

Music Elements



April 2018
Newsletter

The Beat is What Counts~

Student Accomplishments!

Mia G, a student of Martha's and also a vocalist in "The Vibe" is one of the leads (Aunt Sponge) in the McCarthy Middle School's production of *James and the Giant Peach*.

Jillian S, a student of Laura's is on tech in the production as well!

The play will be April 6th and 7th



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!

Congratulations/Past Performances

The McCarthy Middle School Festival Band took home a Gold Medal last night in the MICCA festival.



Here's a picture of Dominick F and Co-directors Allison Lacasse and Sean Wright. They will be playing in the Gold Showcase either at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on April 8th or Symphony Hall in Boston on April 21st

We are proud that we had many students perform in the MICCA festival including:

Dominick F, a student of Peter's Caleb F, a student of John's Philip M, a student of Dylan's Keenly W, a student of Karyn's and Rachel O, a student of Steve's

Raven G was one of the performers in the Nashoba Brooks Variety Show that was held in March!

Congratulations Everyone!

Well Done Everyone!

Our recital was held on March 25th and we just wanted to let everyone know how wonderful they did! You could tell how much all the student and the teachers put into it and how much everyone practiced! It was an amazing day and everyone performed amazingly!

Good job everyone!



Meet Our Instructors

Laura Altenor

Laura Altenor has her degree in Music Education from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and is now enrolled in a Masters Program in Music Education. Her roots in singing began at the age of five primarily in the church choir. Laura began teaching church Sunday school at the age of 12. She taught chorus, dance, and acting at her local Boys and Girls Club in Everett. Laura sang in the Northeastern District Choir as well as the All State Choir of 2010 where she sang a solo at Symphony Hall in Boston. Laura was selected to be in the Sound of America Choir that tours Europe for a month singing in numerous cathedrals all around Europe where she sang opera and Italian arias. Laura has been in Off-Broadway musicals such as Chicago, Thoroughly Modern Millie, The Color Purple, Bare: The Pop Opera and is currently in a brand new musical called "This is Treatment" which is written by a Broadway director based in Boston, Massachusetts. In her private lessons, Laura teaches genres such as Classical, Musical Theatre, Rhythm & Blues, Jazz, Pop and Soul. She teaches the art of "belting" in a safe way for vocalists, breathe control, performance, and even acting. Laura wants her students to learn the art of singing but also to know how to perform on a stage and be able to show the characters on the stage through song.



Look what's happening in April.....

Music of the West Africa Kora

Date: April 10, 2018

Location: Chelmsford Public Library

25 Boston Rd Chelmsford, MA 01824

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Free Event

The West African kora is a 21 string harp that is native to the Mandinka people of the Gambia, Senegal, Mali, Guinea and Guinea Bissau. It dates back 300 years, although some of the music comes from the 13th century. Join musician Sean Gaskell to hear the music and learn the history of this fascinating instrument. Gaskell has studied the instrument with master kora players Malamini Jobarteh and Moriba Kuyateh from the Gambia over the course of multiple visits.



Luna Sessions

Location: The Luna Theater

250 Jackson St Lowell, MA 01852

Date: April 5, 2018

Time: 8:00pm-11:30pm

Free Event

Join us every Thursday night for live jazz on the theater stage. Have a seat in one of our plush armchairs, sip a local craft brew, and enjoy the musical stylings of some of the most talented players in the area.



The Farm Market

Date: April 8, 2018

Location: Mill No. 5

250 Jackson St Lowell, MA 01852

Time: 11:00am-3:00pm

At The Farm Market, we aim to enhance the city of Lowell by bringing fresh, local food to a friendly and vibrant social environment at the center of the Lowell community. Every Sunday between 11 am and 3 pm, you will find the hallways of Mill No. 5 filled with local vendors selling farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, artisanal breads and pastries, locally grown meat and eggs, handmade craft goods, and much more.



Music Elements Teachers Public Performances

Dylan released his own CD. It is all original music written by Dylan and he is real excited to share it with everyone. You can listen to one of the tracks, *Geometry*, here: <https://dylanjackquartet.bandcamp.com>

Students and parents who are interested in seeing **Dylan Jack** perform can visit <http://www.dylanjackmusic.com/>

Laura has released a new single. It's called "No Good" Please give a listen to her and feel free to share! <https://soundcloud.com/ellorela/no-good-prod-david-altenor>

Students and parents who are interested in seeing **Mike Loce** perform can view upcoming events at: <https://mikeloce.com/upcoming-performances/>

Dan Webster, our piano instructor, performs with Mike Payette at the 110 Grille every third Thursday of the month.

Happy Birthday



April Birthdays

- Marco L
- Brendan M
- Shane K
- Ava M
- Kaari T
- Emily A
- Jem O
- Faith C
- Zoey W
- Michael H

Happy Birthday from Everyone at
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Famous Musicians who also share Birthdays in April

- Akon, April 16, 1973
- Willie Nelson, April 30, 1933
- Pharrell Williams, April 5, 1973
- Billie Holiday, April 7, 1915
- Aaron Lewis, April 13, 1972
- John Oates, April 7, 1949
- Linda Perry, April 15, 1965
- Gerard Way, April 9, 1977
- Muddy Waters, April 4, 1915
- David Cassidy, April 12, 1950
- Q-Tip, April 10, 1970
- Ian Mackaye, April 16, 1962
- Michael Franti, April 21, 1966

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



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 Easter

Anita, Dylan, John, Peter,
Dan, Mike, Amanda, Karyn,
Martha, Steve and Ben

