

MARCH NEWSLETTER



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How Does The Summer Work?

IMPORTANT DATES:

Spring Break
Tuesday, April 5-
Sunday, April 10

May Recitals
May 7, 8, 14, 15
& 21, 22

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30

Summer Break
Saturday, July 2-
Wed., July 6

Labor Day
Monday, September 5

Thanksgiving
Tuesday, Nov. 22-
Sunday, Nov. 27

In February we surpassed 600 students for the first time.

If you've tried to make a schedule change or been in the parking lot recently you've seen first hand how full things are at the Academy.

Each Spring I often get asked these questions:

Q. "How do lessons work in the summer?"

A. The Academy is open year round, and we do not close during the summer.

Q. Do a lot of students quit during the summer?

A. For the past 5 years, we have grown in enrollment each June by 10%. Some students withdraw but we get a huge influx of students in June and many continue into the Fall. We enrolled 63 students last June. With the current recession, the number of students travelling in the summer and withdrawing for vacations has hit record lows.

Q. How full is the Academy?

A. As of today we are at 96% capacity, and many teachers are sold out between the hours of 3:00-8:30 p.m.



Q. If we withdraw for the summer, can we keep our spot for Fall?

A. Lessons are first come first serve, so if you withdraw for the summer, we cannot guarantee that we will have a spot for you in the Fall as we will open the spot to new students .

The big question for all parents and students to consider is:

Do you want to stay with the same teacher in the Fall?

If the answer is YES there are 2 ways to do this:

1. Take advantage of our summer make up lessons

We realize that some of you will go on vacation for a portion of the summer. By signing up for the summer make ups, you can make up 6 of your lessons and keep the same teacher and spot for Fall.

It's very easy to do:

Check off the dates that you want to come for your make ups on the form that was mailed to your home and return to the office. If you don't know the dates yet, you can turn it in anytime during the summer. GET A HEAD START!: You can start making up lessons for the summer in advance starting March 12.

2. Sub lease your spot to a family or friend.

You can send a family member or friend in your place for the dates you will miss. Just let the office know who is coming in your place and when. Make sure that they reimburse you directly for the lessons.

If you are taking summer lessons and need a specific time for Fall, please contact me around late July and I will do my best to accommodate you.

Each September, I get calls from students who have been with us for years, but withdrew for the summer. They want to return to the same teacher, day and time, but the spot has been filled by another student.

If you LOVE your teacher, keep your spot by using the summer make ups or sub lease your spot.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 803-787-0931.

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Did You Read Your Newsletter Contest!

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To increase readership of the CAA Newsletter, each month we'll feature a new contest winner or a new contest.

Be sure to read your newsletter each month to see if your name has been drawn or you might miss out!

This month's winner is

Tommy Golden

Tommy has won \$50.00 in free music retail from the Columbia Arts Academy!

To redeem your prize just bring this to the office and pick out anything that's in stock.

Congratulations Tommy and everyone be sure to read their newsletter each month!



**Please welcome the
NEW students who
enrolled in February!**

- Madison A.
- Scott M.
- Majorie Anne F.
- Carson S.
- Jhurni W.
- Emily B.
- Michael B.
- Ayanna J.
- Anna H.
- Jason C.
- Miranda H.
- Christopher W.
- Wyatt P.
- Carson S.
- Elizabeth M.
- Barnell M.
- Jonathan K.
- Elizabeth L.
- Leighton L.
- Jennifer E.
- Chelsea C.
- Uriel E.
- Hayden W.
- Ian F.
- Eren S.
- Paul H.
- Jeff K.
- Jacob J.
- Lyndsey C.
- Ben B.
- Elizabeth B.
- Chelsea C.
- Ashley C.
- Eden R.
- Elizabeth L.
- William S.
- J. J. W.
- Tyrese S.
- Yvonne D.
- Ben H.
- Brad O.
- Ryan F.
- Lydia D.
- Caesar S.
- Zach H.
- Mandy S.
- Beth M.
- Joseph B.
- Michael B.
- Chelsea T.
- Ivy Y.
- Carrie D.

Picture Days In May!

If you've enjoyed the pictures in the Academy lobby, they were all taken by Elaine Floyd at the December Academy Picture Day. Picture days are held every May and December and are free for Academy students. You can pose with or without your instrument, solo or with your family and you can then order the prints you want for a small fee starting at \$2.00 for a digital download.

The dates are Saturday May 7 and Sunday May 8th 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The last picture day sold out, so contact the office asap if you would like to get your picture taken this year.



Where Is Your Teacher Playing This Month?

