



# STUDIO NEWSLETTER



FALL/WINTER 2018 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

2018-19

### Composition Contests:

#### Beethoven Composition Event

International Composition Contest (Guild)

#### National Federation of Music Clubs Jr. Composers Contest

Lynn Freeman Olson Composition Competition

National Explorer Magazine Composition Contest

NCMTA Young Composers State Contest



## CONGRATULATIONS!

2018 National Piano Explorer Magazine Composition Competition

National Winner!  
April Shi

## COMMUNITY SERVICE!

### HALLOWEEN PARTY!



6:00 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

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



PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL  
(UPTOWN)

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL  
(MATTHEWS)

Sign up times are available for holiday performances during November-December! Other holiday performing opportunities will be announced as they become available.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE!

### CHRISTMAS PARTIES!



2:00 – 3:00 PM

Saturday, December 8, 2018

The Summit Place of South Park Assisted Living  
2101 Runnymede Lane



2:00 – 3:00 PM

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Waltonwood at Cotswold Assisted Living  
5215 Randolph Road

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

### VALENTINE PARTY!



3:00 – 4:00 PM

Sunday, February 10, 2019

The Summit Place of South Park Assisted Living  
2101 Runnymede Lane

Wear your Holiday Clothes!  
Bring your Christmas music!  
Bring a plate of “store bought” Holiday cookies!

# CALENDAR

## NO PIANO LESSONS

September 3	Labor Day
October 1 – 5	Fall Break
November 19 – 23	Thanksgiving Break
December 20 – Jan. 2, 2019	Christmas Break
January 21, 2019	Martin Luther King Day
March 18 - 22, 2019	National Music Conference
April 8 – 12, 2019	Private School Break
April 15 – 19, 2019	CMS, Easter Break
May 27 – 31, 2019	Memorial Week Break

## MUSICAL ACTIVITY DATES

September 27	Composition Computer Deadline
October 30	Halloween Nursing Home Party
December 1/2	CPTF Concerto Auditions/Recital
December 8 & 9	Christmas Nursing Home Parties
December 10	National Music Week Essay Due
December TBA	Holiday Hospital Performers
♫ Presbyterian Hospital (Uptown)	
♫ Presbyterian Hospital (Matthews)	
January 20	Studio Master Class
January 27	Beethoven Composition Recital
February 12	Valentine Nursing Home Party
January 26	FESTIVAL (All Scholarships)
February 23	FESTIVAL (Non-Scholarship)
March 2	NCMTA District PA Performance
March 16/17	Forum Piano Solo Auditions/Finals
March 16	Charlotte Music Club Auditions
March (TBA)	District Royalty Competition
March 30	NCMTA State Piano Performance
April (TBA)	State Federation Competitions
March 31	Duet Recital RMH Fundraiser
May (TBA)	National Piano Guild Auditions
May 5	CPTF Piano Solo Honors Recital
May 12	Solo Piano Recital

## ♫ 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 DUET Recital Fundraiser



**Sunday, March 31, 2019**  
**2:00-3:00 PM**

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

## NC Music Teachers Association

### NCMTA Conference Honors Recital

*Congratulations to the following students invited to perform at the State Conference Honors Recital at UNC-School of the Arts, Saturday, October 13!*



### NCMTA Young Composers Competition Congratulations!!!

#### Elementary Division Winners

First Place	Isabel Yang
Second Place	Eleanor Zhang
Third Place	Alexander Shi

#### Junior Division Winners

First Place	Olivia Yang
Second Place	April Shi
Honorable Mention	Nathan Zhang

#### Senior Division Winners

First Place	Sanjana Bellapu
Second Place	Carson Garcia
Third Place	Audrey Zhou
Honorable Mention	Shawn An

## 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**