



2016-2017 Program Newsletter

August 2016

FALL REGISTRATION

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

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West Loop Movies in the Park

MOVIES IN THE PARKS
Presented by Bank of America

West Loop
Community Organization

Presents:
Night at the Museum

Mary Bartelme Park | 115 S Sangamon St
Tuesday, August 16th, 2016
Activities begin at 6:00 pm, movie begins at dusk
Open to all ages | Admission is free
Call 312.666.1991 for questions

Thank you to our sponsors!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND A COMPLETE SCHEDULE, VISIT NIGHTOUTINTEHPARKS.COM

Tuesday, August 16
6:00 - 10:00 pm

Merit is excited to help sponsor the 3rd and final summer Movie in the Park on Tuesday, August 16 in Mary Bartelme Park (the park next to Merit). The movie airing is *Night at the Museum*. The fun begins at 6:15 pm when Merit's Early Childhood teacher, Ms. Amy Lowe, will lead an Early Childhood concert. Following Ms.

August 8

Priority Registration Opens (current Merit students)

- Check your e-mail for your student's class recommendation and registration instructions. Be sure to register as early as possible as spots in classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Please make sure that Student Services has your current email address

August 22

Open Registration Begins

- New and returning families are welcome to enroll in classes- please visit our website or Student Services for more information

Friday, September 30

Financial Aid Deadline

- All financial aid paperwork is due

SUMMER WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERTS



Grab your friends and lawnchairs and join us as Merit School of Music's Summer Wind Ensemble performs in a series of summer concerts throughout the city.

Thursday, August 11 | 3:00 pm

Lincoln Park Zoo (2001 N. Clark St., 60614)

Tuesday, August 16 | 7:00 pm

Merit School of Music (38 S. Peoria St., 60607)

Thursday, August 18 | 6:30 pm

Welles Park (2333 W. Sunnyside Ave., 60625)

All performances are free and open to the public!



FREE TICKETS:

Merit's Artists-in-Residence, The Lincoln Trio

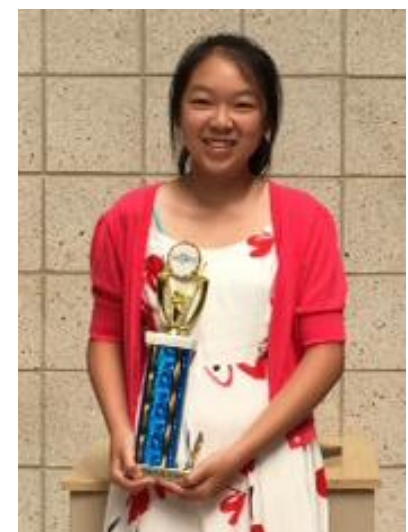


Amy's performance, enjoy watching *Night at the Museum* on the big screen with your family! We hope you will come out and join us.

Student Highlights



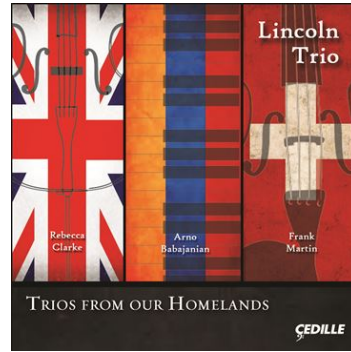
Merit Flute Camp students enjoyed a field trip the week of their summer camp to attend a Grant Park Symphony performance and afterwards they were able visit with flute section members, Mary Stolper (principal), Jennifer Debiec Lawson (piccolo), and Alyce Johnson (second flute) backstage. While backstage the students, including **Natasha Kozintseva**, bass flute, **Theresa Stekela** and **Anotnia Hillard Lewis**, flute, and **Maddie Deanne**, piccolo, performed for the section members as well. Special thanks to everyone at Grant Park Symphony and flute teacher **Susan Crandall** for making this visit possible!



Thursday, August 11 | 6:00 pm

Join Merit School of Music's Artist in Residence, [The Lincoln Trio](#), and Cedille Records for a recital and reception to celebrate Lincoln Trio's new release, *Trios from our Homelands*.

Tickets are FREE, RSVP required
- [RSVP via email to Philip](#)
(philip@cedillerecords.org) by Aug. 5



Concert performed in Anne & Howard Gottlieb Hall at Merit School of Music

- Reception with light refreshments in Foreman Hall

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Monday, August 8

Priority Registration Opens

- Check your e-mail for your student's class recommendation and registration instructions. Be sure to register as early as possible as spots in classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

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. Amy will be hosting in August. Come join her for stories, games and networking!

