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MSU Community Music School Newsletter

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CMS offers five summer music camps

From musical theatre to rock to music therapy, the MSU Community Music School has summer camps that appeal to a range of interests. All five summer camps are now open for registration. Registration forms are available on the [CMS website](#).

[Eric 'RicStar' Winter Music Therapy Camp](#)

(June 16 - 18)

[Jazz Camp](#)

(June 19 - 24)

[Rock Camp](#)

(July 11 - 15)

[Middle School Band Camp](#)

(July 18 - 22)

[Musical Theatre Camp](#)

(July 25 - 29)



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Suzuki alumna to return to Lansing, give master class

src="http://ih.constantcontact.com/fs007/1102026478289/img/507.jpg" width=216 height=142>Because they will no longer perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) this month due to the musicians' strike, the Michigan State University Children's Choir (MSUCC) has planned two new concerts, one of which is offered in conjunction with the University of Michigan choirs with which they were originally supposed to perform the canceled Mahler's Symphony No. 8 program.

The UMS Choral Union, the U-M Chamber Choir and the MSU Children's Choir will give a combined, free concert titled [Festival of Voices](#) at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor on March 19 at 8 p.m. In addition to other works, the choirs will perform an excerpt from Mahler's Symphony No. 8. The concert will also include Duruflé Requiem and an assortment of favorite choral works for chorus and organ.

On March 17 at 7:30 p.m., the MSUCC and the Young Men's Chorus will give a free concert titled *Gifts* in the CMS Auditorium. The concert features both ensembles and solo performances from members of the two groups.

Bring a Friend Month returns to CMS

Now you can share your favorite CMS experiences with a friend! CMS has opened up the entire school: classes, events, and concerts, to the friends of students now through April 15. *Please be sure to check with your instructor to coordinate the best time for your friend to visit.*



CMS will give each visiting guest and their student host a Silly Band for participation in Bring a Friend Month.

Members of the children's and youth choirs should check with Ms. Zaryski for dates to bring a friend.

Got strings? Students in the Lansing Schools do.

After learning "The Monkey Song" and "Hot Cross Buns" in their Lansing School District music classrooms, several students in grades 2-4 will come to CMS on March 19 to build upon that experience. The students will have the opportunity to play on half size violins, violas and cellos once again and will participate in other music activities at Suzuki Strings Day.

The program, "Got strings? They are cool tools," is free to the schools and the students. It is made possible by a \$1,500 grant from the City of Lansing Arts and Cultural Minigrant Program, funded by the City of Lansing through the Lansing Economic Development Corporation and administered with help from the [Arts Council of Greater Lansing](#). The instruments are provided by [Shar Music](#) at a discounted rental rate.

"The experience should bring these children a closer



Melissa White is a member of the critically acclaimed, and internationally touring, [Harlem String Quartet](#). She began her violin studies in the [MSU Suzuki Program](#). She was also a member of the [Mid-Michigan Youth Symphony](#) (MMYS). Ms. White returns to her hometown to solo with the [Lansing Symphony Orchestra](#) on March 26. CMS and MMYS families can receive discounted tickets to the LSO concert by calling the LSO at (517) 487-5001.

While in town, Ms. White will give a master class at CMS. She will work with selected students from both the CMS and the MMYS. The public is invited to attend this free event sponsored jointly by CMS and MMYS.

The master class is on Sunday, March 27 at 1 p.m. in the CMS Large Ensemble Room.

appreciation of learning how to play an instrument as well as hopefully a desire for some of them to continue learning the instrument," said Susanne Garber, area chair of the Suzuki and strings programs at CMS.



The in-school presentations were led by Garber, Lauren Hansen, Anne Kearney-Looman, and Paul Rebeck. Student volunteers from the College of Music assisted, as did some CMS students.

Roxanne Kieme was a student volunteer from the [College of Music](#).

"The experience of visiting the schools was very exciting. It is important to reach out to the community and to get involved outside the university," said Kieme.

Not only are the CMS faculty and volunteers excited about this program, but the teachers in the Lansing schools are too.

"The students and I were very excited about having CMS come into the classroom to teach us about the string family," said Aida Cisneros, music teacher at both Averill Elementary and Reo Elementary. "Students felt a sense of accomplishment and pride when they realized they could learn to play a song on the violin, cello, viola in less than an hour! It was amazing!"

The project connects to [Music in Our Schools Month](#), designated by the National Association for Music Education, and reminds citizens that school is where all children should have access to music.

CMS students bring "String Fever" to community

Playing for the Michigan Senate is not something most students get to do, but String Fever, a student quartet coached by CMS faculty and consisting of three CMS students, Rachel DeShambo, Meredith Fitschen Brown and Rowena Ng, got the chance to do so and took it with enthusiasm and excitement. Their performance for the senate is one of their many recent accomplishments.



Their orchestra director at East Lansing High School came to them with the invitation to play for the senate. The excitement of playing in the beautiful Capitol Building was not something they were about to turn down they said.

Calling all adults who like rock



Yes, this does mean you!

