

At NextGen Church
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Notes and News!

Winter 2013



Musikgarten

Important Dates

January 13 – 19: Semester break (make up week)

January 20: Spring semester starts – don't miss out!

January 21: ML King Day – Studio is open

February 14-20: Presidents' weekend – studio is closed

March 24-30: Spring Break

UPCOMING EVENTS: Registration for the Spring semester is open. Familiar with our **Early Enrollment Earnings** plan? Register early and earn real dollars! Look for the green "Early Enrollment Earnings" box in our brochures and on the website.

MUSIKGARTEN CLASS REPORT



Music Makers...

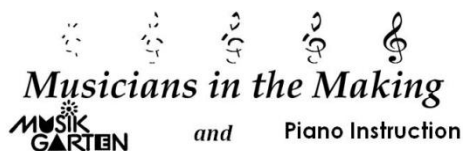
...At Home in the World
Ms. Latorre

This year's class is quite a creative one. They enjoy moving around the woodlands as squirrels, hiding from foxes, jumping, running, digging for food. They come up with some pretty wild animal movements on their own. So imaginative! We are also continuing to build on our ensembles - quite a challenge for the class and their parents. As the semester progresses both parent and child will be able to "hold their own" as we apply layer upon layer. In addition, I am impressed with their transition from aural to written rhythm symbols! We have been composing with our cards in class and using our pink dynamic cards. The children enjoy composing "challenging" pieces for the their parents to figure out. I can't wait to see what happens next semester when we introduce our tonal patterns!



FEATURING your
MUSICIAN IN THE MAKING

Please tell us about any musical events that involve your family or someone in your family by March 20. We would love to publicize it in our next newsletter coming out in April!



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From the Director



Happy New Year to all! I hope that you had a fun holiday break with plenty of rest and practicing! We are looking forward to continuing our musical journeys this semester with some special events, including the New Jersey Music Teacher's Association (NJMTA) Performathon in February and Piano Teachers Forum Piano Festival in March. Details coming soon! In lieu of Hurricane Sandy and missed lessons during the Fall Semester, your teacher may continue to have make-up lessons throughout this semester. We are looking forward to more music making this semester!

Musically yours,
Candice Choi
Piano Director

PS: Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook so that you have the latest news on recent happenings at Musicians in the Making!



Important Dates

January 21: ML King Day -- studio is open
February 16: NJMTA Performathon
March 16: PTF Festival
March 24: NJMTA Spring Recital Auditions
March 24 - 30: Spring Break
March 31-April 6: Snow/MakeUp Days

Student Highlights

A BIG congratulations to Nicholas Zhou who passed his Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Examination, level 1 with Distinction! This is the highest marking that is offered by ABRSM! Congratulations on your hard work and keep it up!

PIANO CLASS REPORT

Performance Class – Ms. Grant

The piano students at Musicians in the Making have gained a lot of confidence and made strides as composers at Performance class over the past two months! Both the November and December classes involved a group composition story that allowed each student to compose music. For our most recent December class, each student prepared two solo piano pieces to perform for the class, parents, friends, and even two news reporters! I am so proud of each student's musical growth over the Fall semester and send special thanks to Candice Choi, Matt Gutwald, and the parents who make this success possible!

Community Outreach

Performance at Pavillions at Forrestal



On Saturday, Dec. 8, Musicians in the Making piano students share their musical talents with the elderly at Pavillions at Forrestal. The students

performed a selection of Christmas music and pieces they have been working on all semester. Students and residents alike enjoyed this wonderful opportunity to share the holiday spirit! Thanks to all the students who participated in this heart-warming event!



Faculty Spotlight



Piano Faculty Members Candice Choi and Ashley Grant, along with colleagues Somruedi Kwan Suchitphanit and Ruisha Zhang performed in a Piano Benefit

Concert on Oct. 27th at NextGen Church, helping to raise money for their outreach programs. The musical program included works by Bach, Debussy, Ravel, Barber, and Chopin. We are happy to announce that this event raised over \$700 for NextGen Church's community outreach events!



Not only are our piano faculty great pianists, but they are singers in the nationally recognized Westminster Symphonic Choir!

Ashley Grant and Matthew Gutwald performed Villa Lobos's Choros No. 10 and Estevez's Cantata Criolla with Maestro Gustavo Dudamel and the Simón Bolívar Symphony Orchestra of Venezuela at Carnegie Hall in New York City. At the end of the concert, the orchestra received an applause that prompted not one encore, but THREE! The maestro was especially inspiring, and brought a new interpretation to each of the pieces that allowed everyone in the choir to project more of the music to the audience. Every moment left a musical imprint that will remain with these singer-pianists forever. Both Ashley and Matt are looking forward to returning to Carnegie Hall in February to perform Beethoven's 9th Symphony!
