

# Music Elements



August 2016

Newsletter

The Beat is What Counts~

## We're Proud!

**Jackie P**, a vocal student with Laura has been selected to participate as a semi-finalist for the Hampton Beach Talent competition. It's at the end of August.

**Quinn D**, is a former drum student who took lessons with Anita Connerty. He is having a great summer playing in the Futures collegiate league and getting some long awaited recognition... just pitched in the All-Star game, and although not his best pitching outing, he ended up the winning pitcher. Here are photos and an article written from the game!



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!

*Quinn's team won. He ended up being the winning pitcher, although he'd say his outing was not one of his best... He came in in the 8th inning, was only supposed to pitch 2 outs, but the last play was a double play. The scouts did see his cutter (2 seam fast ball that moves to the side), and a great curve ball during the warm up, but his first pitch of the inning was a hit into left center. (he left a fastball up high). The 2nd batter had a full count, then he hit a grounder between first and 2nd and Quinn ran to cover 1st base for the out. The other runner ended up on 3rd. The third batter I think had a ball and 2 strikes on him, and then he popped up to shallow left field. Quinn didn't think the guy on 3rd was going to tag, but Q ran behind home plate to back up the catcher in case he did.... well the fielder threw the ball home but threw over the catcher's head... the guy on 3rd headed for home... Q was behind the catcher.. ran backwards, jumped and caught the throw from the field... took 3 running steps forward and went down to block the plate and tag the runner..(his former time as a catcher came into play here),.. the poor runner was stopped dead on a slide into home when he hit Quinn...the rock... and was out! Effectively... a double play to end the inning...(Quinn went over to the dugout after the game to check to make sure the kid was ok.:)) Pics are attached, showing Quinn in motion on the mound, and the series showing the tag at home plate.*

*So he didn't throw many pitches for the scouts to see... and they weren't strike outs... but it was the most exciting inning of the game, and he showed his athleticism and quick thinking! At the bottom of the 8th inning, a home run tied the game and then a hit batter gave them a one run lead, so Q got the win and the following pitcher in the 9th got the save.*

*The fireworks at the end were spectacular, and then we got to meet Tim Collins a pitcher for the Kansas City Royals,... and his wife and baby..., as he was chatting with Quinn after the fireworks. (Quinn had met him about 3-4 years ago, when he started lifting at Cressey Performance,... a gym where several pro's work out. Tim remembered him.)*



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## Fun Fact

A Louisiana native, Naomi Celestin, makes jewelry out of recycled guitar strings and supports her local community. It's called, Restrung Jewelry. You can learn more about it here: <http://www.restrungjewelry.com/>

A portion of Restrung's profits benefit the New Orleans Musicians Assistance Foundation and the New Orleans Musicians Clinic. "I am continually inspired by the landscapes, the fauna, the people and the culture of my home, South Louisiana," Celestin told RAW artists publication.

Company: Restrung Jewelry

Based in: New Orleans


Founder: Naomi Celestin

Made in: New Orleans



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





**Laura**, our vocal instructor, was chosen to teach a 6 week clinic in Paramount Disney in LA for Music Theater. We miss her greatly but we wish her the best!! She will be back August 11<sup>th</sup>. We were happy to have 5 great teachers substituting for Laura while she was away. We thank **Martha Robertson, Rachel Driscoll, Ken Sullivan, April Levesque and Adele Martin.**

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One of our adult students, **Steve L**, is in a classic Rock band, Sierra. They preformed on Monday night August 1<sup>st</sup>, at Sampas Pavilion which is sponsored by Heritage Farm Ice Cream in Lowell at the River.

More upcoming events at Heritage Farm

August 1 Sierra  
August 8 Never Easy Band  
August 15 Alex Raven Band  
August 22 Alligator Wine  
August 29 Sky Foot  
September 5 The Tony O Band

For more information visit:  
<http://www.heritagefarmicecream.com/index.php?link=11>

## Music Elements Teachers Public Performances

Students and parents who are interested in seeing **Dylan Jack** perform can visit [www.dylanjack.net](http://www.dylanjack.net) and check out the "itinerary" section for shows. Here is a link to Dylan's shows in August -


<http://www.dylanjack.net/itinerary.html>

**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>





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

**Wednesday August 10**, "The Grits and Groceries Orchestra" at The Lobster Shanty in Salem, MA.

**Friday August 12**, "The Grits and Groceries Orchestra" at The Black Lobster in Salem, MA.

**Tuesday August 16**, "Brandy" at MacGregor Park in Derry, NH.

**Thursday August 18**, "The Grits and Groceries Orchestra" Featuring Barrence Whitfield at The Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA.

**Friday August 19**, "The Grits and Groceries Orchestra" at Brodie's Seaport in Salem, MA.

**Sunday August 21**, "The Grits and Groceries Orchestra" Featuring Barrence Whitfield at The Black Lobster in Salem, MA.

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**Mike Loce** and Tim Kierstead make up "The DoubleNecks Guitar Duo". They are playing at in August at the Java Room.

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

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



## Student Birthdays In August



**Abby P.** is a student with **Peter**. She plays the French horn.

**Dominick F.** is a student with **Peter**. He plays the Euphonium.

**Jessica D.** is a student with **Sam**. He plays the Saxophone.

## Happy Birthday From Music Elements





## Some Famous Musicians who also share Birthdays in August

3: James Hetfield (Metallica) (1963)

6: Geri Halliwell (Ginger Spice of Spice Girls) (1972)

8: JC Chasez ('N Sync) (1976)

12: Sir Mix-A-Lott (1963)

15: Joe Jonas (Jonas Brothers) (1989)

16: Madonna (1958)

20: Demi Lovato (1992)

20: Fred Durst (Limp Bizkit) (1970)

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.

Have a wonderful summer

anita, dylan, john, laura, peter, dan,

sam, mike, rob, natalia & ben

