



# STUDIO NEWSLETTER



FALL/WINTER 2019 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

2019-20

### Composition Contests:

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



## CONGRATULATIONS!

2019 National Piano Explorer Magazine Composition Competition

**National Winner!**  
**April Shi**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE!

### HALLOWEEN PARTY!



6:00 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

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!



11:00 – 12:00 Noon

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Waltonwood at Providence Assisted Living  
11945 Providence Road  
(Providence Road Entrance)



3:30 – 4:30 PM

Saturday, December 14, 2019

The Summit Place at South Park Assisted Living  
2101 Runnymede Lane

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

### VALENTINE PARTY!



6:00 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

The Summit Place of South Park Assisted Living  
2101 Runnymede Lane

Dress Nicely!  
Bring your music!  
Bring a plate of “store bought Valentine Cookies

# CALENDAR

## NO PIANO LESSONS

September 2	Labor Day
October 7 – 11	Fall Break
November 25 – 29	Thanksgiving Break
December 23 – Jan. 3, 2020	Christmas Break
January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Day
March 16 - 20, 2020	Private School Break
March 23 – 27, 2020	National Music Conference
April 13 –17, 2020	CMS, Easter Break
May 25 – 29, 2020	Memorial Week Break

## MUSICAL ACTIVITY DATES

September 30	Composition Covers Deadline
October 29	Halloween Nursing Home Party
December 14	Christmas Nursing Home Parties
December 9	National Music Week Essay Due
December TBA	Holiday Hospital Performers
♫ Presbyterian Hospital (Uptown)	
♫ Presbyterian Hospital (Matthews)	
January TBA	Studio Master Class
January 26	Beethoven Composition Recital
February 1	FESTIVAL (ALL Scholarships)
February 11	Valentine Nursing Home Party
February 22	FESTIVAL (Non-Scholarship)
February 29	NCMTA District PA Performance
March 14/15	Forum Piano Solo Auditions/Finals
March 14	Charlotte Music Club Auditions
March (TBA)	District Royalty Competition
March (TBA)	NCMTA State Piano Performance
April (TBA)	State Federation Competitions
Spring (TBA)	Duet Recital RMH Fundraiser
May (TBA)	National Piano Guild Auditions
May (TBA)	CPTF Piano Solo Honors Recital
May 10	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



**TBA (Spring 2020)**  
Steinway Piano Gallery  
7030 Smith Corners Blvd.  
Northlake Village, Suite A

## NC Music Teachers Association

### 2019 Young Composers Competition Congratulations!!!

#### Elementary Division Winners

<i>First Place</i>	<i>Isabel Yang</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Nandhana Ramesh</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Anjani Kondapalli</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Gabriela Mateus</i>

#### Junior Division Winners

<i>First Place</i>	<i>Anthony Yang</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Tomas Mateus</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Elaine Tang</i>

#### Senior Division Winners

<i>First Place</i>	<i>Audrey Zhou</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Olivia Yang</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>Shawn An</i>
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Giancarlo Carpinelli</i>

## National Music Week Essay Contest

**DEADLINE: Monday, December 9**

**GRADES 7 - 12**

**Essay Theme: *Music – A Magic Carpet***

## 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