



2015-2016 Program Newsletter

July 2016

SUMMER CAMPS KICKS-OFF WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

Trombone and Tuba/Euphonium Campers welcomed a variety of guest artists this week including Chris Tiedeman, tuba, and Hiram Diaz, euphonium, members of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band and Jeremy Moeller, principal trombonist at Lyric Opera.



This week's camps will conclude tomorrow, July 1, with informal public concerts at the following times:

- 11:00 am - 12:30 pm = Trombone Camp Concert
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm = Tuba/Euphonium Camp Concert
- 1:45 - 2:30 pm = Guitar Camp

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Bone Rangers to Perform at Grant Park Music Festival on July 1



The Bone Rangers will take the stage before the performance of *Dvořák Golden Spinning Wheel* at the Grant Park Music Festival on Friday, July 1 in Millennium Park. They will perform as part of the Young Artists Showcase at 5:30 pm before the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus takes the stage.

SUZUKI PLAY-ALONG TAKES OVER MARY BARTELME PARK DURING MAKE MUSIC CHICAGO

Thank you to everyone who came out to Mary Bartelme Park on Tuesday, June 21 to participate in the Suzuki Play-Along as part of the annual city-wide event, Make Music Chicago.

Suzuki students and members of the public performed for people visiting the park or passing through. Merit's Bone Rangers concluded the evening with a performance in the park as well.



Fall Registration Dates

July 25

Early Childhood and Beginning Instrumental Music class offerings will be viewable online at www.meritmusic.org

August 1

Continuing Instrumental Music classes will be viewable online at www.meritmusic.org

August 8

Priority Registration (current Merit students)

- Current families will receive a recommendation via email before Noon on August 8
- Please make sure that Student Services has your current email address

August 22

Open Registration (new & current students)

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Friday, July 1

Friday Summer Session classes begin with Ms. Ashley

Saturday, July 2

4th of July Holiday Weekend - No classes

Saturday, July 9

No Saturday classes

Monday, July 11

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 July. Come join her for stories, games and networking!

Saturday, July 16

Saturday Summer Session classes begin with Ms. Cate

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Merit Welcomes New Program Managers

This past month Merit welcomed three new members to staff as Program Managers. These new staff members are excited to be a resource for families, assist with day-to-day needs of our faculty, and helps to provide excellent music education to Merit's students.

Welcome...

Hilary Butler

String Program Manager

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Karen Mari

Band Program Manager

Saturday, July 2 - Monday, July 4
4th of July Holiday Weekend - No classes

Monday, July 11 - Thursday, July 14
4:30 pm = Intro to Band Instruments class

SUMMER CAMPS

Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15
Piano Camp Session 1, Saxophone Camp & Trumpet Camp
- End of camp concerts will be held on Friday, July 15.

Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22
Chamber Camp, Flute Camp, Jazz Camp, Percussion Camp & Piano Camp Session 2
- End of camp concerts will be held on Friday, July 22.

Monday, July 25 - Friday, August 5
Band & String Camp
- End of camp concerts will be held on Friday, August 5

PRIVATE LESSONS

Monday, July 4th
Building closed for the 4th of July Holiday
- Please check directly with your teacher to confirm your lesson schedule for the week of July 4.

Saturday, July 9
Noon = Piano Recital (Gottlieb Hall)
Characin Pongtornpipat, student of Ann Birman

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Tuesday, July 12
6:00 - 8:00 pm = Summer Wind Ensemble begins (Gottlieb Hall)

Friday, July 15
2016 - 2017 Conservatory Registration Deadline
If you plan to be enrolled in the Conservatory for the 2016 - 2017 year you must submit your registration by this date.

Saturday, July 16
1:00 - 4:00 pm = Voice Auditions
- New voice students interested in joining Merit's Conservatory Voice and Solo Voice Program can contact Melanie Lunardi (mlunardi@meritmusic.org or 312.676.3690) to schedule an audition.

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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 Summer Hours

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

Library Notes

Library Summer Hours
Monday & Wednesday
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday
4:00 - 7:00 pm

By appointment Monday - Friday before 4:00 pm

NOTE: There will be a library sub July 5 - 7. Please be understanding that some requests may have to wait until the Librarian returns.

Library Give-Away Area
Items will be added to the give-away area

throughout the summer,
please stop by during
hours to browse and take
what you want at no
cost.

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