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### WINTER/SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

In the next two weeks decisions will be made concerning what events each student wants to enter and how many pieces. Please observe the due dates for the fees involved and mark the dates for the events you are doing on your calendars. Please fill out the two identical forms in the back of this newsletter - put one in a safe place and return the other one to me.

**LEVELS OF PROGRESS:** Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> (Monumental UMC) or March 14<sup>th</sup> at Piano and Organ Warehouse. 5164 VB Blvd, Va. Beach or Marsh School of Music Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>. Times start as early as 1:30 and run to 5:30-ish. Times are scheduled after the registration is received - time requests will be honored at the time of registration (Jan. 13) but the audition time will not be changed after it is scheduled. The \$10.00 fee is due to me by Jan. 13. Any checks can be made out to me as I write one large check when turning in registration.

**HONORS RECITAL AUDITIONS:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Marsh School of Music – Virginia Beach. Again, if you have an impossible time during either afternoon, let me know as your time can be scheduled around a conflict. After scheduling is done, no changes will be made. The date for your level will not be known until registrations are in, so for now, keep both dates open. This is a competition against other students in your level from level 4 on up. This is the one with the dress code: boys - coat and tie, girls - dress or skirt (no slacks allowed!). Those not complying will not be permitted to play!! For those who make it, the Honors Recital will be Sunday, May 17th in Chandler Recital Hall, ODU.

**NATIONAL PIANO GUILD AUDITIONS:** The audition times are Mon. - Sat. 9:30 - 5:30 for the last three weeks in June. Fees are due Jan. 13th so I can send everyone's registration in early and request Saturday times. The audition times are Mon.-Sat. 9:30- 5:30 for the last 2 weeks in June. We also have permission to have some time in early June at the ODU audition site as well. Let me know which you prefer: ODU early June or VB later in June. Scheduling is done on a first come first served basis. Make out any checks to me, as I send 1 check for all. Fees are:

2-3 pieces - \$33.00

4-6 pieces - \$35.00

7-9 pieces - \$37.00

10-14 pieces - \$39.00

15-20 pieces - \$44.00

Bach, Sonatina, or Sonata programs - \$40.00 + \$24.00 plaque fee

HS Diploma programs - \$64.00

**Studio Recitals for Winter/Spring Semester:** Sat., Jan. 18 – 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, or 8:00; Feb. 22 – 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00; March 28 – 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00, April 18 – 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00 and May 23 – 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00.

Lessons will be cancelled on the following dates: March 7 - 14 Spring Break (in Treasure Island, FL with my Mother and sister), Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – VB Chorale dress rehearsal 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Roper Center (this concert will be repeated 5/16 at Sandler Center at 7:30), and Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day). Other dates may come up due to judging or Hardwick Chamber Ensemble/TCC concerts. I will keep you posted.

Many of the Fall Semester Practice Chart students have successfully reached week 16 of the 18 week semester in the practice chart. If they get through mid January, they will have made it through the semester and will get their trophies (or composer busts or studio shirts) or honorable mention ribbons. Check the studio bulletin board for the results. Congratulations to all these hard-working students (and parents!). If you want to participate second semester, let me know during January so your name can be added to the new chart. Students who earn trophies this semester will get an order form in January to let me know what they want - trophy or composer bust. Awards will be handed out at the February recitals.

Remember to bring in at least 3 concert programs or ticket stubs to qualify for this semester's Certificate of Participation. Many area concerts are free and open to the public or available at a minimum fee. I will be playing several concerts this semester and will keep you posted about dates and times. For weekly information, look in the Daily Break of Thursday's Virginian Pilot, the Va. Beach Beacon, Chesapeake Clipper, Portfolio Magazine, and listen to WHRO FM. You can go to [www.artsongupdate/Calendar](http://www.artsongupdate/Calendar) and sign up for weekly notices.

Just a reminder of my "snow" policy - if the weather is what you consider bad, please stay in. Since there is such a wide range in what people consider safe driving conditions, and also varying distances for people to come, each needs to make that decision. (Since I learned to drive in northern Ohio, I may not have the same concept of what are reasonable driving conditions. Those of you who grew up here or further south do not want me making that decision for you!) I will be here for those who wish to come. Make-up times will be found for those who cannot come.

Remember to wear your gloves to your lesson on these cold days!! Even young muscles become stiff in the cold.

