



2017-2018 Program Newsletter

August 4, 2017

INTO THE WOODS, JR. OPENS AUGUST 19

MERIT SCHOOL OF MUSIC
P R E S E N T S

**INTO
THE
WOODS
JR.**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 7:00 PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 2:00 PM
JOY FAITH KNAPP MUSIC CENTER | 38 SOUTH PEORIA STREET
RESERVE YOUR SEATS FOR FREE AT: MERITMUSIC.ORG/INTOTHEWOODSJR

BOOK BY JAMES LAPINE MUSIC AND LYRICS BY STEPHEN SONDHEIM
STAGE DIRECTOR A.J. WESTER MUSIC DIRECTOR JULIAN CHIN SET DESIGN MILO BUE LIGHTING DESIGN CAT WILSON

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Join us for Merit School of Music's first fully-staged musical theater production of *Into the Woods Jr.*, an adaptation of Stephen Sondheim (music and lyrics) and James Lapine's (book) Tony award-winning musical comedy that twists familiar Brothers Grimm fairy tales into a brand-new story.

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Summer Wind Ensemble to play Welles Park



Join us on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 pm as Merit's Summer Wind Ensemble performs an evening concert at Welles Park in Lincoln Square.

Merit Student Performs at Pitchfork Music Festival



Under the direction of A.J. Wester (stage director) and Julian Chin (music director), the cast is comprised of students in grades 7 - 12 from Merit's prestigious Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-free Conservatory Solo Voice program, Merit's Summer Voice Camps, and The Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiArts). Classic stories will come to life in this engaging, funny, and lyrically rich retelling of beloved fables.

This run will feature two performances, **Saturday, August 19 at 7:00 PM** and **Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 PM** at the Merit School of Music (38 S. Peoria Street).

Reserve your seats for free on Merit's website beginning August 5. No walk-up seats will be available.

FALL REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 7



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FALL REGISTRATION 2017

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| AUGUST Priority registration for continuing students 07 Open registration for new students 21 | SEPTEMBER Registration deadline 23 |
| | OCTOBER Classes and Lessons begin 2 |

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.MERITMUSIC.ORG

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Priority registration for fall session classes opens on **August 7!**

Current students: check your e-mail for your personalized class recommendation and registration instructions, then reserve your spot in class with payment of a \$30.00 registration fee. Be sure to

Bravo to our very own Mike Turner (trombone, front row, far right) for performing with Solange at Pitchfork Music Festival in July. Way to represent Merit!

Early Childhood Concert at Movies in the Park

Join us and Early Childhood teacher Amy Lowe at Mary Bartelme Park (next to Merit) on Wednesday, August 16 for a free children's concert followed by the movie "Home" presented by the West Loop Community Organization! Activities will begin around 6:30 p.m. Bring your friends!

Jazz Combo at West Loop Family Festival



Merit's Jazz Combo kicked off West Loop Family Festival this past weekend with a performance at Haymarket Center.

Chicago Phil Side-by-Side Concerts in the Parks

All summer long, the Chicago Philharmonic is welcoming young musicians to participate in side-by-side concerts with their musicians in parks across the city.

Saturday, August 5
Humboldt Park Boathouse

Sunday, August 13
South Shore Cultural Center

To register your student, see chicagophilharmonic.org

Student Services Hours

register early as classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis! The deadline to register for fall is **September 23**.

Open registration for new students begins **August 21**.

If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please submit your 2016 tax return to Student Services as soon as possible. Financial aid is limited and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Monday, August 7

Priority Registration opens for fall session classes

- Current students: check your e-mail for your personalized class recommendation and registration instructions. Be sure to register early as classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis!

Friday, August 11 - Wednesday, August 16

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday summer session classes conclude

Saturday, August 12

Regular class day for Saturday classes

Monday, August 14

11:00 am = Merit Storytime (Gottlieb Hall)

- Free and open to the public; bring 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 August - come join her for stories, games, and networking!

Wednesday, August 16

6:30 pm = Movies in the Park (Mary Bartelme Park)

- Ms. Amy Lowe will be providing a free children's concert before the movie begins (around 6:30 pm).
- Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and stick around for a showing of Dreamworks' *Home*.

Saturday, August 19

Saturday summer session classes conclude

Monday, August 21

Open registration begins for fall session classes

- Registration is open to both new and returning students.
- New this year: refer a friend to Merit's Early Childhood classes and receive \$20 off your tuition! See Merit's website or Student Services for details.

Monday, September 4

Labor Day (Merit closed)

INSTRUMENTAL & VOCAL MUSIC

Office Hours (Aug. 7 - Sept. 23)

Monday - Thursday
Noon - 5:00 pm

Friday
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday
Closed

Office closed week of Sept. 25.

Library Summer Hours

The library will not be holding regular open hours from August 21 - September 28.

Please contact Annaeka at ajohnson@meritmusic.org to make an appointment for music or instrument related assistance.



Shopping for supplies for your summer adventures? Support Merit students when you shop with Amazon Smile!

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Monday, August 7

Priority Registration opens for fall session classes.

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Tuesday, August 15

Summer classes conclude

6:10 pm = Summer Band "Informance" (Foreman Hall)

Monday, August 21

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- Registration is open to both new and returning students.

Monday, September 4

Labor Day (Merit closed)

PRIVATE LESSONS**Monday, September 4**

Labor Day (Merit closed)

MERIT MUSIC IN COMMUNITIES**Thursday, August 10**

6:00 pm = CYC Violin Summer showcase (Rebecca K. Crown Youth Center)

Tuesday, August 15

5:30 pm = Comunidad de Alegre Performance (Jane Addams Hull House Museum)

ALICE S. PFALEZER TUITION-FREE CONSERVATORY**Monday, August 7**

Summer Conservatory Piano Camp begins

- Check-in opens at 9:30 a.m.
- Please be sure to bring a sack lunch!

Summer Conservatory Choir Camp begins

Solo String Workshop begins

Tuesday, August 8

6:30 pm = Summer Wind Ensemble Concert in Welles Park (2333 W. Sunnyside Ave.)

Friday, August 11

11:00 am = Solo String Workshop Guest Masterclass by Helen Callus, Viola Professor at Northwestern University

1:45 pm = Summer Conservatory Piano Camp Final Concert (Foreman Hall)

3:00 pm = Summer Conservatory Choir Camp Final Concert
(West Loop Whole Foods)

Friday, August 25 - Saturday, August 26

Seating Auditions (Band, Orchestra, and Jazz students)

Thursday, August 31

Fall Conservatory student schedules emailed to families (on or before this date)

Monday, September 4

Labor Day (Merit closed)

SUMMER CAMPS

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Voice Camp begins

Solo String Workshop begins

Summer Conservatory Piano Camp begins

Summer Conservatory Choir Camp begins

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