

MusicNotes

The Official Newsletter of the Ottawa & Kanata Music Academy

Important Dates

January 1st
Closed

January 28th
National Kazoo Day

February 14th
Hunt Club Park Community
Association's Annual
Snow Blast
Elizabeth Manley Park
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

February 21st
Echoes of Winter
Kailash Mital Theatre
Carleton University
1125 Colonel By Drive
2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

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Echoes of Winter 2015

Date: Saturday February 21st 2015

Time: 2:30 to 5:30 pm

Tickets: \$12/each or \$40/family of 4

**Place: Kailash Mital Theatre
Carleton Uni., 1125 Colonel By Drive**

Mark your calendars and join us for a spectacular show! All proceeds raised will go to the CHEO Foundation. See you there!

Silent Auction & Bake Sale starting at 1:30
Grand Prize Draw: SAMSUNG GALAXY TAB 3 LITE

• CALL FOR DONATIONS!

We are currently collecting donations for the Silent Auction! Look through the list below for some ideas on how you can donate to help make our auction a success. No item is too large or small!

Travel and Entertainment: Passes for sport or fitness centres. Hockey, NAC tickets, movies, etc.

Art and Hobbyists: Woodwork, jewelry, baker, preservatives, artwork, sculptures, pottery

Businesses: Gift certificates (a great way to promote the business!)

You can also make a cash donation to support our cause.

• LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are also looking for people to help out with the Bake Sale and Silent Auction stations on the event day.

If any of these opportunities interest you, please speak to the administration staff.

Student Spotlight

Featuring Laura Wang

Which instrument are you currently learning?

Guzheng, Level 6 piano, level 5 vocal

How long have you been taking lessons?

Guzheng: 3 years, Piano: 5 years, Vocal: 3.5 years

If you could learn another musical instrument, what would it be?

The flute or guitar

Who is your favourite composer or musician and what is your favourite type of music?

I like Taylor Swift (musician) and I like calm songs.

What is your favourite book?

I like the Redwall and the Warriors series.

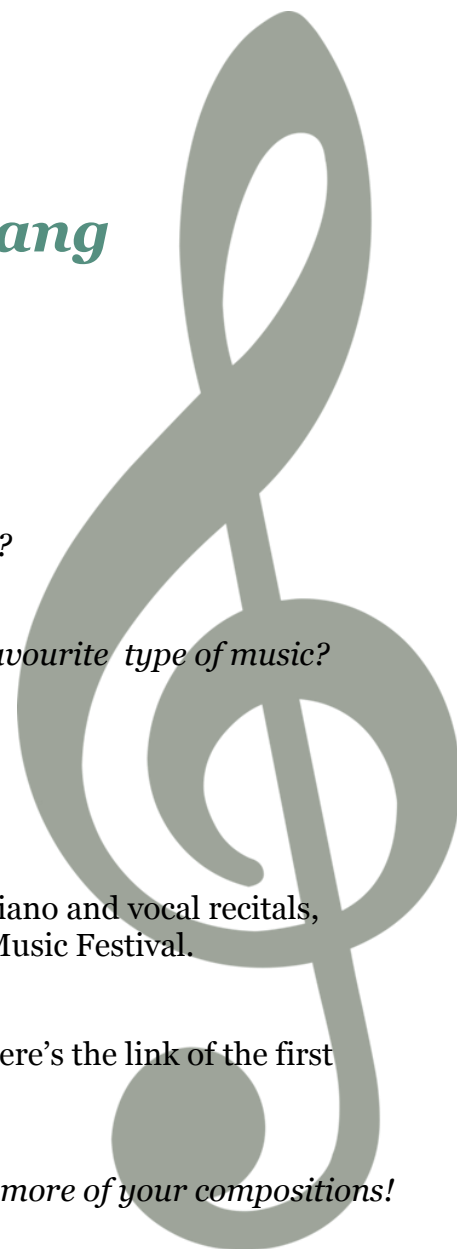
What are some of your music related achievements?

I've done piano and vocal exams, been to many guzheng, piano and vocal recitals, participated in the school talent show and in the Kiwanis Music Festival.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself.

I started composing piano songs when I was 9 years old. Here's the link of the first song I composed! http://youtu.be/M_QC_en3Goo

Thanks for sharing with us Laura! We look forward to hearing more of your compositions!



STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT

Check next month's issue for Musician of the Month nominations!

Did you complete a music exam? Did you join a choir or band? Have you participated in a competition or public performance? We want to hear about your musical accomplishments!

Visit the administration desk and let us know about your achievements and you could be featured in our next newsletter!



Happy New Year everyone! We hope you and an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season.

The New Year always feels like a fresh start. It's a great time to motivate ourselves to set new goals and resolutions. What are your resolutions this year? What are you aiming to achieve?

Here are some ideas for music lesson-related goals and resolutions:

Practice more. Even if it is only 5 extra minutes a week, you will notice improvements!

Work on something you find hard. There is always that one song or bit of theory that is so difficult! Approach the challenge with a positive attitude and do your best to overcome the tricky parts.

Try something new. Maybe it's time for you to change instruments or finally start learning another one! A new beginning can refresh your brain and challenge you to become a better learner.

Perform more often. Do you avoid recitals? Try participating this year! Or perform private concerts at home for family and friends. You will see how fun it is when you share your music and talent with others.

Remember to be realistic with your goals! Set yourself up for success by making small plans as well as bigger ones. Knowing that you accomplished you set out to do will leave you feeling confident and satisfied, even if the goal was small.

Don't forget to make reminders for yourself. Post your goals somewhere you can see them all year. You can always speak to your instructor for help and guidance. Good luck with your new ambitions!

Incredible Instrument: Kazoo

- Invented by American Alabama Vest and German clockmaker Thaddeus Von Klegg.
- First produced in 1852.
- Can be made of plastic, wood or metal.
- Part of the membranophone family of instruments.
- Makes sound by vibration of a membrane.
- To play the kazoo, you HUM. Don't blow!
- Hum in to the big end of the kazoo, not the small end.



Check out this Kazoo Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5WRQ6UXSCo>

SNOWBLAST

Saturday February 14th, 2015
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Elizabeth Manley Park

The Ottawa Music Academy is a sponsor of this year's SNOW BLAST Winter Carnival, organized by the Hunt Club Park Community Association. This is the second year for this event and we are so excited to be a part of it! There will be plenty of activities, such as horse carriage rides, games, a campfire, ice carving, snacks and a Police Officers vs Firefighters hockey game. On top of that, admission is free!

Don't miss out on this fun-filled event and visit us at the off-ice games station! See you there!

SNOWBLAST 2015

Winter Carnival brought to you by the
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 Community Association



www.huntclubpark.ca

Activities:

- Horse and Carriage Rides
- Kids' Games (on-ice and off-ice games)
- Live Ice Carving
- Camp Fire, Smores and Popcorn
- Skate on the Outdoor Rink
- Coffee and Hot Chocolate
- BBQ

Don't Miss:
 Police vs Firefighters
 Hockey Game!

FREE ADMISSION!

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Valentine Name Game!

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 skills and prepare for our
 annual Name Game in the
 next newsletter!

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