



# 2016-2017 Program Newsletter

Sept. 15, 2016

## MERIT JAZZ COMBO TO PERFORM AT WEST LOOP ART FEST THIS SUNDAY



This Sunday, September 18 the **Merit Jazz Combo** will take the stage (intersection of Carpenter St. & Washington Blvd.) from Noon - 1:00 pm to perform at the 2nd Annual West Loop Art Fest. Located on Washington Blvd. this fun event will include 167 talented artists from across the country showcasing and selling their creative work, a variety of music performances including Merit's very own, and an assortment of food from West Loop restaurants. We hope you will join us!

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Bravo to the **Bone Rangers** who performed at the Grant Park Music Festival Gala this past Monday night.

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## Merit Closed Tomorrow

Reminder that Merit's Joy Faith Knapp Music Center will be closed tomorrow, **Friday, September 16 until 4:00 pm** for the replacement of an HVAC unit. During this time the parking lot and building will be closed and no-one will be allowed into the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center. Private lessons are welcome to resume once the building re-opens at 4:00 pm. Please check directly with your private lesson teacher to confirm your schedule for the day.

## Mandatory Family Meetings

Parents are required to attend the orientation meeting for the program their student is enrolled in.



Merit piano students, **Joshua Mhoon** and **Amy Hu**, will spend the evening of Monday, September 19 as student-teachers at the Chicago Sinfonietta's performance at Symphony Center. During intermission the students will interact with concert attendee's and give them brief piano lessons. Good luck Joshua and Amy! [Click here to learn more about the Sinfonietta's performance.](#)

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### Saturday, September 17

Fall registration deadline

### Week of September 26

Early Childhood classes begin

#### Notes from your teachers:

**Ms. Amy** welcomes her families, old and new, and hopes you are ready to sing, dance, and play your way back to school with seasonal songs that make you want to move and wiggle to the beats!

**Ms. Ashley** wishes all of her families a warm welcome to the Fall Session! She is very excited to get classes started, meet new friends, and see familiar faces again. Get ready for great songs, chants, and activities of all kinds as her classes bring in the cool weather and changing colors!

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

### Thursday, September 15

5:15 - 6:00 pm = New Suzuki-Alegre Strings Parent Training (Thursday classes)

- New Suzuki parents are required to attend two training sessions on their respective scheduled class date during the 2 weeks before classes begin.
- Children should not attend the training session

### Saturday, September 17

### New Suzuki-Alegre Strings Parent Training

New Suzuki parents are required to attend two training sessions on their respective scheduled class date during the 2 weeks before classes begin. See below for exact training dates and times:

#### Wednesday Classes

September 21  
5:15 - 6:00 pm

#### Thursday Classes

September 15 & 22  
5:15 - 6:00 pm

Children should not attend the training session, but a fun musical activity will be available to those who have parents attending. Children are not required to attend this activity. **Parent attendance is required;** please contact Strings Program Manager Hilary Butler (312.267.4472 or [hbutler@meritmusic.org](mailto:hbutler@meritmusic.org)) to RSVP or for questions.

### Instrumental Music Family Meeting

Thursday, September 22  
6:00 pm

Attendees: Parents only  
(students are welcome to attend if needed but are not required)

[More info.](#)

## National Arts in Education Week

Did you know its National Arts in Education week?



Merit is delighted to support the week long National Arts in Education Week. This a national celebration, designated by Congress in

Fall registration deadline

### Wednesday, September 21

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(Wednesday classes)

- New Suzuki parents are required to attend two training sessions on their respective scheduled class date during the 2 weeks before classes begin.
- Children should not attend the training session

### Thursday, September 22

5:15 - 6:00 pm = New Suzuki-Alegre Strings Parent Training  
(Thursday classes)

- New Suzuki parents are required to attend two training sessions on their respective scheduled class date during the 2 weeks before classes begin.
- Children should not attend the training session

6:00 pm = Mandatory Instrumental Music Family Meeting  
(Gottlieb Hall)

- Mandatory attendance for parents, students are also welcome to attend but not required
- The Library will be open before the meeting from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. If you need to renew your instrument loan or rent an instrument for the academic year please arrive early and visit the Library.