Megan Miller and Jason Summers perform with the cover band Chick Flix Sat March 12 Wings-N-Ale (Benefit show) and Fri March 25 Jillians

Brian Locke is music director and pianist for "Our Story on Broadway", March 12 and 13 at Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center. He was also featured on WACH Fox Columbia's Arts Watch program for Good Day Columbia, Week of March 7, 2011

**Some of our teachers perform at venues that are ages 21 and up only. Please contact the venue before attending any teacher performance to see if there are any age considerations. After all, it is rock n roll!*

Students of the Month

The High Maintenance Band

1. Who are the members of the band?

Neal Dolan, guitar
Jake Orris, lead vocals
Chip Brown, Bass
Sean Brown, Drums
Rich Edelson, guitar
(pictured left to right)

2. How many years have the members taken lessons at the Academy?

Neal and Chip 5 years, Rich 4 years

3. Have your private lessons helped the members who take lessons to be a better band?

Chip: Absolutely! We wouldn't be where we are now had it not been for the lessons. The lessons have made us better musicians and in turn a better band.

Neal: I have taken guitar lessons in 4 different states over my lifetime adding up to at least five years of lessons. Basically I never really got anywhere other than disappointed, then disinterested. During my time at the Columbia Arts Academy, I have been encouraged and challenged. The instructors are excellent!! They blend theory and practice to get you playing. It has been a great experience and I continue to take lessons to improve my skills and become a better musician.

4. What kind of music does the band play?

Rock from the 80's,90's and some current. Songs everyone knows the words to.

5. What upcoming shows do you have?

We're playing 03/11 at The Dam Bar and Grill, 03/18 Wild Wings at Sandhills, 03/25 Baja Broiler,

6. What's your web site address?

www.hmbandrocks.com



IS YOUR TEACHER SOLD OUT? • TEACHERS WITH WAITING LISTS

Many teachers have sold out. If you need a schedule change or would like to be added to a waiting list for a particular teacher, day or time, please contact any of our office staff team and they can add you to the waiting list.

There are still limited lessons spots available. To inquire about openings for March or April send an e-mail to info@columbiaartsacademy.com or call the office 803-787-0931.

Here's a partial list of who's currently full:

VOICE:

- Bill Grant:** All times **SOLD OUT**
- Megan Miller:** All days and times **SOLD OUT**
- Laura Nevitt:** Saturdays 12-4 p.m. & Fridays 3:30-7 p.m. **SOLD OUT**
- Krista Firkus:** Thursdays: all times **SOLD OUT**

PIANO:

- Jennifer Pollins:** Wednesdays 3:30-8:00 p.m. **SOLD OUT**
- Thursdays** 11 a.m.-7:00 p.m. **SOLD OUT**
- Christina Mento:** all times: **SOLD OUT**
- Peter Rich:** Mondays 2:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesdays 3:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday 3:00-7:30 p.m. Fridays 1:30-6:00 p.m. **SOLD OUT**
- Jon Woodhams:** Mondays 3:00-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays 4:00-7:00 p.m. **SOLD OUT**

DRUMS:

- Jason Summers:** Tuesdays 3:00-6:30 p.m. Thursdays 3:30-6:30 p.m. **SOLD OUT**

GUITAR:

- Brett Floyd:** 1 slot Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. open. All other days and times **SOLD OUT**
- Lewis Taylor:** Mondays 3-8 p.m. **SOLD OUT** Wednesdays 3:30-9 p.m. **SOLD OUT** Thursdays 2:30-8 p.m. **SOLD OUT**
- Max Hardy:** Mondays 3:00-9 p.m. **SOLD OUT**
- Garrett Glover:** Wednesdays: all times **SOLD OUT** Thursdays 2:30-7:00 p.m. **SOLD OUT**
- Jeremy Polley:** 1 slot Wednesdays 2:30 p.m. open 4/6/11. All other days and times **SOLD OUT**



MAY RECITALS!

Our May recitals are the first three weekends in May.

The recitals are Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

The performances will be held at the Academy in room #10.

Letters have been sent home to all performers so please be sure to read yours when it arrives.

If you're not in the May recital, not to worry!

We do them every 6 months and you can perform in the December recital!

Talk to your teacher and or the office if you have any questions.

Refer a Friend & get TWO FREE lessons!

If you have a friend who might like to take lessons, if you refer them to the Academy and they take 1 month of lessons, we'll give you TWO lessons for free!

It's very easy to refer someone. Just visit: columbiaartsacademy.com/referafriend
Type in your name, their name and their e-mail address and we'll take care of the rest!
There's no maximum to the amount of free lessons that you can receive!



Free Lesson Gift Certificate

Thank you YOUR NAME HERE!

for referring _____
to the Academy!

1. To redeem your free lesson, call 787-0931 and sign up for an additional lesson, any day of the week, with your teacher or any of our other teachers. You are welcome to try another instrument if you like or give this to a friend. Lessons cannot be rescheduled once they are on the Academy calendar.

2. Certificates cannot be used for refunds to your account or cash.

Given by: _____ Date: _____

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