



# STUDIO NEWSLETTER



FALL/WINTER 2024-25 NEWSLETTER

HIGGINS PIANO STUDIO

[www.higginspianostudio.com](http://www.higginspianostudio.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Please check the Studio Website for current events, activities and to download all festival and competition information!

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## COMPOSITION NEWS

2024-25

### Composition Contests:

Beethoven Composition Event

International Composition  
Contest (Guild)

National Federation of Music  
Clubs Jr. Composers Contest

NCMTA Young Composers  
State Contest

Lynn Freeman Olson  
National Composition  
Competition



### Beethoven Composition Recital

**Sunday, February 9, 2025  
3:00 PM**

Steinway Piano Gallery  
7030 Smith Corners Blvd.  
Northlake Village, Suite A

## COMMUNITY SERVICE!

### HALLOWEEN PARTY!



6:30 – 7:30 PM

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

The Summit Place of  
South Park  
2101 Runnymede Lane

Wear your Costume!  
Bring your Halloween music!

### SPECIAL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

*Sharing your talents will give you  
credit for Community Service!*

**Sign up on Signup Genius**



**NOVANT HEALTH  
PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL  
MEDICAL CENTER (Uptown)**

December 7 & 14  
(Ages 14 and Older)

**CONCORD HISTORICAL  
HOLIDAY HOME TOUR**

Afternoon  
Sunday, December 15  
(All Ages)

**NORTHLAKE MALL**

December 8 & 22  
(All Ages)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE!

### CHRISTMAS PARTIES!



1:30 – 2:30 PM

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

The Summit Place of  
South Park Assisted Living  
2101 Runnymede Lane  
Location: Parlor



2:00 – 3:00 PM

**Saturday, December 21, 2024**

Waltonwood at Cotswold  
Assisted Living  
5215 Randolph Road  
Location: Theater-Cinema

Wear your Holiday Clothes!  
Bring your Holiday music!

### VALENTINE PARTY!



6:30 – 7:30 PM

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

The Summit Place of  
South Park Assisted Living  
2101 Runnymede Lane  
Location: Parlor

Dress Nicely!  
Bring your music and 5  
“Homemade” Valentines!

# CALENDAR

## NO PIANO LESSONS

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| September 2                | Labor Day            |
| November 4 – 8             | Fall Break           |
| November 11-15             | Studio Break         |
| November 25 – 29           | Thanksgiving Break   |
| December 23 – Jan. 3, 2025 | Christmas Break      |
| March 17 - 21, 2025        | Private School Break |
| April 14 – 18, 2025        | CMS, Easter Break    |
| May 19 – 23, 2025          | Studio Break         |
| May 26 – 30, 2025          | Memorial Week Break  |

## MUSICAL ACTIVITY DATES

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| September 19    | Composition Covers Deadline    |
| October 22      | Halloween Nursing Home Party   |
| December 7 & 21 | Christmas Nursing Home Parties |
| December 12     | National Music Week Essay Due  |
| December 7 & 14 | Holiday Hospital Performances  |
| December 8 & 22 | Northlake Mall Performances    |
| December 15     | Concord Holiday Home Tour      |
| February 8      | FESTIVAL (ALL Scholarships)    |
| February 9      | Beethoven Composition Recital  |
| February 13     | Valentine Nursing Home Party   |
| February 22     | FESTIVAL (Non-Scholarship)     |
| February (TBA)  | NCMTA District PA Performance  |
| March (TBA)     | Charlotte Music Club Auditions |
| March (TBA)     | District Royalty Competition   |
| March (TBA)     | NCMTA State Piano Performance  |
| April (TBA)     | State Federation Competitions  |
| April 5         | Duet Recital RMH Fundraiser    |
| May (TBA)       | National Piano Guild Auditions |
| May 18          | Solo Piano Recital             |

## Ronald McDonald House DUET Recital Fundraiser



**Saturday, April 5, 2025**  
**5:00 PM**

**Steinway Piano Gallery**  
**7030 Smith Corners Blvd.**  
**Northlake Village, Suite A**

## Spring Piano Recital

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**  
**2:30 PM**



**Steinway Piano Gallery**  
**7030 Smith Corners Blvd.**  
**Northlake Village, Suite A**

## ♪ 2025 FEDERATION FESTIVAL ♪

**Non-Scholarship: Saturday, February 22, 2025**  
**Weddington Methodist Church**  
**13901 Providence Road, Weddington 28104**

The North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs sponsors a music Festival early each spring. The Festival promotes American music, and gives the students an opportunity to challenge themselves by progressing annually to the next performance category. Because the Festival is not a competition, the student is critiqued only on the merit of their performance.

Students may enter in the following categories:

- ♪ Piano Solo
- ♪ Piano Concerto
- ♪ Hymn
- ♪ Composition

Festival music is distributed in the fall, and should be memorized by **February 1**. Studio performances will occur during the month of February.

## National Music Week Essay Contest

**DEADLINE: Thursday, December 12, 2024**  
**GRADES 7 - 12**

**Essay Theme: *Music...Is Unstoppable***

**2024 NC Essay Winner: *Isabel Yang***

## Healthy Pianos!



Maintain your piano investment! Remember to keep your home piano in good operating condition. Pianos should be tuned twice a year, usually when the heat is turned on for the winter and turned off in late spring. Listed below is the name of the piano technician for Higgins Piano Studio:

**Joe Gotta, RPT**  
**A440 Piano Service**  
**704.563.8230**