

Music Elements



March 2018
Newsletter

The Beat is What Counts~

Student Accomplishments!

Ashlyn S, a student of Laura's is playing the lead fairy, Titania, in *A Midsummers Night Dream*

The play is at her school: Lowell Catholic Elementary

Date: March 2nd and 3rd



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!

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So Proud!

We would like to congratulate Dominick F, an Euphonium student of Peter's on making Junior District!

Dates: Junior District is March 17th

MICCA is March 23rd (McCarthy Festival Band)

MICCA is March 25th (ATWE which stands for All Town Wind Ensemble)

Carnegie is March 31st

We also would like to congratulate a former student of ours Gina C for earning a spot in the "The Thursday's" which is a CHS A Capella group!

Check out the link for more information on "The Thursday's"

<https://chelmsfordacappella.org/the-thursdays/>

We would also like to congratulate Chloe D a student of Martha's is performing in Beauty and the Beast Jr

with the Peacock Players

For more information check out:

<http://peacockplayers.org/>

Meet Our Instructors

Mike Loce

After college, the desire to create original music and to achieve high levels on his instrument took precedence in Mike's life. He abandoned the way he'd previously done things and set out on an inspired Loce Course of both musical and philosophical development. Through years of odd jobs, finally all employment appeared in the field of guitar in 2000 with Parker Guitars, a technical position. Mike then appeared with musical troupes such as Boston Rock Opera, and for four years he supported and helped develop a small online company called Personal Guitar School/Learn Music. Inc, later to become Sam Ash Music Institute. Other New England businesses that have hired Mike to help develop their vision of music education include Music Academy of Chelmsford, TLP Music School, BLT Music School, HEI Music, and Nashua Community Music School. Throughout these years, Mike recorded a variety of compositions with many talented performers and musicians. Since 2009 the humble ukulele has made its way into his repertoire, as a request originally to teach it. A group called "THE UKESTRA" is a result of those efforts. Mike is a registered songwriter and music publisher with ASCAP. He works teaching guitar and ukulele in the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, organizing his original band, composing music, playing gigs, and doing recording sessions of many styles. Mike thanks the students, friends, and colleagues he has met on his musical journey thus far, and is grateful for both the time and energy expended in the name of making music learning, guitar and ukulele more of a reality to many people.



Mike Loce is the founder of The Ukestra which is a Ukulele circle of performers of all ages. In years past, the Ukestra met in Nashua and was called "Studio 99 Ukulele Club". Mike still organizes the Ukestra and they perform at many venues including fundraisers, public appearances, senior living and nursing homes. The idea of the group is to create and foster a comfortable environment for exploring the sound this excellent instrument can provide. The Uke is experiencing a huge resurgence in popularity; always a favorite, its low cost in a difficult economy is an additional incentive for music lovers. UKESTRA with Mike Loce™ is open to all ages. We now offer this circle or individual lesson at Music Elements. Topics of interest are basic techniques for beginners, as well as songs and more advanced playing techniques for current players. All are welcome! A goal of the circle is to promote the ukulele as a common bond for everyone. Group members work to improve their playing via practice at circle meetings and by preparing for performance opportunities. Along with ukulele, laughter is a common bond within the group.

Look what's happening in March.....

The 1st Annual Spring Festival of Wreaths, Creative Gingerbread and Fairy Gardens/Gnomes Houses

Location: Westford Regency

219 Littleton Rd Westford, MA 01886

Date: March 16 thru April 2

Friday March 16th is the first day of the festival. It starts at 6pm in the Regency Atrium. There will be music, refreshments, viewing and voting on the wreaths, gingerbread houses, fairy and gnome houses and more!

Visit <https://westford.org/funfest/> for more details!



Spring/Easter Craft and Vendor Fair

Location: Elks Lodge

40 Old Ferry Road Lowell MA, 01854

Date: March 24

Time: 10am-3pm

This is the 2nd annual craft fair at the Elks Lodge in Lowell. There will be more than 60 vendors present! It is free admission! There will be a cash bar, raffle tables and is family friendly.

(handicap and stroller accessible)



Westford Regional Art Event 2018

Registration is **OPEN!**

The Parish Center for the Arts invites artists of all ages and experience levels to participate in the 2018 Westford Regional Art Event (WRAE). The WRAE is a non-profit, volunteer-driven annual event designed to showcase emerging and established artists within our immediate and surrounding communities. Our goal is to encourage individuals of all ages to take part in, and share with others, their personal artistic expression through an open forum.

For full details about this great show, including labeling, framing, and size information, visit the WRAE page on our website

<http://www.westford.org/PCA>



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



March Birthdays

- Natasha T
- Ashlyn S
- Lyla E
- Melanie L
- Sean M
- Rebecca N
- Shreyci B
- Vyom B
- Zachary J
- Jonathan D
- Brody M
- Chandresekar M
- Sofia A
- Kaydan F
- Julia B
- Sarah O
- Billy H
- Adria M
- Raven G

Happy Birthday from Everyone at
Music Elements



Famous Musicians who also share Birthdays in March

- Lady Gaga, March 28, 1986
- Mariah Carey, March 27, 1970
- Will.I.am, March 15, 1975
- Steven Tyler, March 26, 1948
- Carrie Underwood, March 10, 1983
- James Taylor, March 12, 1948
- Jon Bon Jovi, March 2, 1962
- Reba McEntire, March 28, 1955
- Kenny Chesney, March 26, 1968
- Bret Michaels, March 15, 1963

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 St. Patrick's Day

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

