# Music Elements



### October 2018 Newsletter

The Beat is What Counts~

### Where are they now?

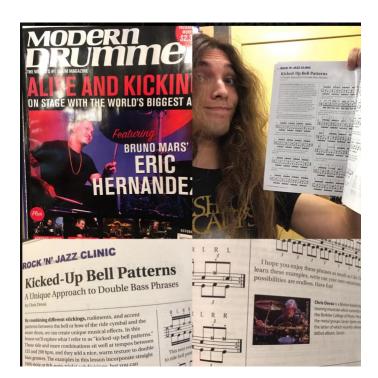
Chris Dovas used to take Drum lessons when the school was in Anita's home. Chris was 9 years old and studied with Ricardo Nhuch.

He was published in the magazine Modern Drummer!

Chris is also in a band called Seven Spires.

Seven Spires

https://sevenspiresband.com/





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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## Have you heard of this?

Bowed Zither

Bowed zithers...don't know what I talk about?

A zither is a chordophone whose strings are stretched all along the sound box. We find crate zithers, tubular zithers, stick zithers...the strings are often plucked or hit, but some can be played with a bow, and we'll see it!



### Meet the Teachers

#### Peter Mchugh

Classical trumpet progression taught by my uncle, Raymond Greeley (Air Force Band, Dayton Symphony, Director of the Sacred Heart Band [SHB] - Lowell). Joined SHB as a beginner, learning all the service hymns and marches, show tunes, and pop material arranged for marching and concert band. Exposure to wind ensemble came early! SHB also formed a "Dance Band" that performed big band and dixieland arrangements. Both units gave concerts around the Merrimack Valley area, including the outdoor Shell at Hampton Beach. We also marched every year in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC. After I'd left the band they even made a trip to Ireland for a series of performances.



#### High School and College:

Solo / 1st Cornet with the Chelmsford High School Marching and Concert Bands. Won a 1st Trumpet seat with the State's East District Concert Band as a senior. Performed in the pit orchestra for all the school's Broadway musicals. Then on to Harvard University to play Solo / 1st Cornet with their marching and concert bands. Again played in the pit orchestras for several stage productions.

#### Professional:

Began in high school and continued through college and beyond. Played typically with 3 - 6 piece groups doing college mixers, weddings, corporate parties and other events. There were also occasional church services where brass and choir were called for. And of course at military funerals, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day services calling for "Taps" (trumpeters go everywhere). Continued to play professionally in the region for roughly 10 years after college until returning to grad school to earn an MBA. I'd already begun a career in High Tech.



#### Autumn Fest

Date: October 27, 2018

#### Location: Lowell Assembly of God Church

995 Andover St Tewksbury, MA 01876

Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm

#### Free Event

Put on your armor, take out your tiara, and get ready for a Castle-Themed event!

Event includes: Hay Rides, Games, Crafts, Snacks, a Petting Zoo, and more!



#### The Great Pumpkin Drop Festival

Date: October 27, 2018

Location: Wamesit Lanes

434 Main St Tewksbury, MA 01876

Time: 12:00pm-11:30pm

Join us for a great day of all ages fun! Music - Food - Drinks - Games & More We will be Dropping a 1200lb Pumpkin from a Crane! -12:00 Festival Begins/Music Begin -12:30 Trick or Treat for Kids (12 Under, see below for details) - 2:00 Costume Contest for Kids (12 Under) - 3:00 Pumpkin Drop / Pumpkin Drop Bingo (See below for details) Trick or Treat for Kids (12 Under) Pre-Register each Child and receive: - Arcade Game Card - Wamesit Lanes Fun Pack - Trick or Treat bag



### Customer Appreciation Night at Casa Blanca in North Billerica

#### Date: October 11, 2018

#### Location: Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant

#### 99 Chelmsford Rd Billerica, MA 01862

#### Time: 5:00pm-close

We are incredibly grateful for all our customers. Without you, we wouldn't be where we are today. That's why we have decided to host a special event in your honor!

Join us on Thursday, October 11, beginning at 5pm for an evening of festivities. Guests will enjoy live mariachi, drink specials, one complimentary sampler platter per table, raffles, beverage reps, and 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: <a href="https://dylanjackquartet.bandcamp.com">https://dylanjackquartet.bandcamp.com</a>

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

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

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

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

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# Happy Birthday

#### **October Birthdays**

- Charlotte K, a student of John's
- Phil R, a student of Peter's
- Thomas S, a student of John's
- Jessica O, a student of Ken's
- Rachel O, a student of Ken's
- Maeve M, a student of Martha's
- Julie H, a student of Martha's
- Monica S, a student of Alex's

Happy Birthday from Everyone at Music Elements

### Famous Musicians who also share Birthdays in October

- Eminem: October 17, 1972
- Katy Perry: October 25, 1984
- Snoop Dogg: October 20, 1971
- "Weird Al" Yankovic: October 23, 1959
- John Mayer: October 16, 1977
- Tommy Lee: October 3, 1962
- Tom Petty: October 20, 1950
- Brad Paisley: October 28, 1972
- David Lee Roth: October 10, 1954
- Vanilla Ice: October 31, 1967
- Nick Cannon: October 8, 1980



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### **O**INSTAGRAM @MusicElementsMA

## 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 Halloween!

Anita, Dylan, John, Cayla, Peter, Alex B, Mike, Amanda, Karyn,

Martha, Kenneth, Ben, Alex W, Tyler and Anthony



