## Music Elements



July 2016 Newsletter

The Beat is What Counts~

## We're Proud!

Randy, a guitar student with John, performed with his band, "Off Our Rockers" in June at the North Chelmsford American Legion. This was the "Buzz Off" fundraiser to raise money for cancer. Jackie, who is a vocal student with Laura was a volunteer.

Music Elements participated in the Chelmsford  $4^{th}$  of July parade. This is our  $4^{th}$  year in the parade. This years theme was "Under the Sea". We are proud and excited to say that we came in  $3^{rd}$  place. We could not have done it without all the help from staff and students. Thank you all for all your hard work that went into it.

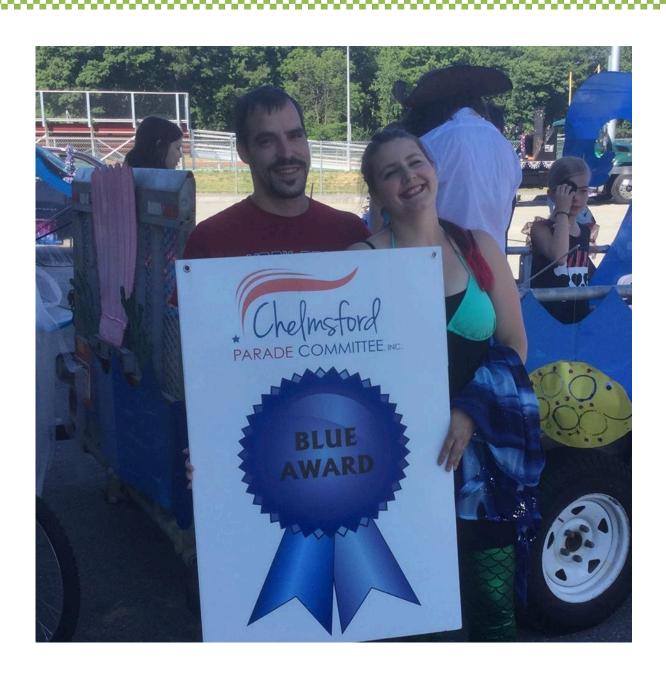


Got some news that you would like to share?

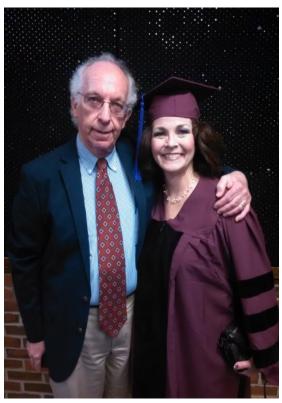
Let us know if there is something you have to share in our newsletter and we will post your accomplishments so that everyone can share in the news!











We want to congratulate Ellen D. Ellen is Maeve's mom who is a vocal student of Laura's. Ellen graduated from Law School and earned her Juris Doctorate! You are an inspiration Ellen!



Music Elements is happy to announce that we now offer lessons in Violin and Cello!

Our new instructor to join our "family" of teachers is Natalia McDermott.

Natalia McDermott is currently perusing a degree in music education at UMass Lowell. She began studying music with the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra's Intensive Community Program when she was 10 and continued with the program through her high school graduation. She is a member of many ensembles at UMass Lowell, including the String Ensemble, the Marching Band, and the University Orchestra. Natalia is also the cellist for the Lowell String Quartet. As well as Music Elements, Natalia also teaches cello and violin with the UMass Lowell String Project.

Music Element recently had the pleasure of providing entertainment for the Chelmsford Farmers Market on Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup> located in Chelmsford center. We are very proud of all our students who preformed. Below are pictures of some of our performers who attended.



Randy Bowlby and his band "Off Our Rockers"



Jakie singing "Unstoppable"



Lyla singing "Girl On Fire"



Caelan singing "Eyes Wide Open"



Kevin singing "I'm Not The Only One"



Natasha's father, Mike, captured "The Elements" in this great photo before their performance began!

Music Elements now has T-shirts! They can be purchased at the music school for \$15.00 each.



Laura, our vocal instructor, was chosen to teach a 6 week Music Theater clinic at Disney's Paramount Studio's in LA.. We miss her greatly and we wish her the best!!

Laura will be back August 11<sup>th</sup>. While she is away, we are happy to have 5 great teachers substituting for her. Please welcome Martha Robertson, Rachel Driscoll, Ken Sullivan, April Levesque and Adele Martin.

Harvey is waiting for his turn to practice with Pam's sax! Pam is a student of



## Music Elements Teachers Public Performances

John Anthony, a teacher at Music Elements, will be performing publicly in his bands at the following places in July. Be sure to check him out and be entertained.

July 2, The Grits and Groceries Orchestra will be headlining the Marblehead Festival of the Arts with special guest Evil Gal Michelle Wilson. 8:00 show. (Roots Rhythm and Blues, Soul, Jump, original Retro-Soul)

July 3, Brandy will be performing at the Amesbury, MA. 4th of July concert. 7:00 show. (Top 40 cover, Classic Rock to Contemporary Dance)

July 7, The Grits and Groceries Orchestra will be performing at Chianti in Beverly, MA. 8:00 show

July 8, Barrence Whitfield and The Grits and Groceries Orchestra will be performing at The Black Lobster in Salem, MA. 7:30 show. (GGO backs up Barrence singing his own brand of Roots Rock'n'Roll and Blues)

Dan Webster, our piano instructor, performs with Mike Payette at the 110 Grille EVERY third Thursday of the month. Dan also performs as a solo act at Blue Taleh at least once per month. (Check their schedule under 'happenings') http://www.bluetalehlowell.com/index.php?link=happenings

Mike Loce and Tim Kierstead make up "The DoubleNecks Guitar Duo". They are playing at the Nashua Farmers Market on Main Street - Sunday July 17 at noon. They also have a performance coming up in August at the Java Room.

Mike's group, "The UKESTRA" plays The Beatles at Chelmsford Center For The Arts on July 24th:



The Ukestra is a collaborative adult ukulele playing and singing group formed in 2011 by guitarist and educator Mike Loce.

For more information <a href="http://www.chelmsfordarts.org/july-24th-ukestra/">http://www.chelmsfordarts.org/july-24th-ukestra/</a>

Students and parents who are interested in seeing **Dylan Jack** perform can visit <a href="https://www.dylanjack.net">www.dylanjack.net</a> and check out the "itinerary" section for shows. Here is a link to Dylan's shows in July - <a href="http://www.dylanjack.net/itinerary.html">http://www.dylanjack.net/itinerary.html</a>

If you don't find your name in this month's newsletter, we will try to catch you next month. Be sure to share with your instructor about your activities.

## Happy 4th of July

anita, dylan, john, laura, peter, dan, sam, mike, rob, natalia & ben

