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DECEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

A Gospel Christmas with Waverly Alston **In the Company of Friends**

December 7 @ 7:30 pm



Come celebrate the holiday season at Community Music School with a soulful Gospel Christmas concert by the sacred jazz ensemble, Waverly Alston In the Company of Friends! A native Philadelphian, Waverly Alston Jr.'s earliest musical influences came from hip-hop music, which led him to appreciate the sounds of jazz and gospel. Waverly took that inspiration and focused on combining jazz and gospel music to produce, sacred jazz, a wondrous blend of these two musical genres.

[Buy tickets for A Gospel Christmas](#)

In The Gallery at CMS: Meg Lemieur

Artist Reception: Saturday, December 7 @ 6:30-7:30pm



Meg Lemieur has spent much of her life exploring issues of justice and the relationship between nature and the human footprint.

Blending the gritty reality of the world with her own understanding of the human condition, she strives to depict the simultaneous and often opposing desires of the human heart.

She draws with pencil and ink on paper, adding bursts of color with watercolor, acrylics and a digital flair. She is known to lend her talents to advocates of social and environmental justice. She is

currently based in Philadelphia, PA.

Meg's work will be on display in The Gallery at CMS through December 2019. The Gallery is open to the public during regular business hours.

Thank you to our Gallery Sponsor The LaMastra Group, P.C.



Save the Date!

Upcoming December Concerts & Events:



Join Us for Our FREE Musical Story Hour! Saturday, December 7 @ 10am

Join us for our FREE monthly Musical Story Hour! Come for a musical story and instrument exploration. Perfect for Preschool through 2nd graders!

TUBACHRISTMAS

TubaChristmas at CMS! December 8 @ 2:00pm

ATTENTION ALL TUBA, BARITONE, EUPHONIUM & SOUSAPHONE PLAYERS!

2019 is the 46th anniversary for TUBACHRISTMAS! These concerts and events are presented throughout the world. TUBACHRISTMAS was conceived in 1974 by Harvey Phillips as a tribute to his teacher and mentor William J. Bell, born on Christmas Day, 1902. More info: www.tubachristmas.com

CMS TUBACHRISTMAS EVENT DETAILS:

- REGISTRATION: 12:00pm
- REHEARSAL: 12:50pm
- CONCERT: 2:00pm
- PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 - Participants will receive a TubaChristmas button.
- NOTE: Please bring your own music stand. Award for best decorated instrument. (Performance is indoors).
- Music & Merchandise available for sale the day of the event.
- CONDUCTOR: Mr. Vince DeMarro



Bach's Lunch is a free, lunch-time concert held on the 3rd Thursday of each month September through June. Mark your calendars now and join us for a FREE lunchtime concert on the third Thursday of the month! Don't forget to bring your "Bach's Lunch"!

Thursday, November 19th features violinist Ray Mallari performing his program "From Bach to Pop" for acoustic and electric violin.

The concert begins at 12:10 and ends around 12:50pm. All ages welcome!



Raymond Mallari acquired his advancing musical powers from Temple University and West Chester University. He was crazy enough to study both violin and viola. A great example of his craziness was when he participated in the MTNA Music Competition not once, but 4 times. No, he didn't win 1st place. Although, the judges did like his playing. His orchestral experience includes many many groups, but these days he just plays with Kennett Symphony. One orchestra even hired him to tour China back in the day! Another time he left the country was when he earned a diploma of chamber music from a place in Spain called ChamberArt. "RayRay," as his friends and co-workers call him, teaches strings at Immaculata University in Malvern and Community Music School Trappe. He is also the Conductor of the Prima Strings and Concertino Orchestras, and Ensemble Coach of the Honors String Quartet of the Youth Orchestra of Bucks County. Mr. Ray is also wildly active with the Greater Philadelphia Suzuki Association, having the honor of being a former Vice President Board Member. Outside of music, he is currently attempting yoga and to navigate Wegmans.

