

# Music Elements

The Beat is What Counts~



June 2021

Newsletter

## Student Accomplishments

Lucy A, a student of Alex's graduated from UMass Lowell with a degree in psychology and criminal justice!

Megan L, a student of John's made both the national honor roll and the national vocational technical honor roll!

Jackie P, a former student of ours is in CHS's a cappella group *The Thursdays* and they made it to the International Championship of High School A Cappella!

Congratulations Everyone!!!!



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!

## School News

We had our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and would like to share it with all of you! Click below to watch:

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Meet Our Teachers

### Chris Dovas

Chris Dovas is a Boston Based studio and touring drummer who is competent in a vast range of musical genres and styles. Chris has his degree in "music performance" from Berklee College of Music. Being influenced by many genres of music has made him a very technical and emotional player. Chris has enough energy to power various audiences as his performance is ignited by his soulful touch of the instrument, and his passion. Chris is currently a full time member of Seven Spires with their most recent album out titled "Emerald Seas" Participating in these projects has allowed Chris to showcase his technical skills in various genres of music. The blend of music styles that Chris performs also allows him to develop his own unique sound, feel, and playing style that has been acknowledged by fellow musicians and fans around the world.



## Have you heard of this?

### Đàn Tre

The Đàn Tre, which translates as "bamboo musical instrument" is an especially unusual instrument as there are only two in the world, made by Vietnamese refugee Minh Tam Nguyen to give himself a creative outlet in the labour camp he had been sent to. A fusion of European and Asian musical traditions, it is made from recycled materials found around the camp: a bamboo tube; a four-liter tin of olive oil that amplifies the sound traveling down the tube; and 23 strings made from the inside of a United States army telephone cable.



[Listen Here](#)

## Look what's happening in June..... Putting Books to Work

**Date:** June 1, 2021

**Location:** Discovery Museum  
177 Main St, Acton, MA 01720

**Time:** 7pm-8:30pm

Best-selling author and illustrator, Grace Lin, joins us for our next Discovery Museum Virtual Speaker Series event "Putting Books to Work" to discuss how we can use books to integrate diversity into our kids' lives.

Grace Lin is an award-winning and New York Times bestselling author/illustrator of picture books, early readers and middle grade novels.

Her books include her Newbery Honor, 'Where the Mountain Meets the Moon'; her Theodore Geisel Honor, 'Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same'; her National Book Finalist, 'When the Sea Turned to Silver'; and her Caldecott Honor, 'A Big Mooncake for Little Star'.

Free with pre-registration; \$5 suggested donation appreciated.



## Strawberry Cheesecake

### Ingredients



butter 150g, melted, plus extra for the tin  
digestive biscuits 300g  
soft cheese 650g  
icing sugar 175g  
double cream 300ml  
vanilla pod 1, halved lengthways and seeds scraped out  
vanilla extract 1 tsp  
strawberries 200g, hulled and diced

### TOPPING

strawberries 250g, 100g hulled and quartered, 150g halved  
caster sugar 50g  
cornflour 1 tsp



### STEP 1

Lightly butter the base and sides of a deep 20cm springform cake tin and line the bottom with baking paper. Put the digestive biscuits into a food processor and whizz to crumbs, then add the melted butter and pulse again briefly. Tip into the tin, spread out and press down firmly to make an even base. Put into the fridge to set.

### STEP 2

Put the soft cheese into a mixing bowl and use an electric whisk to whisk until fluffy. Add the icing sugar and gently whisk until smooth. Pour the cream into a separate bowl, add the vanilla seeds and extract, and whisk to very soft peaks. Gently fold the cream and diced strawberries into the soft cheese mixture.

### STEP 3

Spoon the filling over the biscuit base and spread until even and smooth. Put the cheesecake into the fridge and leave to set for at least 4 hours but preferably overnight.

### STEP 4

To make the topping, put the 100g of quartered strawberries into a small pan with the caster sugar and a splash of water, and cook over a low-medium heat for 8-10 minutes or until the sugar has dissolved and the strawberries have softened. Gently mash the strawberries in the pan to break them down, then pass through a sieve into another bowl and pour the juice back into the pan. Add the cornflour and stir constantly on a low heat until the sauce is thickened and smooth. Cool.

### STEP 5

Once the cheesecake has set, take it out of the fridge, carefully remove from the tin and transfer to a serving plate. Pour over the strawberry sauce, top with the remaining halved strawberries and serve.

# June Birthdays

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- Aaron C, a student of Laura's
    - Mason P, John's
  - Matthew G, a student of Dylan's
  - Jonathan, a student of Matt's

Happy Birthday from Everyone at  
Music Elements

## Famous Musicians who also share Birthdays in June

- Prince, June 7, 1958
- Kanye West, June 8, 1977
- Cyndi Lauper, June 22, 1953
- Blake Shelton, June 18, 1976
- Paula Abdul, June 19, 1962
- Lionel Richie, June 20, 1949
- Barry Manilow, June 17, 1943
- Uncle Kracker, June 6, 1974
- Mark Wahlberg, June 5, 1971
- Johnny Depp, June 9, 1963
- Drake Bell, June 27, 1986



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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 Father's Day & Happy Summer!**

Anita, Dylan, John, Peter,  
Alex, Marko, Matt, Aleah, Martha, Justin,  
Olivia, Mike, Elizabeth, Ben and Chris

