# Music Elements



February 2017 Newsletter

The Beat is What Counts~

# We're Proud!

Music Elements would like to congratulate "The Elements" for playing at the Jamie Lonto Scholarship benefit dance at the Westford Regency on Saturday, January 21st. They put on an amazing performance. The event was a huge success and all proceeds help under privileged children to have the gift of taking music lessons.

Thank you to all our sponsors, teachers, students, and parents who donated and attended such a great event. We would also like to thank the band, "Beantown" for donating there time to this event for the second year in a row.



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!















Looking for a fun family event in Chelmsford for February? Come check out Parker Middle School play, Willy Wonka, Jr. at McCarthy auditorium and look for some of our students who will be preforming. It will be held Friday 2/10 at 7:30 PM and Saturday 2/11 at both 2:30 and 7:30 PM.

Pierce and Emily M. are piano students with Dan. Pierce will be playing the part of Willy Wonka and Emily will play the part of Mrs. Bucket.

Lyla E. is a vocal student with Laura. She will also be in the Willy Wonka, Jr. play. Lyla will be playing the part of Veruca Salt.

For more information or to purchase tickets visit: <a href="https://apps.vendini.com/ticket-software.html?t=tix&e=e8c9175594f28e7e33fd8b0046d97929&vqitq=3adc6df2-9d8f-47f1-acc5-af503b825b0c&vqitp=fb898b79-9991-44cd-991f-e1951e93e8b6&vqitts=1485293984&vqitc=vendini&vqite=itl&vqitrt=Safetynet&vqith=7a6975844637f7f9c239d8084b5b8ba0</a>



7:00-10:00 p.m. WinterFest Social at the Chelmsford Library, 25 Boston Rd.

Once again, the library will host this popular community social. This fun afterhours party is also the kick-off for the annual "<u>One Book Chelmsford</u>" town-wide reading program. Enjoy delicious foods from local restaurants, music, and 6 different mini-escape-the-room challenges.

Tickets are limited and will be available for purchase beginning January 5th at the Main Library and the MacKay Branch. \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Get your ticket in advance with Paypal and pick it up at the will-call table:

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Anne Romagnoli's love for the accordion, an instrument some would call old-fashioned but one that is still widely used throughout the world to play both popular and folk music, earned her the title Chicagoland's First Lady of Accordions.

Romagnoli, owner of Italo-American Accordion Manufacturing, died Friday at the age of 90, the Chicago Tribune reported. Her family said she suffered from heart and lung diseases but was working until the day before she died.

Italo-American Accordion Manufacturing, located on 95th Street in Oak Lawn, is widely considered to be the oldest accordion store in the country. Romagnoli's parents bought the accordion manufacturing and repair business in 1910 after they immigrated from Piatanesi, a coastal Italian town known as the capital of accordion-making.

She and her husband, Joe, took over the company in 1950, and the couple also ran the Republic Music School of Chicago for several years. She taught many students to play the accordion and formed competitive bands.

When Joe died in 1995, his wife started running the business on her own at age 65.

She was able to keep the company running despite declining interest in the instrument (Romagnoli reportedly blamed the Beatles and rock music for that) and the increased popularity of online shopping.

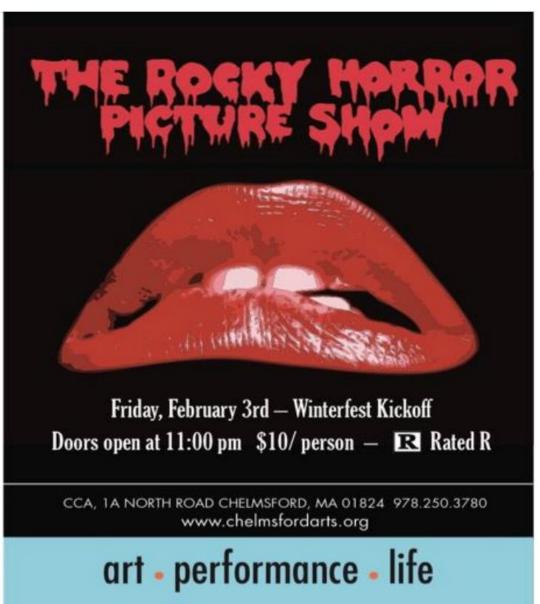
#### Kickoff Chelmsford's WinterFest at the CCA! Tickets on-line here: http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2722841



#### **FREE PARKING**

Parking is at the CCA Parking Lot, at 9 North Road (weekdays after 5 PM and any time weekends) and municipal lot behind Santander Bank.





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



Music Elements Teachers Public Performances
Students and parents who are interested in seeing <b>Dylan Jack</b> 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 - <a href="http://www.dylanjack.net/itinerary.html">http://www.dylanjack.net/itinerary.html</a>
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') <a href="http://www.bluetalehlowell.com/index.php?link=happenings">http://www.bluetalehlowell.com/index.php?link=happenings</a>
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#### Music Elements Teachers Public Performances

The band John Anthony plays with, <u>Grits and Groceries Orchestra</u>, is going down to Memphis Tennessee for the first week of February. In October of 2016 they competed in the Boston Blues Challenge and won, so this win gives them a spot to compete in the International Blues Challenge. Every year the Blues Foundation puts on the International Blues Challenge where over 150 bands come from all around the world for a four day competition that takes place on the legendary Beale street in Memphis. Kemp Dunn and Robert Lyons of GGO competed in the IBC in 1997 with their band Thea Movers and won. They were the last Boston band to win. Charlie O'Neal's band the Delta Generators competed in the IBC in 2009 and were the last band from Boston to be top 10 finalists. "We are confident they will do well in Memphis and hopefully can bring home the win".



## Student Birthdays In February

Kyra L. is a vocal student with John

Jake S. is a trumpet student with Peter and a piano student with John

Jeanette R. is a ukulele student with Mike

McKenzie T. is a ukulele student with Mike

Emma 5. is a little elements student with Laura

Molly A. is a ukulele student with Mike and a vocal student with Martha

Sanya M. is a vocal student with Laura

# Happy Birthday From Music Elements



### Famous Musicians who also share Birthdays in February

- 2: Shakira (1977)
- 2: Robert DeLeo (Stone Temple Pilots) (1966)
- 3: Sean Kingston (1990)
- 4: <u>Alice Cooper</u> (1948)
- 5: Duff McKagan (Guns N' Roses) (1964)
- 6: Axl Rose (Guns N' Roses) (1962)
- 8: Dave "Phoenix" Ferrel (Linkin Park) (1977)
- 11: Mike Shinoda (Linkin Park) (1977)
- 11: <u>Sheryl Crow</u> (1962)
- 18: Dr. Dre (1965)
- 20: Rihanna (1988)
- 26: Erykah Badu (1971)
- 26: Michael Bolton (1953)
- 27: Chilli (TLC) (1971)
- 29: <u>Ja Rule</u> (1976)

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 Valentines Day

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