[Click here for the complete 2019-2020 Bach's Lunch schedule](#)

Elastic Karma Presents Christmas on Abbey Road

December 20 @ 7:30pm



Join us Friday, December 20th
Show At 7:30pm
Community Music School, Trappe, Pa
*We will perform the entire Abbey Road album,
celebrating 50 years since its release, and
Beatles Christmas favorites!*
Featuring The Community Music School Orchestra
General Admission \$20. Student tickets \$10
Tickets available at cmsmusic.org - 610.489.3676 - CMS front desk

[Buy Tickets for Christmas on Abbey Road](#)

CMS Notables

Celebrating Musical News From Our Students & Faculty

- Mr. Ray Mallari would like to congratulate his **Adult String Ensemble** on their performance at the University Barge Club Lilacs Room on Boat House Row in Philadelphia, PA.
- Congratulations to PJPII Sophomore, **Emma Sills** (student of Jennifer Abate) and Lansdale Catholic Junior, **Veronica Badman** (student of



Alessandra Gabbianelli) were accepted into the All-Catholic Chorus of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Schools.

- We're thrilled to announce that CMS trumpet students **Tarun Emani** and **Gabriel Yang** on their acceptance into Inter County Jazz Band. Both students study trumpet with Rob Diener.
- Congrats to **Mazie DeMedio** (percussion student of Porter Eidam) on her successful audition and acceptance into her school's Jazz Band! Mazie attends Methacton School District.
- Mr. **Brad Rau** was recently awarded the 2019 Best of Chester Springs Award in the Musical Instruments & Teacher category! Congrats, Brad!
- Congratulations to voice students **Avery Bitzer** (student of Thad Shirey) and **Lydia Orme** (student of Alessandra Gabbianelli) received a Golden Ticket in the Julia's Joy Voice Idol competition. Lydia was also nominated for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical for the 2019 Broadway World Regional Awards for Greater Philadelphia Area for her performance of "The Witch" in Firebird Theater's production of Big Fish.
- We're so proud to have so many students performing in Perkiomen Valley High School's upcoming production of *Shrek The Musical!*:
 - **Kaitlyn Murphy** (student of Alessandra Gabbianelli) will perform the role of the "Wicked Witch"
 - **Alex Shores** will perform the role of "Papa Bear" (student of Thad Shirey)
 - **Samantha Hiergsell** will perform the role of "Story Teller"
 - **Julia Fitzpatrick** as "Young Fiona" (student of Cindy Durrell and Alessandra Gabbianelli)
 - **Rosalie Cerritelli** as "Queen Lillian" (student of Alessandra Gabbianelli)
 - **Caroline Panek & Olivia Pang** as Guards/Knights (students of Alessandra Gabbianelli)
 - Ensemble: **Courtney Conard, Caleigh Herr, Lilly Ternak** (students of Alessandra Gabbianelli) and **Taylor Shores** (student of Thad Shirey)
- Congratulations to the following students from Alessandra Gabbianelli's studio who will be performing in Spring-Ford High School's upcoming production of *42nd Street*:
 - **Lydia Orme** will perform the role of "Maggie"
 - **Claire Falcone** will be a featured singer
 - **Josh Kubinsky** will be the understudy for "Abner"
- We're pleased to share that Perkiomen Valley Middle School East's production of *Annie* will include CMS students:
 - **Grace Maran** as "Mrs. Pugh" (student Alessandra Gabbianelli)
 - **Brayden Avery** as "Franklin Roosevelt" (student of Thad Shirey)
- Congraulations to **Kevin Husar** (student of Thad Shirey) who will perform the roles of "John The Baptist" and "Judas" in Devon Prep's upcoming production of *Godspell*.
- Kimberton Waldorf School's production will include voice student **Evrin Artman** (student of Alessandra Gabbianelli) in the role of "Marta". Congrats,

CMS Calendar of Events

December 2019

- 6 Musical Story Hour at Royersford Library 10:15am
- 6 Student Recital 7pm
- 7 Musical Story Hour at CMS 10am
- 7 Reception for Gallery Artist Meg Lemieur 6:30pm
- 7 A Gospel Christmas Concert with Waverly Alston In
The Company of Friends 7:30pm
- 8 TubaChristmas Concert 2pm
- 13 Student Recital 7pm
- 14 CMS Show Choir Performance 4pm
- 20 Christmas on Abbey Road Concert with Elastic
Karma 7:30pm
- 23-31 CMS Closed



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