



2017-2018 Program Newsletter

October 19, 2017

ALUMNI BAND *THE JUJU EXCHANGE* PRESENT BENEFIT CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF MERIT



Merit School of Music, in partnership with [City Winery](#), is proud to present Nico Segal and [The JuJu Exchange](#) on "#Giving Tuesday," November 28, 2017, at a special benefit concert. #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving that kicks off the charitable giving season, when many focus on their holiday and end of year giving.

The JuJu Exchange band members trumpeter Nico Segal, pianist Julian Reid and his brother, drummer Everett Reid, as well as bassist and Segal's Kids These Days bandmate Lane Beckstrom, are all Merit alums who attended between 1998 and 2013, three of whom graduated from Merit's *Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-free Conservatory*. They attribute their music and personal success to the exceptional training they received at Merit.

With one foot in Jazz and the other foot in everything else, The JuJu Exchange is a musical partnership of childhood friends who came up through Chicago Public School music programs and Merit School of Music. Nico Segal, Julian & Everett Reid and Lane

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Genesis at the Crossroad's SAFFRON CARAVAN 10-Year Anniversary Concert in Gottlieb Hall

On **Saturday, November 4 at 8 pm**, join **SAFFRON CARAVAN** for a 10-year anniversary concert celebration and gently-used instrument drive at the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center's Gottlieb Hall.

SAFFRON CARAVAN unites musicians from eight different nations and a variety of musical and cultural traditions to create sounds unlike any other. For tickets and more information, [visit their website](#).

MPA Meeting

The Merit Parent Association will hold a meeting on **Saturday, October 28 at 10:00 am** in the Community Room.

If you are interested in volunteering for Merit events,

Beckstrom use **The JuJu Exchange** as a way to build off of their past experiences in order to make a genre-bending style of music that looks to the future while dealing with the problems of the present. Drawing from hip-hop, jazz, classical and pop music, **The JuJu Exchange** will take you where anything is possible.

Nico Segal Presents: The JuJu Exchange,
A Benefit Concert for Merit School of Music
Tuesday, November 28, 2017
City Winery Chicago (1200 W. Randolph St.)
Doors Open: 5:00 pm
Performance: 7:00 pm
Tickets: \$20.00 - \$45.00

[BUY TICKETS NOW!](#)

ASSOCIATE BOARD FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 4 AT HOPEWELL BREWERY



Drink a beer and support the next generation of Chicago's musicians!

The Merit School of Music Associate Board and **Hopewell Brewing Company** invite you to celebrate and support one of Chicago's most generous music schools. On November 4 from 1-7 pm, a portion of all

proceeds at Hopewell will go to the Merit School of Music. Bring friends, enjoy some of Chicago's finest brews and grab a bite from the DönerMen food truck serving German street fare. For more information, [click here](#).

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Thursday, October 26 - Wednesday, November 1

Students and grown-ups are welcome to dress up in your best Halloween costumes for your class! Costumes aren't required, but feel free to join in on the fun if you'd like!

Notes from your teachers:

- Ms. Brigid and Ms. Clementina's Saturday classes will explore fall songs, dancing with friends, and pumpkins! Come ready to sing, move, and have fun!
- *Music Master II* Families: Get ready for the divided beat and ride on Engine No. 9.

please fill out the survey [here](#) so that we may connect you with volunteer opportunities.

Pizza Days

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

PIZZA DAY

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

OCTOBER

Thursday
October 26 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday
October 28 @ 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Meat & Cheese = \$3 per slice
Meat & Sausage or Pepperoni = \$4 per slice
Meat & Veggie = \$4 per slice Pre-Order an entire pizza! Call: 815.267.4943

MERIT SCHOOL OF MUSIC

October Pizza Days

Thursday, October 26
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 28
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.

The Merit Parent Association is looking for volunteers for these days. [Click here](#) to sign up.

Student Services Hours

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
2:30 - 6:30 pm
Friday
Closed
Saturday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday
Closed

Additional appointments available by request.

Library Notes

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL MUSIC

Tuesday, October 31 (Halloween)

All regularly scheduled classes and lessons will be held at Merit.

Friday, November 3

CPS School Improvement Day -- All regularly scheduled classes and lessons will be held at Merit.

PRIVATE LESSONS

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MERIT MUSIC IN COMMUNITIES

Tuesday, October 24

Burbank String, Chicago Academy Violin, and Whittier Violin programs begin.

ALICE S. PFALEZER TUITION-FREE CONSERVATORY

Saturday, October 21

11:50 am = Live from Gottlieb (Gottlieb Hall)
Guests: Avalon String Quartet

2:45 pm = Guest Clinician: DePaul Professor and former conductor of the Civic Orchestra of Chicago Cliff Colnot will work with the Merit Philharmonic.

Tuesday, October 24

6:30 pm = Wind Symphony rehearsal (Gottlieb Hall)

Saturday, October 28

11:50 am = Live from Gottlieb (Gottlieb Hall)
Guests: Steve Million and Friends

Tuesday, October 31

6:30 pm = Wind Symphony rehearsal (Gottlieb Hall)

Wednesday, November 1

Due date for scholarship applications for Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins and DePauw University. Please contact Merit Program Coordinator Amy Bischoff @abischoff@meritmusic.org with any questions.

Library Open Hours

Monday

Closed

Tuesday - Thursday

4 - 7 pm

Friday

By appointment only

Saturday

9 am - Noon, 12:30 pm - 3 pm

Sunday

Closed

Instrument Rentals

All Library payments must be paid in full at the time of instrument rental, renewal, or pickup. No payment plans will be applied to accounts. If you rent your instrument from the Library, renew your loan for the academic year by October 16, 2017.

For other instrument or rental questions, please contact [Annaeka Johnson via email](mailto:annaeka.johnson@meritmusic.org).



Shopping for supplies for Halloween? Support Merit students when you shop with Amazon Smile!

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