



# 2016-2017 Program Newsletter

October 20, 2016

## SUPPORT MERIT WHEN YOU SHOP ON AMAZONSMILE.COM



Did you know you can support Merit when you shop on AmazonSmile.com? Shopping for Halloween, festive fall decor, everyday items, or getting an early start on your holiday shopping? Support Merit students when you shop on AmazonSmile.com! Visit <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3028768> where you can login and select Merit School of Music as your preferred charity and begin shopping. AmazonSmile will donate a percentage of your total purchase to Merit.

## GUEST ARTISTS VISIT MERIT

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been happy to welcome a variety of special guest artists to perform or work with our students.

Guests included members of **Lyric Opera's** Lyric Unlimited program where they performed "Jason and the Argonauts" during Live from Gottlieb, a workshop with Merit's

## In This Issue

[Early Childhood](#)

[Instrumental & Vocal Music](#)

[Bridges: Partners in Music](#)

[Conservatory](#)

## Merit Parent Association Meeting

**Saturday, November 19  
10:00 am**

The Merit Parent Association will hold its next meeting on Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at Merit's Joy Faith Knapp Music Center. We encourage all parents to attend.

## Special Visitors on November 5

Please note that Merit will be welcoming attendees for the 2016 Conference for Community Arts Education on Saturday, November 5 for a site

Vernacular String Quartet and the **Calidore String Quartet**, and a flute masterclass with **Jonathan Keeble**. We hope our students have enjoyed these visits and we thank all the artists for making time to visit Merit.



Megan Raimbault with Jonathan Keeble



Lyric Unlimited presents "Jason and the Argonauts"



Calidore String Quartet with Merit's Vernacular String Quartet

visit. The Community Room will be closed to the public from 9:00 am - Noon.

## Student Services Hours

### Hours

Monday - Friday  
1:30 - 7:00 pm  
Friday  
Closed  
Saturday  
9:30 am - 2:30 pm

## Library Notes

### Hours

Monday  
Closed  
Tuesday - Thursday  
4:00 - 7:00 pm  
Friday  
By appointment only  
Saturday  
9:00 am - Noon  
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm  
Sunday  
Closed

[Merit School of Music](#)

[Make A Payment](#)

[Register For Classes](#)

[Events Calendar](#)

[Make A Donation](#)

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### Thursday, October 27

Ms. Amy's Thursday morning classes  
- Celebrate Halloween! Students are welcome to wear costumes to their class this day.

### Saturday, October 29

Full-Year Tuition Discount Registration Deadline  
- If you would like to pre-register for the Winter and Spring sessions of classes (and receive \$65 off your total tuition),

please stop by the Student Services Office.

## **Tuesday, November 1**

Ms. Amy's Tuesday morning classes

- Celebrate Halloween! Students are welcome to wear costumes to their class this day.

### **Notes from your teachers:**

Ms. Amy and her students will enjoy the changing colors and look forward to celebrating fall in action through song and movement activities. You can look forward to singing and dancing to the beat of the season!

As the weather turns colder and the colors change, Ms. Ashley's classes will be exploring the sounds of the season. Look for some special songs in the coming weeks about your favorite fall celebrations!

## **INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL MUSIC**

General questions about the Instrumental & Vocal Music program? [Click here to view the Instrumental & Vocal Music Prezi](#), which includes information about expectations for students and parents, concert dress requirements, and important dates.

### **Monday, October 31**

Happy Halloween!

- All regularly scheduled classes **will** be held at Merit.

### **Wednesday, November 2 - Friday, November 4**

CPS Elementary & High School Parent/ Teacher Conferences and School Improvement Day

- All regularly scheduled classes **will** be held at Merit

## **BRIDGES: PARTNERS IN MUSIC**

### **Monday, October 24**

Choir classes begin at Books, Brushes and Bands

### **Tuesday, October 25**

Band classes begin at Books, Brushes and Bands

Violin classes begin at South Shore Fine Arts Academy

Violin classes begin at St. Sabina Academy

### **Tuesday, November 1**

Comunidad de Alegre program begins at Guadalupe Reyes Children and Family Center

## **ALICE S. PFAELZER TUITION-FREE CONSERVATORY**

If you plan to miss a full or partial day of Conservatory classes make sure you complete and submit an [Absence Approval Form](#).

General questions about the Conservatory? [Click here to view the Conservatory Prezi](#), which includes information about expectations for students and parents, concert dress requirements,

and important dates.

**Saturday, October 22**

11:50 am = Live from Gottlieb (Gottlieb Hall)

Guest: Timothy Van Albright (trombone), Lawrence University

**Tuesday, October 25**

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

**Saturday, October 29**

11:50 am = Live from Gottlieb (Gottlieb Hall)

Guests: Lake Effect Trio

**Tuesday, November 1**

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

**Saturday, November 5**

9:00 am - Noon = 2016 Conference for Community Arts Education

Site Visit (*Please note that the Community Room will be closed during this time*)

Merit School of Music | Joy Faith Knapp Music Center  
38 S. Peoria St., Chicago, IL 60607 | 312.786.9428 | [www.meritmusic.org](http://www.meritmusic.org)

