



STUDIO NEWSLETTER



FALL/WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

HIGGINS PIANO STUDIO

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

All composition students are encouraged to come by the studio frequently to complete their compositions! Be sure to reserve a slot on Sign-Up Genius:

www.signupgenius.com

Thursday, October 1
is the
DEADLINE
for all **Compositions**
and **Composition Covers!**

Once the composition is completed, students will need to create 4 covers and make a studio CD recording.

We will be entering the following composition contests this year:

Beethoven Composition Event

International Composition Contest (Guild)

National Federation of Music Clubs Jr. Composers Contest

National Explorer Magazine Composition Contest

NCMTA Young Composers State Contest

COMMUNITY SERVICE!

HALLOWEEN PARTY!



6:00 - 6:45 PM
Thursday, October 29, 2015
The Summit Place of South Park
2101 Runnymede Lane

Wear your costume!
Bring your Halloween music!
Bring a plate of "store bought" cookies!
Halloween Punch is provided!

We will play for the residents at **The Summit Place at South Park**. After the performances, we will offer cookies and punch to the residents...and have some ourselves!

SPECIAL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES
For More Advanced Students



Fourth Ward Holiday Home Tour

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
(UPTOWN)

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
(MATTHEWS)

Sign up times are available for holiday performances during late November!

COMMUNITY SERVICE!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES!



(Sign Up Now for one Party!)



10:00 - 10:45 AM
Saturday, December 5, 2015
Carriage Club of Charlotte Assisted Living
(go to the COACH HOUSE)
5800 Old Providence Road



3:00 - 3:45 PM
Saturday, December 12, 2015
The Summit Place of South Park
2101 Runnymede Lane

Wear your Holiday Clothes!
Bring your Christmas music!
Bring a plate of "store bought" Holiday cookies!
Holiday Punch is provided!

We will play for the residents at the Assisted Living Home. After the performances, we will offer cookies and punch to the residents...and enjoy some ourselves!

CALENDAR

NO PIANO LESSONS

September 7	Labor Day
October 12 – 16	Fall Break
November 23 – 27	Thanksgiving Break
December 21 – Jan. 4, 2016	Christmas Break
January 18, 2016	Martin Luther King Day
March 21 – 25, 2016	Private School Break
March 28 – April 1, 2016	CMS, Easter Break
April 4 – 8, 2016	National Music Conference
May 30 – June 3, 2016	Memorial Week Break

MUSICAL ACTIVITY DATES

September 27	Ronald McDonald House Recital
October 1	Composition Computer Deadline
October 29	Halloween Nursing Home Party
November 7	MANC Contest
November 14/15	CPTF Concerto Auditions/Recital
December 5 & 12	Christmas Nursing Home Parties
December TBA	Fourth Ward Holiday Performance
December (TBA)	Holiday Hospital Performances
♫ Presbyterian Hospital (Uptown)	
♫ Presbyterian Hospital (Matthews)	
January 10	Beethoven Composition Recital
January/February TBA	CSO Young Artist Concerto
January 30	FESTIVAL (Hymn)
February 11	Valentine Nursing Home Party
February 20	FESTIVAL (Scholarship)
February 27	FESTIVAL (Piano Solo, Concerto)
March 5	NCMTA District Contest
March 12 & 13	Forum Piano Solo Auditions/Finals
March 12	Charlotte Music Club Auditions
April 9	NCMTA State Contest
May (TBA)	National Piano Guild Auditions
May 8	CPTF Piano Solo Honors Recital
May 15	Piano Recitals

♫ FESTIVAL ♫

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...not as a comparison with other students.

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.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE STUDENT RECITAL FUND RAISER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

2:00 - 3:30 PM

QUEENS UNIVERSITY (DANA AUDITORIUM)



**STUDENTS IN HIGGINS PIANO STUDIO RAISED
OVER \$ 2,000.00
FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE!**

Student Certification Program!



The Charlotte Music Teachers Association sponsors the annual Student Certification Program. Students focus on earning 200 points in three musical areas: Participation, Observation and Exploration. The certification completion deadline is March 9, 2016.

NC Music Teachers Association

NCMTA Conference Honors Recital

Congratulations to the following students who will perform at the State Conference Honors Recital!

Carson Garcia

William Pak

Jun Son

NCMTA Young Composers Competition

Student winners will be invited to perform at the NCMTA Young Composers Composition Recital on:

Saturday, October 17 (3:25 PM)

(Be sure to save this date!)

Meredith College, Raleigh, NC.

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

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