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Fairfield County Music Studio

NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Hello! Welcome to our quarterly newsletter! I have started this in a effort to connect a bit more to my students and their parents and to let everyone know what is happening at The Studio. This is the Spring Addition.

Spring Recital

The first topic of conversation will be our 14th Annual Spring Recital. This is our first Spring Recital as Fairfield County Music Studio.

The recitals will take place on May 19, 2024 at Faust Harrison Pianos. They will be held at 10, 12:30 and 2pm.

There is a \$25 recital fee per student and \$10 per attendee.

Tickets **are not** available at the door, I keep a guest list and running tally. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the *Tiny Miracles Foundation*. At our last recital we raised almost \$400 for our children's charity.

The full line of Fairfield County Music Studio merchandise will be available for purchase after the recital. We have bags, water bottles, custom bracelets and more. These will make amazing recital gifts for the students.

Participation is optional.

Summer Lessons

A few new students asked if I teach during the summer. The answer is yes. In the summer I will reduce my teaching to 5 days a week instead of six. Summer sessions will start in July.

T-Shirts

On May 1 our t-shirt order form will come to a close. Each student signed the form for the back of our shirts! The price is \$20 per shirt and will be delivered at the time of the lesson. T Shirts will not be available to order after this time.

Studio Showcase

In June our studio will be playing a few songs on the Huntington Green right across the street. This will be mostly rock, jazz, vocal, and some classical pieces. This is to introduce the studio to the City of Shelton and give back to the community. This will be a free event for the City and some older students will be asked to play. The exact date is pending.

New Instruments

This year the studio acquired a few new instruments! Firstly I had my Yamaha G2 Grand Piano delivered to The Studio to offer students a chance to play on a concert level grand piano at each lesson.

Next, I was able to secure a harpsichord so each student has a chance to learn how the harpsichord is different than the piano.

Pianos use a hammer to hit a string to allow it to vibrate but a harpsichord uses a quiver to pluck the string giving it an almost guitar-like tone. The harpsichord is considered the grandfather of the modern day piano.

Next, The Studio purchased a brand new instrument called the Expressivee Osmose. This is a revolutionary synthesizer that allows the player not only to add vibrato (the alteration of the sound by dipping lower or higher) but it also uses aftertouch to create different timbres when the note is completed, it is really remarkable and I will be debuting it our Spring Recital. We are the first educational studio to have one in the United States as I was in the first batch of orders from this company.

As my studio has grown to 84 students this year I would like to extend my sincere gratitude.

Thank you for giving the gift of music!

Mike Donnarummo, Owner Educational and Creative Director of
Fairfield County Music Studio



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