

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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Early Childhood Programs 2010 - 2011



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Research continues to demonstrate that music has a profound impact on the brain. Engaging in musical activity has been shown to improve both the ability to learn and emotional intelligence. Beginning early can inspire young children to develop musical skills and personal expression. Sing, dance, make musical instruments and play musical games in one of our acclaimed Early Childhood classes.

EARLY CHILDHOOD INSTRUCTORS

Aric Bieganek has been an early childhood music educator since graduating from Berklee College of Music in 2002 with a Bachelor of Music degree in Songwriting. After teaching in Minnesota and New York City, Aric moved to Western Massachusetts in 2006, where he has gained a faithful following as a teacher and a children's entertainer.

Shanta Cortez-Grieg graduated from Wesleyan University with a degree in Philosophy and Music. A singer-songwriter as well as an educator, Shanta has been performing since she was 16. She brings international flavor to her teaching, having lived in Europe, the Middle East and India before moving to Western Massachusetts

**Classes begin
Monday 9/20/2010
Wednesday 9/22/10**

Future Maestros I

Ages: 3&4 15 weeks, 45 minutes

Time: Monday, 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$150 (No refunds after second class)

Instructor: Aric Bieganek

In this fun, imaginative introductory music class for 3 and 4 year olds, students will explore many different aspects of the world of music. Future Maestros will begin to study musical instrument families, begin basic rhythm and note studies and begin to absorb many different musical genres and instruments as they start down the path to instrument study. Students will also learn basic songwriting skills using computer recording software and will receive a CD of their work each session. A performance will occur during the final 15 minutes of the last class in each session. *Drop Off Class (No adults after Week 1 unless a child is having separation issues, or needs one-on-one supervision)*

Future Maestros II

Ages: 5-7 15 weeks, 45 minutes

Time: Monday, 4:45 p.m.

Fee: \$150 (No refunds after second class)

Instructor: Aric Bieganek

This class is intended for K-1 students who wish to embark upon a path to musical instrument study, and it also serves as a way for Future Maestros I students to build on their previous studies. Through a hands-on, imaginative curriculum, Future Maestros II will continue rhythm and note studies; begin to apply their studies to real instruments (Orff xylophones, glockenspiels and recorders), learn basic conducting patterns and study various musical genres and instruments. Students will learn basic to intermediate level songwriting skills using computer recording software and will receive a CD of their work each session. A performance will occur during the final 15 minutes of the last class in each session. *Drop Off Class (No adults after Week 1 unless a child is having separation issues, or needs one-on-one supervision).*

Toddler Beats

Ages: 3&4 year olds

15 weeks, 45 minutes

Time: Wednesday, 5:15 p.m.

Fee: \$150 (No refunds after second class)

Instructor: Shanta Cortez-Grieg

Preschool aged children apply their brilliant imaginations to the study of music. With creativity and imagination as our guide, we explore song and dance. Children begin exploring musical ideas; rhythm, notes, dynamics, and instruments. Students learn improvisation and compose short pieces as a group. Parents are welcome to attend class with their children, but are not required to do so.

Music FUN-damentals

Ages: 5&6 year olds

15 weeks, 45 minutes

Time: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Fee: \$150 (No refunds after second class)

Instructor: Shanta Cortez-Grieg

Kindergarteners and First Graders explore more advanced studies in music through hands-on activities, learning songs and dances. Students begin to explore more complex musical ideas including tonality, rhythm and note study, and tempo. Children improve their improvisational skills as well as explore a wider range of instruments. Parents are welcome to attend class with their children, but are not required to do so.

**Please contact the
CMSS Registrar,
for more information about these
exciting new classes.
Tel: (413) 732-8428**