Many of you have inquired about the humidifier in the studio. Humidity levels in your home effect the health of your piano. My tuner wants the humidity of the studio to remain between 40% & 60%. Damage is actually done to the instrument when the humidity dips below 30%. (He has also warned me that if you crank your humidifier so high that you end up with condensation on your windows, turn it down as that will do damage to your house.) Higher humidity levels in your home during the winter months are also good for the people!

Check out this semester's dates on the studio calendar in this newsletter and on the studio's web site. We will NOT participate in the VMTA Theory Testing this year due to an unresolved major problem at the state level.

## WINSOR PIANO STUDIO Winter/Spring Semester 2020

### *January*

January 2nd - lessons resume

January 13th - deadline for entry fees for spring semester events

Saturday, January 18th - studio recitals - 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00 pm

### *February*

Saturday, February 8th - VMTA Sight Reading and Skills Tests - ODU

Saturday, February 22nd - studio recitals - 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00 pm

Sunday, February 9th - City Wide Recital - 3:00 pm, Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norfolk

### *March*

Saturday, March 7th & 14th - Levels of Progress, P & O Warehouse

Sunday, March 8th & 15th - Levels of Progress, Marsh School of Music

Saturday, March 9th - Saturday, March 16th - studio spring break

Saturday, March 28th - studio recitals - 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00 pm

### *April*

Saturday, April 18th - studio recitals - 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00 pm

Saturday, Apr. 25th & Sunday, Apr. 27th - Honors Recital Auditions - Marsh School of Music

### *May*

Studio Recitals - Saturday, May 23rd - 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 9th & 16th - Virginia Beach Chorale dress rehearsal & concert at Roper Theater, Norfolk 5/9 concert at 3:00 (dress rehearsal at 1:00). The Sandler Performing Arts Center, 5/23 at Sandler Center, Virginia Beach, 7:30 pm concert - let me know if you want tickets

Sunday, May 17th - Honors Recitals & HS Seniors Recitals at ODU (Sat., 5/16 - AM rehearsal in Chandler Hall)

Studio Recitals - Saturday, May 23rd - 6:00, 7:00 or 8:00 pm

Monday, May 25th - no lessons - Memorial Day

Sunday, May 31st - VB Chorale concert at ODS, 3:00

### *June*

June Recitals will be announced in May in the Summer Newsletter - at that point we will have our Guild dates.

Saturday, June 20th & 27th - pizza/movie parties - times will be announced in May in the Summer Newsletter.

# WINSOR PIANO STUDIO

## EVENTS CHART

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt due (1/13): \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents and Students:** Please complete this chart and return one copy to me with the applicable event fees by January 12. Keep the other copy for your information. All deadlines will be strictly followed, so please be prompt. Circle your preferred date/location for Levels of Progress.

EVENT	TEACHER SUGGESTS	LEVEL	DATE	LOCATION	FEE	DEADLINE	YES OR NO?
Levels of Progress			<u>3/07 or 3/14</u> 3/08 or 3/15	<u>P &amp; O Ware</u> Marsh Sch.	\$12.00	1/13	
***Honors Audition			4/25 or 4/26	Marsh Sch of Music	\$0	3/1	
Guild Auditions			<u>Early June?</u> Late June?	<u>ODU</u> Marsh School		1/13	
VMTA Theory Test			<b>*NOT DOING THIS YEAR</b>				
VMTA Skills Test			2/9	ODU	\$12	1/9	
VMTA Sight Reading			2/9	ODU	\$12	1/9	
Eastern Dist. Aud.			<b>CANNOT DO THIS YEAR**</b>				

\*We are not participating in the VMTA Theory Tests this year as there remains a major problem with the Tests. Let me know if you wish an emphasis in music theory during your lesson.

\*\*Theory and Sight Reading Tests are a prerequisite for the Eastern District Auditions, so no one from my studio will be eligible this year.

\*\*\*We won't know which date for each level until the scheduling is done, so please keep both dates open at this point. This site is not able to accommodate all the levels on the same day and decisions cannot be made until the chair has the numbers for each level.

**Apps you might want to investigate for iPhone & tablets:**

Flashnote Derby... \$.99

Rhythm Cat...basic version is free

Rhythm Cat Pro is \$4.99

Tenuto...\$3.99

MLM (Music for Little Mozarts)...free

Piano Mania...limited levels are free - upgrades available on subscription basis

Note Squish (iPhone app)...\$.99

AutoFlip...\$4.99

Tonara...free sheet music downloads vary in price

Paper 53...free

