume

11:50 am = Live from Gottlieb (Gottlieb Hall)
Guests: Sol-Klang Duo

Friday, January 20

7:00 pm = Chamber Music Concert (Gottlieb Hall)

