

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL OF SPRINGFIELD

For more than a quarter century, the Community Music School of Springfield (CMSS) has been nurturing a love of music in people of all ages. From a dream in 1983 to the flourishing center for the arts you see before you, CMSS serves nearly 600 students each week and an additional 750 annually through a myriad of Community Partnership Programs. CMSS works with students from toddlers to senior adults, with all kinds of musical interests and levels of proficiency. Music Therapy for both adults and children is also an important offering at the Music School.

In December 2009 we debuted the magnificent Robyn Newhouse Hall which hosts student recitals, a wide ranging variety of concerts, Master Classes, Artist in Residence performances, and several series of afternoon and evening programs. The long-awaited Hall is the first time the School has had a dedicated performance space and is testament to the generosity of many foundations, corporations and individuals committed to music training and exposure.

Our most recent Capital Campaign also funded the creation of our innovative Prelude Preschool of the Arts for 3 to 5 year old boys and girls, the only full-day and part-day, arts-infused program in Massachusetts. That same campaign created 12 new teaching studios on the 4th floor, the outdoor playground, administrative offices and waiting areas. We continue to work to build our endowment for future generations to study.

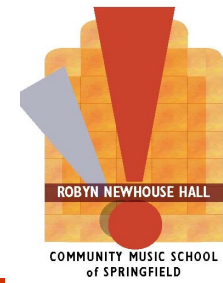
With students from Springfield and 33 surrounding communities attending individual, group and ensemble lessons each week, taught by a remarkable faculty of 65 musician-educators, CMSS is a busy institution, open for instruction six days and five evenings each week. The School has never wavered from its original mission: to provide equal opportunities to study music for everyone, especially children. The Music School serves as an anchor institution for the arts in downtown Springfield as well as a regional resource, providing opportunities that take boys and girls and men and women to places of possibility that never existed before the establishment of the CMSS.

Please telephone or refer to the website for information about CMSS programs and events.

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CMSS CHORUS PROGRAMS

Allegro Chorus



The **Allegro Chorus**, under the direction of **Laura Williams**, is a select chorus for boys and girls in grades K-4. This training ensemble gives children an opportunity to sing with other talented young musicians from the surrounding community. Students learn the musical skills needed for singing in a group, which include following a conductor, basic sight-singing, learning rounds, canons, beginner two-part songs, and musical games. The main goal is to enhance student musicality while having fun!

The Allegro Chorus performs several concerts during the year, including performances throughout the community.

Monday

Grades K - 2 - 45 min. 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Grades 3 & 4 - 1hr. 15 min. 5:00- 6:15 p.m.

Fee: \$6 per week Grades 1 & 2

Fee: \$9 per week Grades 3 & 4



Vivace Chorus



The **Vivace Chorus**, under the direction of **Richard Matteson**, is a select treble chorus for girls and boys with unchanged voices in grades 5-12 who love to sing and want to join with other strong musicians to develop their musical skills, learn to balance and blend with other singers, and develop a repertoire of advanced choral music. The goals for this chorus are to create a choral sound that is expressive and effective for a variety of song materials and styles as well as enhance their appreciation for choral music of different time periods, cultures, and languages. Students develop an understanding of good vocal techniques including breath support, listening, and diction.

The Vivace Chorus performs several concerts throughout the year, including performances in the larger community.

Monday

6:15-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10 per week

Groups meet September - June.

Tuition payments may be made monthly September - May.

For additional information on these programs or other musical offerings, please contact the Registrar at (413) 732-8428

***Annual Registration fee: \$40 individual; \$50 family**

Chorus Directors

Richard S. Matteson is a graduate of the Hartt School of Music, with a major in organ and liturgical music and a minor in voice and choral conducting. He served as Organist/Choir Director at several Hartford area churches over 39 years. He has taught music at St. Thomas the Apostle School, West Hartford, CT, the Grace Webb School, Bloomfield, CT, and Berkshire Hills Academy in South Hadley. Richard has been accompanist for a variety of choral groups, including the City Singers of Hartford (2001-2006), the Middle School Honors Choir at the OAKE National Convention held in Springfield (March, 2005) and the Western Mass Junior Division Treble Chorus (2007). He currently is accompanist for the South Hadley Chorale and Minister of Music at First Congregational Church, Amherst.

Laura Williams holds B.S. and B.A. degrees in music from UConn. She received her Master of Music degree from UConn and her Kodaly certification from the Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford. Mrs. Williams has more than ten years of choral directing and music teacher experience.



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