



2016-2017 Program Newsletter

October 6, 2016

3RD ANNUAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

On Saturday, September 17 nearly 70 juniors and seniors attended a full day of sessions focused on mentoring, team building, career advice during the 3rd Annual Leadership Institute hosted by **Merit's Associate Board**. Special thanks to Associate Board president **Jake Schnur** for leading the event and Merit Trustee **Deb Kerr** for beginning the day with a special opening session titled "Your Influence in the World". Associate Board members skillfully led breakout sessions throughout the day on topics such as Stress Management, the Business of Music & Auditions, Developing Your Personal Brand, and Career Development. In addition to these sessions, we were pleased to welcome representatives from DePaul University, DePauw University, Lawrence University, and Wheaton College for a Career Fair and Q&A. Thank you to all of the students who attended and to the Associate Board for making the day a success! Click on the album below to see highlights from the day.

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Merit Classes Will Continue During Chicago Public School Strike

Should a Chicago Public School Teacher Strike occur in the coming weeks please note that Merit will continue to hold all regularly scheduled classes and lessons at the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center.

Free Fulcrum Point Performance



Maximal Minimalism will



Merit School of Music added 30 new photos to the album: 3rd Annual Merit Leadership Institute — at Merit School of Music.

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be the grand finale in [Fulcrum Point New Music Project's](#) four-part concert series at PUBLIC Chicago Gold Coast Hotel. The concert will feature funky string quartet arrangements of rock legend Jimi Hendrix, Terry Riley, and Jessie Montgomery. Relax in the gorgeous Library Bar of PUBLIC and enjoy this evocative musical experience!

Saturday, October 22
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

PUBLIC Chicago Hotel
1301 N State St.
Chicago, IL 60610

Admission is free; [Please RSVP online at Eventbrite.](#)

Vote for Merit

Merit has been nominated for the 2016 Fans' Choice Awards for "Music Academy" and the winners are based on the number of quality reviews received to the Fans' Choice page.

We hope you will show your support for Merit by [clicking here to post a review on Merit's Fans' Choice page.](#)

Attention Merit Parents...

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Stay informed about important Merit news and updates by joining [The Merit Parent Association Facebook Group.](#)

MERIT REMEMBERS LIFE TRUSTEE DICK KIPHART

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Merit Life Trustee and former Board Chair, **Dick Kiphart**, on Saturday, September 10. As with so many of his philanthropic endeavors throughout the world, Dick was a humble and generous leader for the Merit community. His deep involvement in the school and profound belief in the potential of Merit's students was extraordinary, leaving an indelible example that will guide us into the future. After joining the Merit Board of Trustees in 1997, Dick served as Board Chair from 2001 - 2005; led the capital campaign to purchase Merit's West Loop facility, the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center; and supported numerous Merit events including our annual concert, Performathon.

On Wednesday, September 21 the Bone Rangers were able to honor Dick's contributions to Merit by performing at a private reception following a memorial service. We send our heartfelt condolences to Dick's wife, Susie, their three daughters, and seven grandchildren. [Click here to read more about Dick's life and enduring legacy.](#)

"Dick Kiphart was an exceptional man, whose generosity and humility will continue to be an inspiration. We are profoundly grateful for Dick's 20 years of leadership, his strong belief in how Merit sets young people up for success in life, and for all of his tremendous efforts to support the arts, education and our community. He will truly be missed."

Charles Grode
Merit School of Music
President & Executive Director



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

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Monday, October 10

Merit Storytime, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. (Gottlieb Hall)

- Free and open to the public, bring your friends!
- No registration is required- drop-ins are welcome!
- Open to students 2 years old and up - parent/caregiver attendance required
- Ms. Jan will be hosting in October. Come join her for stories, games and networking!

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL MUSIC

Saturday, October 10

Columbus Day - Merit will hold classes today

BRIDGES: PARTNERS IN MUSIC

Thursday, October 6

Early Childhood classes begin at Burley Elementary

Band classes begin at Barton Elementary

Tuesday, October 11

Band classes begin at Falconer Elementary

Wednesday, October 12

Band classes begin at Nixon Elementary

String classes begin at Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy

Monday, October 17

Band classes begin at Talcott Fine Arts & Museum Academy

PRIVATE LESSONS

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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](#).

Saturday, October 8

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

Guests: Fifth House Ensemble

Tuesday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 15

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

Guests: Lyric Unlimited presents *Jason and the Argonauts*

Tuesday, October 18

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

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