



2016-2017 Program Newsletter

December 1, 2016

CONSERVATORY WINTER CONCERTS

All performances are FREE & open to the public at Merit's West Loop facility.

2016 WINTER CONCERTS MERIT SCHOOL OF MUSIC

ALICE S. PFAELZER TUITION-FREE CONSERVATORY

Friday, December 16
 7:10 pm: Merit Tuba Christmas (Lobby)
 7:30 pm: Trombone Choir, Junior Band, Symphonic Band, & Wind Symphony

Saturday, December 17
 9:00 am: Brass Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, Trumpet Ensemble & Saxophone Ensemble
 10:30 am: Concert Jazz Band, Honors Jazz Combo & Merit Jazz Ensemble
 12:30 pm: String Orchestra & Merit Philharmonic
 3:00pm: Movement and Acting, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Opera/Musical Theater Ensemble, Concert Choir & Conservatory Choir

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

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Merit Parent Association PIZZA DAYS!



December Pizza Days:

- Thursday, December 8
3:30 - 6:30 pm
- Saturday, December 10
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.

Student Accomplishments

Congratulations to **Owen**

MERIT'S ANNUAL WINTER DONATION DRIVE!

This year Merit is collecting new or gently used books, CDs, DVDs and E-readers for [Open Books](#), a nonprofit social venture based in our West Loop neighborhood that provides literacy experiences for thousands of Chicago readers each year through inspiring programs!



The drive will be held from **December 1- December 21** and all items can be dropped off in the **Main Lobby of Merit School of Music**.

MERIT PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Saturday, December 10 | 10:00 am

The Merit Parent Association will hold its next meeting on Saturday, December 10 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.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Winter Session Registration is Open!

Visit our [website](#) or Student Services to enroll in your next class. Registration Deadline is Saturday, December 17 and Winter Session classes begin the week of January 9, 2017.

Saturday, December 10

Fall Session Classes End

Monday, December 12

Merit Storytime, 11:00-11:45 am, 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. Jan will be hosting in December- come join her for stories, games and networking!

Monday, December 12 - Sunday, January 8

No classes

Notes From Your Teachers:

Ms. Ashley would like to thank all of her families for a wonderful, song-filled Fall Session! She can't wait to see everyone again in January for winter classes and snow songs, chants, and musical exploration of all kinds! Happy Holidays!

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL MUSIC

Friday, December 23 - Sunday, January 8

Winter Break - No Classes

Riordan, trombone, for winning the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra Young People's Competition. He will perform the Rimsky-Korsakov Concerto during the orchestra's holiday concert on Thursday, December 8 at the Star Plaza in Merrillville, IN.

Thank You for Your Support!

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Thank you to everyone who donated during Merit's #GivingTuesday campaign on Tuesday, November 29. Together we raised over \$11,000!

If you missed the campaign you can still give a holiday donation by [clicking here](#).

Merit Spirit Wear



Merit Spirit Wear will be available for purchase at the upcoming Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-free Conservatory Winter Concerts on Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17. Merit hoodies, t-shirts, and MORE make great holiday gifts. Cash, check, and credit cards will be accepted. All proceeds support the Merit Parent Association's 2016-2017 Fundraising Goal.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Saturday, December 17

6:30 pm = Holiday Violin Studio Recital (Gottlieb Hall)
Students of Iris Wei

Sunday, December 18

10:00 am = Holiday Piano Studio Recital (Foreman Hall)
Students of Paula Grzebien

Friday, December 23 - Monday, January 2

Winter Break - No Lessons

Tuesday, January 3

Private Lessons Resume

BRIDGES: PARTNERS IN MUSIC

Monday, December 12

12:00 - 12:30 pm = Chopin Elementary Orchestra performs in the Lobby of the Daley Plaza Building. The performance is free and the public is welcome to attend and support the students.

ALICE S. PFAELZER TUITION-FREE CONSERVATORY

Saturday, December 3

11:50 am = Live from Gottlieb
Guests: Faculty member Andrew Williams will be joined by Allegra Montanari, cello, and Wael Farouk, piano

Saturday, December 10

11:50 am = Live from Gottlieb (Anne & Howard Gottlieb Hall)
Guests: Aaron McEvers Quintet

Wednesday, December 14

6:00 - 8:00 pm = Merit Philharmonic Dress Rehearsal (Foreman Hall)
6:15 - 9:00 pm = Symphonic Dress Rehearsal (Gottlieb Hall)

Thursday, December 15

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

Tuesday, December 20

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

WINTER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Friday, December 16

7:10 pm - Tuba Christmas (Front Lobby)

Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble

Call time: 6:45 pm (WS and SB students will report to Room 133 after sound checks)

Room: 133

7:30 pm - Merit Trombone Choir, Junior Band, Symphonic

Library Notes

We are excited to welcome **Annaeka Johnson** as our new Librarian! You may have already met her previously as our Library Assistant, but if you have not, feel free to stop by the Library to introduce yourself! Annaeka is available during open Library hours for any of your instrument rental and resource needs, but she is also available by appointment as needed. Feel free to contact her at ajohnson@meritmusic.org or at 312-676-3694 to set up an appointment or if you have any questions or concerns. Welcome to the team, Annaeka!

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

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Band, and Merit Wind Symphony (Gottlieb Hall)

Merit Trombone Choir

Call time: 5:30 pm

Room: Polk

Junior Band

Call time: 5:15 pm

Room: Gottlieb (Please go to Foreman after sound check in Gottlieb.)

Symphonic Band

Call time: 6:00 pm

Room: Foreman

Merit Wind Symphony

Call time: 6:30 pm

Room: Polk

Saturday, December 17

9:00 am - Instrumental Ensembles (Gottlieb Hall)

Merit Brass Ensemble

Call time: 8:00 am

Room: Gottlieb

Clarinet Ensemble

Call time: 8:00 am

Room: 133

Guitar Ensemble

Call time: 8:00 am

Room: 210

Trumpet Ensemble

Call time: 8:00 am

Room: 229

Saxophone Ensemble

Call time: 8:00 am

Room: 224

10:30 am - Jazz Ensembles (Gottlieb Hall)

Honors Jazz Combo

Call time: 8:45 am

Room: 127

Jazz Combo B (Hochberg)

Call time: 8:45 am

Room: 126

Jazz Combo C (Bistrow)

Call time: 8:45 am

Room: Polk

Jazz Combo D (Zallar)

Call time: 8:45 am

Room: 105

Merit Jazz Ensemble

Call time: 9:15 am

Room: Foreman

Concert Jazz Band

Call time: 9:15 am

Room: Polk

12:30 pm - Orchestras (Gottlieb Hall)

String Orchestra

Call time: 10:30 am

Room: Foreman

Merit Philharmonic

Call time: 11:15 am

Room: Foreman

3:00 pm - Vocal Ensembles (Gottlieb Hall)

Conservatory Choir

Call time: 1:00 pm

Room: Foreman

Concert Choir

Call time: 1:30 pm

Room: Foreman

Opera and Musical Theater Ensemble

Call time: 1:30 pm

Room: Polk

Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Call time: 1:30 pm

Room: 131

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