CMS is offering a one-day [rock league workshop](#) on Saturday, March 26 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for \$40. The workshop is for ANY adult, age 21 and up, with some experience on guitar, bass, drums, keys or vocals. This is the perfect opportunity to jam in a group, learn about the latest technology and music gear, and refine your technique on your instrument of choice. Sessions will be led by [The Outer Vibe](#).

"Some of the adults calling are a bit hesitant, thinking maybe it isn't for for beginners or those who have been classically trained. None of this is true," said Amanda Darche, Communications Coordinator for CMS

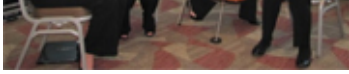


Photo credit String Fever

"It was amazing being there and having so many people hear us," says DeShambo. "We were all really excited to get an opportunity like that."

A few weeks later, the girls gave a performance at the East Lansing Public Library for "Geek the Arts Day." ([Geek the Library](#) is a national campaign supporting public libraries.) They also recently received a I rating at Solo and Ensemble Festival.


These students plan to keep music as a part of their lives and futures.

"I hope to continue though high school playing with the quartet, [MMYS](#) and orchestra. After that I am not completely sure. I would love it to be a part of my life though," said Fitschen Brown.

Ng agrees.

"Music in general is always floating around in my head, and playing an instrument lets me explore more and more literature and actually utilize it," says Ng. "Music has been one of the ways I've met new people from all over, and I don't expect that to stop."

Cindy Duda: "Music is for everyone"

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Cindy Duda, a CMS bassoon instructor, section coach for the [Middle School Band Camp](#) and an Assistant Director for the [New Horizons Band](#), lives by this philosophy. She is constantly challenging people to find a part in their lives that does not involve music.

"I have been so fortunate to have the most inspiring teachers and more wonderful experiences than I could have ever imaged," said Duda of her career and education.

This is Duda's fifth year at CMS, although she has been teaching college-level courses for 10 years and teaching private bassoon lessons for more than 15 years. She is also on staff as the bassoon instructor at three other colleges including, Albion College, Hillsdale College, and Goshen College.

Duda started playing the piano at five years old, then turned to the clarinet and flute before discovering the bassoon. She graduated with

Coordinator for CMS.
"Everyone is welcome. The only requisite is an interest in rock."

Events Calendar

March

17 Gifts (MSUCC and Young Men's Chorus), 7:30 p.m., CMS Auditorium

19 Festival of Voices, 8 p.m., Hill Auditorium (Ann Arbor)

19 Suzuki Workshop, 9-3 p.m., CMS

20 All-School Recital, 3 p.m., CMS LER

25 British Isles Prep Choir and CMS Singers Concert, 7 p.m., CMS Auditorium

26 Adult Rock Workshop, 1-5 p.m., CMS

27 Strings Master Class with Melissa White, 1-3 p.m., CMS LER

April

3 NHB Combined Concert with Port Huron

6 [Together... Let's Jam](#), 7:30 p.m., CMS

a Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Performance from Michigan State University last May.

"This is the first time in my life that I haven't been a student since kindergarten," said Duda jokingly.

Educational role models have always been part of Duda's life. Her mom was a middle school math teacher, aunt, an elementary school teacher, and uncle, an elementary school principle, so she knew she was bound to end up in education.

"With an education environment and music being a passion, teaching is what made sense," says Duda.

Long hours of practice, working odd hours and travel to and from gigs can be tough, but the rewards always outweigh it said Duda.

"I can't imagine anything more fulfilling," said Duda of her career.

News and noteworthy happening

- Volunteers are needed for the [Eric 'RicStar' Winter Music Therapy Camp](#), June 16-18. Both adults and teens are needed. Please contact [Cindy Edgerton](#) for information.
- CMS has received a second \$250 grant from the [Junior League of Lansing](#) in support of financial aid. In total, the League has granted \$500 to CMS in 2010-11 to make programs more accessible to those of all incomes.
- CMS has received a lot of attention from the media lately. Recent press clips include coverage of the [Got Strings? project in Lansing State Journal](#), a story about [music therapy in the State News](#), and [a story in the Lansing State Journal about the Rock Program](#). Check out all of CMS's press on [our news page](#).
- CMS is offering a music therapy/early childhood music class especially for children with special needs. Enrollment is ongoing and is prorated. The class meets on Wednesdays from 2:15-3 p.m. Please call the CMS office at (517) 355-7661 for more information.

Please consider a gift to CMS

Support from individuals in the community helps CMS offer quality music programs, classes, lessons, and music therapy taught by dedicated and gifted faculty. Your support allows CMS to offer financial aid to those in need of assistance. Gifts are tax deductible.

[Make a donation to CMS](#)

10 Grove Street
Gallery Co-Op
Chamber Music
Performance, 1 p.m.,
Grove Street Gallery

15 Celebrate Abilities,
time TBA, MSU Union

17 All-School Recital,
3 p.m., CMS LER

20 CMS Drum Circle,
7:30 p.m., CMS

24 Gerardo Ascheri
Studio Recitals, 2
p.m. and 3:30 p.m.,
CMS Auditorium

27 [Mid-Michigan
Youth
Symphony](#) Children's
Concert, 10 a.m.,
Wharton Center

29 Spring Rock Camp
Concert, 7 p.m., The
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