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JANUARY NEWS & EVENTS

Happy New Year & Thank YOU!

We hope all of our friends and families in the community had a wonderful holiday season. 2020 is going to be an exciting year for Community Music School as we celebrate Beethoven's 250th Birthday, continue to expand our community programming, and make plans for our 30th anniversary celebration, which is just around the corner! If you've been to CMS this month, you will notice our beautiful new carpet throughout the 1st floor! We continue to make upgrades to our building and instruments each year. None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors and patrons.



We want to take a moment to thank everyone who made a donation to CMS in 2019 - either through #givingtuesday or in response to our annual fund appeal. We greatly appreciate your support and your gifts really do make a difference! We would also like to thank **The Arcadia Foundation, The Robert L. and Agnes Cook Bard Foundation, The Child Development Foundation, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Phoenixville Community Health Foundation, The Presser Foundation, and The Stratton Foundation** for their generous support. Together we can continue to bring quality music education and performances to our community.

CMS Bids a Fond Farewell to Clarinet Instructor, Ingrid Zepp

CMS is saying goodbye to a dear faculty member this month. Ingrid Zepp, long time clarinet instructor and Wind Department Chair, has an exciting opportunity to join the staff at Mary Baldwin University in Staunton, VA. We will miss Ingrid at CMS, but are also so happy for her! Staunton has a vibrant music community and is home of the annual Heifetz Institute each summer. Join us in wishing Ingrid and her family a fond farewell and best



In The Gallery at CMS: Artist Dorothy DeMaula



Dorothy DeMaula's work will be on display in The Gallery at CMS through January 31, 2020. 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 Concerts & Events

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL PRESENTS



Free Demo Music Makers Class This Saturday!

The Music Makers Class for ages 4.5-7 includes singing, creative movement as well as structured movement, playing instruments and ensemble work, ear training and guided listening. This developmentally sound approach to music literacy builds symbolic thinking, concentration, memory, and self expression. The children start to work with written musical patterns, too. In part I, Music Makers: At Home in the World your child will be engaged in activities that establish a solid music-making foundation. This year focuses on your child's fascination with nature and develops a love of instruments. Your child will be introduced to the sounds of orchestral instruments individually, and then in the context of an ensemble. Such a listening foundation will lead to long-term success with music reading in future classes.

Join us on Saturday, January 11th at 10am for a free demo class.
Call 610-489-3676 or email info@cmsmusic.org to register.



Join Us for Bach's Lunch Thursday, January 16 @ 12pm

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, January 16 features Jeff Ormsby performing electro-acoustic music. The concert begins at 12:10 and ends around 12:50pm. All ages welcome!



Jeff Ormsby has been performing electro-acoustic compositions as "Duncan" since 2012, a project that mixes ambient electronic samples with live vibraphone and other percussion. Jeff has a Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance from Temple University. He currently teaches middle school music at Montgomery School in Chester Springs, and he is the Percussion Director at Phoenixville High School. Jeff started his musical journey at Community Music School in 1998 studying flute and percussion, and he has been on the percussion faculty at CMS since 2014.

As a percussionist, Jeff has performed with the Korean Symphony Orchestra, the Hot Springs Music Festival Symphony Orchestra and Opera, the Reading Buccaneers Drum and Bugle Corps, and United Percussion, with which he has a WGI Percussion Independent Open Gold Medal. He is a Grammy-nominated timpanist with the Temple University Orchestra, and has recorded timpani with the Hot Springs Festival Orchestra on the Naxos label.

In the past, Jeff has been on the music faculty at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy, the

North Penn High School Percussion Ensemble, the Upper Darby High School Drumline, Field of View Percussion, and the Kutztown University Marching Band.

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

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL PRESENTS

MEET THE INSTRUMENTS MUSICAL STORY HOUR!

1st Saturday of the Month!

A colorful illustration of five children playing various instruments. From left to right: a boy playing a guitar, a boy playing a violin, a girl playing a flute, a boy playing a saxophone, and a girl playing a trumpet. There are also musical notes and a treble clef scattered around them.

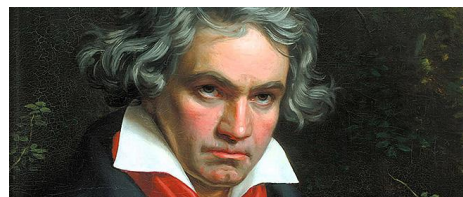
Join Us for Our FREE Musical Story Hour! Saturday, February 1 @ 10am

Join us for our FREE monthly Musical Story Hour! This month we will be reading "Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue" by Anna Harwell Celenza and learning more about the piano. Come for a musical story and instrument exploration. Perfect for Preschool through 2nd graders!

Salute to Beethoven Concert February 8, 2020 @ 7:30pm

Throughout 2020, the whole world will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)! This musical mastermind created compositions that continue to astound and inspire generations of music lovers. We're kicking off Beethoven's celebratory year with a concert of his sensational sonatas.

Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/browse.html>



Calling All CMS Alumni!

Now Booking Musicians for our Alumni Concert - Friday, June 5, 2020

CMS is planning an Alumni Concert and we want to hear from you! Please contact us if you are interested in performing: community@cmsmusic.org or 610-489-3676. All instruments and genres welcome! Please join us for this fun event!



CMS Notables

Celebrating Musical News From Our Students & Faculty

Congratulations to violin student **Haley Chung** (student of Cindy Campetti and Lorenzo Raval) and cello student **Sarah Leshner** (student of Eric Coyne) on the acceptance into the PMEA District Orchestra! We're so proud of you both!



CMS Voice Teacher, **Thad Shirey** will be performing in Center Stage Opera's performance of Bizet's masterpiece CARMEN this Saturday, January 11 @ 2pm
Rosemont Presby's Inspired Life Community
404 Cheswick Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Tickets available at the door - Cash and Check only
\$25 Adults
\$10 Students

CMS Calendar of Events

January 2020

- 11 Free Musikgarten Demo Class for Ages 4.5-7 - Call to register 610-489-3676
- 16 Bach's Lunch featuring Jeff Ormsby 12pm
- 24 Student Recital 7pm
- 25 CMS Piano Festival Registration Due

February 2020

- 1 9am-3pm CMS Piano Festival
10am Meet the Instruments Musical Story Hour
- 7 Piano Festival Honors Recital 7pm
- 9 Artist Reception: Cheryl A. Hart, artist 6:30pm
Salute to Beethoven Concert 7:30pm
- 15 CMS String Festival
- 20 Bach's Lunch featuring Eric Coyne, cello 12pm

21 Student Recital 7pm

24 Chris Macy Concert at Phoenixville Library 7pm



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