Tuesday, August 9 - Thursday, August 11

Last day of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays summer classes

Tuesday, August 16

West Loop Community Organization "Movie in the Park"

- Join Ms. Amy Lowe in Mary Bartleme Park (across the street from Merit) for a free children's concert at 6:15 p.m. Following Ms. Amy's performance, enjoy watching *Night at the Museum* on the big screen with your family!

Friday, August 19

Last day of Friday summer classes

Monday, August 22

Open Registration Begins

- New and returning families are welcome to enroll in classes- please visit our website or Student Services for more information

Saturday, August 27

Last day of Saturday summer classes

Notes from your teachers:

Ms. Ashley is looking forward to the final summer classes and would like to thank her families for a wonderful summer session! She looks

Congratulations to a piano student **Cindy Mei** for winning the Second Prize at the 13 year-olds' Olympic Level of the 46th Granquist Music Competition presented by the Geneva Chamber of Commerce. She is a private student of Mio Isoda-Hagle and a student in the Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-free Conservatory.



Congratulations to Conservatory violin student **Tara Hagle** for winning First Prize with a score of 98/100 at the 46th Granquist Music Competition presented by the Geneva Chamber of Commerce. Tara just completed 6th grade and will begin her 2nd year in Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-free Conservatory this fall. She is a student of Merit faculty Erica Carpenedo.

Faculty News

Merit's faculty members have been busy this summer. Highlights include...



Merit string teacher and Encore Strings Ensemble Director, **Chris Smith**, is in India this summer teaching music on a fellowship from the U.S.

forward to seeing everyone in the fall for more moving, shaking, and music-making!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Monday, August 8

Priority Registration Opens

- Check your e-mail for your student's class recommendation and registration instructions. Be sure to register as early as possible as spots in classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tuesday, August 9

6:00 pm = Instrumental Music Summer Band Final Performance (Gottlieb Hall)

Family and friends are invited to an informal performance by the Instrumental Music Summer Band students where they will demonstrate the skills and repertoire they have learned over the summer.

Thursday, August 11

Tuesday/Thursday summer classes end

Monday, August 15

Monday/Wednesday summer classes end

Monday, August 22

Open Registration Begins

- New and returning families are welcome to enroll in classes- please visit our website or Student Services for more information

SUMMER CAMPS

Monday, August 8 - Friday, August 12

Horn Camp & Voice Camp

- End of camp concerts will be held on Friday, August 12

Summer String Orchestra

- End of camp concert will be held on Friday, August 12 at 2 pm (Gottlieb Hall)

Monday, August 15 - Friday, August 19

Solo String Workshop

PRIVATE LESSONS

Monday, August 8

Priority Registration Opens

- Check your e-mail for your student's class and lesson recommendation and registration instructions.

Monday, August 22

Open Registration Begins

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State Department.

In June, vocal teacher, **Jade Maze**, received the [Vivian G. Harsh Society's Clementine Skinner Award](#) as part of the society's June celebration of Black Music Month. Congratulations Jade!

Shure Supports Merit



Photo courtesy of Shure

For the 2nd year in a row proceeds from [Shure, Inc.'s](#) annual summer golf outing will support Merit. Thank you to everyone at Shure for all of their support, it is greatly appreciated!

Joy Faith Knapp Music Center Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday
8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Student Services Open Hours

Monday - Thursday
Noon - 6:00 pm
Friday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday
Closed

ALICE S. PFAELZER TUITION-FREE CONSERVATORY

Monday, August 8 - Friday, August 12
Conservatory Choir & Solo Voice Camp

Thursday, August 11

3:00 pm = Summer Wind Ensemble Concert (Lincoln Park Zoo)
- Call time = 1:00 pm
- Students should wear black pants and Merit t-shirt
- Permission slips are due ASAP

Friday, August 12 & Saturday, August 13

Seating Auditions

- To request a seating audition [complete the form by clicking here](#).
- For information and audition music visit <http://meritmusic.org/seatingauditions>

Tuesday, August 16

7:00 pm = Summer Wind Ensemble Concert (Gottlieb Hall)
- Call time = 6:00 pm
- Students should wear black pants and Merit t-shirt

Thursday, August 18

6:30 pm = Summer Wind Ensemble Concert (Welles Park)
- Call time = 4:30 pm
- Students should wear black pants and Merit t-shirt
- Permission slips are due ASAP

Library Notes

Library Summer Hours

Monday & Wednesday
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Summer Library Hours will end on August 11.

NOTE: The library will be open by appointment only through August 25. Fall Hours will be posted at a later time. Please email or call the librarian with any instrument rental or renewal questions: dseaman@meritmusic.org

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