

# DALLAS/MUSIC

Quarterly Newsletter

January/February 2009



## Baby Class News

- ◆ The spring semester has officially begun! Welcome to all new Music, Mommy & Me and First Movement students!
- ◆ Remember to call the office at 214-363-4980 to schedule a make-up class.
- Please call the office to speak with Ms. Jenni or Ms. Stathia if you are interested in having music at your child's birthday!



## Private Lesson News

- ◆ Our Ensemble Program will be held on February 15 at Bishop Lynch High School at 1:30. This is one of our most fun recitals! Please plan to attend.
- ◆ Good luck to our DALLAS/MUSIC students taking the State Theory Exam on February 1st! You have worked hard!
- ◆ Practice, Practice, Practice! This is the beginning of a very busy semester! Get ahead now!



## Summer Registration

- Summer schedules will be going out in February. Now is the time to be thinking about your summer plans.
- PRIORITY registration will be given to those students currently enrolled.
- Be sure to fill out your registration card and return it to the office with your \$50 deposit.
- Remember, private students are required to take a minimum of 4 lessons to continue in the fall.



## Upcoming Events



February 1	TMTA Spring Theory Test
February 14	Ensemble Rehearsals
February 15	Ensemble Recital
February 23	Priority Registration for Summer
February 28	Success of the Week party
March 3-4	Jazz/Pop Performance Classes
March 7	DMTA Jazz/Pop Contest
March 16-21	Spring Break
March 23	Lessons Resume

## Making Time for Music

Well, originally I had planned to “interview” a few of our families about their hectic schedules. I had planned to ask questions like, “How do you as a family make time for music”, “What do you do while waiting for lessons to finish”, you know, interesting questions that help other families get ideas on wise ways to spend their time. But between my busy schedule working and being a mom of two kids and trying to connect with

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other DALLAS/MUSIC moms, playing phone-tag was all that resulted.

So, we are going to change this article a bit, but still try to offer some helpful tidbits that help you in crazy mom life. Obviously, you feel that music is an important role in your family. If not, you would not be running around between soccer practice, dinner, dance, art, and karate trying to schedule in music lessons.

When we give you your child's lesson time in late August, you add it to everything else your family is involved in. Do you schedule in practice time? Often times, we remember to get our kids to lessons and activities, but we forget to get that "practice" in. By now, you have your schedule down pat, or at least you think you do. But as we begin Honor Roll, it might be a good idea to work on adding good practice time to the schedule, whether it be in the morning before school, or right after a snack after school. Try spending a couple of practice times at the piano with your child to make sure they are doing everything on the assignment sheet. Your child will love the extra one-on-one attention and have a better lesson each week.

Make sure your practice room is well lit; have a light set so that the music can be seen on the piano. It is also a good idea to have a tuned instrument. Try tuning every 6 months to a year. Also, check the bench. Is it easy to move back and forth? Does it get stuck on a rug? Can your child move it himself?

Each afternoon, our lobby is full of parents and siblings. It's a great place to do homework, read, or spend time with your other children. Snider Plaza is an excellent spot because you can always pick up dinner or do errands. If you are dropping off and know you will be late, remind your child to play in the yellow lab. The computer lab is an amazing tool we have to reiterate all that the teacher has taught in lessons!

We thank you for all of the time you spend at DALLAS/MUSIC. We know that as children get older and you get busier, it is easy to get involved in many activities. Keeping music part of your family's life is important, of course, for so many reasons. The most important: it will make you smile as you are cooking dinner humming along to your child's piece. Just try not to "holler" too much from the kitchen...

-Stathia Orwig



## Student's Point of View...

We asked a few of our students why they like to perform. While a few admitted that they did NOT like to perform, others shared their feelings about being in the center of attention.

*I like to perform because...*

"...it inspires me to challenge myself." - Apsaline

"...it's fun to play a piece in front of a lot of people."

-Todd



"...if you have a cool piece, it's fun to play it for people." - Amanda



"...it is nice to perform for other people besides my parents." - Laura

"...it makes me a little nervous, but my family is really proud of me."

-Anson



"...it means I'm done with the piece!" - Kaylee



"...it's fun. You get to be on stage and perform for people who like music." - Austin



"...it makes me feel more confident in big crowds. It also makes me feel more motivated on learning harder pieces."

-Logan



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