### Week of September 26

Instrumental Music classes begin

- Students should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early in order to complete the check-in process and receive their class schedule and room assignment.

## BRIDGES: PARTNERS IN MUSIC

### Week of September 19

All band classes begin at Burley Elementary

### Tuesday, September 20

General Music and Band classes begin at Wildwood Elementary

### Monday, September 26

Band classes at begin Carson Elementary

### Thursday, September 22

Recorders Rule! classes begin at Wildwood Elementary

### Monday, October 3

Band classes begin at Palmer Elementary

### Tuesday, October 4

Band classes begin at Barton Elementary

String classes begin at Nobel Elementary

### Thursday, October 6

Early Childhood classes begin at Burley Elementary

2010 through House Resolution 275, recognizes the transformative power of the arts in education. To learn more about this celebration, [visit the Americans for the Arts website.](#)

## Fall Registration Deadlines

There is still time to register for classes at Merit!

### Registration Deadline September 17

### Financial Aid Deadline September 30

*If documents are submitted after this date, financial aid may be limited.*

For questions please contact Student Services by phone at 312.786.9428 or [email](#).

**August**  
8 | Priority Registration for continuing students  
22 | Open Registration for new students

**September**  
17 | Registration deadline  
26 | Classes and Lessons begin this week

Register online at [www.meritmusic.org](http://www.meritmusic.org)

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**FALL REGISTRATION**

## Attention Merit Parents...

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

## PRIVATE LESSONS

Enrollment for lessons for all instruments are still being accepted. Sign up today with Student Services!

### Monday, September 11 - Sunday, September 25

Summer Private Lesson make-up week

### Week of September 26

The private lessons semester begins

## ALICE S. PFAELZER TUITION-FREE CONSERVATORY

If you have questions or concerns about your 2016-2017 Conservatory schedule please contact the appropriate Program Director.

**Brian Beach**, Strings & Orchestra Program Director  
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**Logan Massey**, Band Program Director  
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**Amy Riske**, Piano Program Director  
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### Saturday, September 17

Large ensemble rehearsals continue

9:00 am - 2:10 pm = Leadership Institute

- Open to high school juniors and seniors *only*
- Special thanks to the Merit Associate Board for hosting this annual event
- College Fair Attendees:
  - DePaul University
  - DePauw University
  - Lawrence University
  - Northwestern University
  - Wheaton College
- Individual student schedules will be emailed directly to the student
- [View an overview of the schedule for the day](#)

### Tuesday, September 20

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

- Weekly rehearsals begin

### Saturday, September 24

All Conservatory classes begin

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

Guests: Gaudete Brass Quintet

### Saturday, October 1

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

Guests: ARCANA

## Student Services Hours

### Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday

Noon - 6:00 pm

Friday

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday

Closed

### Fall Hours

(beginning September 26)

Monday - Friday

1:30 - 7:00 pm

Friday

Closed

Saturday

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

## Library Notes

Beginning Monday, September 26, the Library will resume normal hours. Please note Saturday hours will resume on September 24 when Conservatory classes begin.

### Hours (effective 9/26/16)

Monday

Closed

*\*note the Library will be open on the 1st Monday of Instrumental Music classes from 4:00 - 6:00 pm*

Tuesday - Thursday

4:00 - 7:00 pm

Friday

By appointment only

Saturday

9:00 am - Noon

12:30 pm - 3:00 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.

For other instrument or rental questions, please contact [Danielle Seaman via email](#).

Returning Students:  
Returning students may renew instruments via phone or email.

New Students:  
If you reserved an instrument in the Library or still need to rent an instrument, please arrive early before your first class and come to the Library.

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