



February/March Newsletter



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**VILLAGE KIDS LEARN
THE WONDERS OF MUSIC!**
DR. VIRGIL LUPU AND FORTE MUSIC

By Amy Christensen
Photos by Rebecca Trumbull

Village Kids Learn the Wonders of Music

with Music FunTime!

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Forte Music School is well known in the Toledo and surrounding areas as a top-notch school for learning music. With over 45 instructors teaching a wide range of instruments, vocals and musical styles, there is something for everyone. In addition, the school provides lessons without hidden fees or recital costs. All students are a top priority, regardless of age, so safety and convenience are very important. Time slots for lessons, Covid safety measures, background checks on all faculty and staff, video and audio surveillance, as well as observation windows allow students and parents to feel safe and comfortable.

Director Virgil Lupu, who grew up in a musical family in Transylvania, never thought he would end up the director of a private music school. He began playing the violin at age 7, went to a music oriented high school, and made his first trip to the US in 1998 when he had the opportunity to travel with a Romanian Traditional Folk Music and Dance youth group. "During that tour, we were placed with host families, which was a great way to learn more about the US culture, practice my English, and create great friendships." Virgil ended up at BGSU on a full music scholarship where he got his undergraduate degree in Violin Performance, then obtained his MA at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

With the expansion of the school this past year and the ability to take on more students, Lupu wanted to extend the age range to include preschoolers. "The Music FunTime program that we started is meant to start music education from a very early age, where music will become part of their life, and hopefully students will continue their musical journey for many years and become a regular part of their life." Lupu and his staff, Ksenilla Stoian, the Music FunTime coordinator, and Ms. Chelsea Guadarrama, Music FunTime teacher (also teaches voice and piano), selected the Music FunTime program for its ability to incorporate a very hands-on approach, while teaching the basics of rhythm, reading music and playing music with others. Director Lupu said in a November 2021 press release, "I myself went through a similar program growing up in Romania, and when I found the Music FunTime system, I immediately recognized the value and decided right away to implement it here in Toledo."

Dr. Virgil Lupu and Forte Music



Director Lupu with Ksenilla Stoian (in pink blazer), Coordinator of the Music FunTime program, and Ms. Chelsea, teacher of Music FunTime program (also, teaches voice and piano at the school).

The Music FunTime program is designed to last around 2 years, but children can take longer or move ahead faster. Children can join at any time as it is a year-round program. The children are assigned a group class by ages, 18mos to 3, 3 to 5 and 5 to 7 years of age. The tuition includes several musical instruments the kids can take home to practice with.

Carter Newell (Kindergarten), whose mom and dad both graduated from Ottawa Hills and live in the Village, loves guitar, but now is being exposed to all sorts of musical instruments, and loves it. Virginia Cozy (Pre-K) is just starting, but mom, Jessica, who is a Social Studies teacher and girls soccer

coach at Ottawa Hills High School, said she was very excited to start the program. Edward Song, (Pre-K) has a fondness for drums, and Nia Ball (Pre-K) loves the piano and singing.

Director Lupu is happy to live in an area that has treated him so well, and with such a thriving arts community including major artistic entities such as the Toledo Museum of Art, The Toledo Symphony, and The Toledo Opera. He is excited about the new program at the school and what the future holds. "We are constantly trying to improve and keep up with the changes of our time. We constantly think of what we could do to improve the overall customer experience,



MUSIC FUNTIME
TODDLER & PRE-SCHOOL
GROUP MUSIC CLASSES
For Ages 18 Months to 7 Years

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REGISTER TODAY**

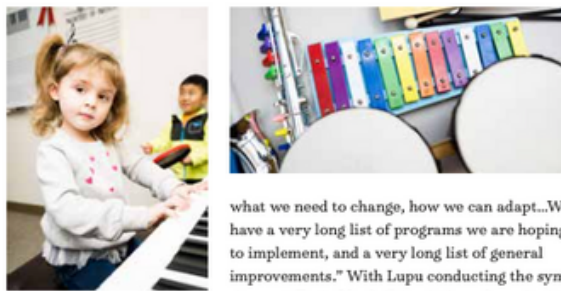
We teach your child to read music in the same manner they are taught letters, numbers, colors, shapes, etc. We have created an array of colorful music teaching tools and worksheets that teach rhythm, pitch, notation, symbols and key signatures.

Students are given a backpack of rhythm instruments at registration to use in class and at home. Throughout the course, additional instruments are provided adding variety, diversity and fun. All students are introduced to piano, guitar, percussion, violin, bells, kazoos, flutophones, and recorders.

Your children will become more confident, communicative and develop an increased attention span, in addition to a growing appetite and appreciation for various types of music and musical instruments.



Carter Newell (Ottawa Hills Resident) playing piano!



Virginia Cozy's mother teaches at Ottawa Hills High School

what we need to change, how we can adapt...We have a very long list of programs we are hoping to implement, and a very long list of general improvements." With Lupu conducting the symphony at Forte Music School, there is no doubt those programs and improvements will happen.



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**We are extremely excited to welcome
new amazing teachers to our
Forté Family!**

Rebecca – Violin & Viola



Rebecca graduated from Seoul National University in Seoul, Korea with a Bachelor's degree in Viola performance. She was awarded as one of the 15% young talented players in the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra with a monthly salary compensation. She also taught as an adjunct instructor in Mok-Won and Kang-Reung universities in Korea. Rebecca studied at The Ohio State University with Professor Martin Kelly for a Master's degree in viola performance.

She also studied a second master's in string pedagogy at Ohio University until she married. Her professor Mr. Howard Bebee invited her to join the Athens Trio as a violist whenever the three professors performed piano quartets.

Rebecca played in the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra as a section violist until her fourth child was born, at which point she decided to stay home and raise her children. After 3 years, she resumed her teaching and orchestra playing in the St. John's high school orchestra, Toledo Christian Schools, Great Lakes Symphony Orchestra, and Livonia Symphony Orchestras. Now she is a Music Appreciation & Chorus music teacher for 9th-12th in Toledo Public Virtual School.

She remains a certified Suzuki teacher, raising section principles and concert competition winners in the Toledo Youth Orchestras, for the past forty+ years of teaching. Rebecca shares her joy of teaching when a student desires and understands how to improve violin & viola playing, and helps them achieve high goals through meticulous practice.

**Welcome Our
New Students:**

**Ryder A.
Valerie A.
Vincent A.
Alijah A.
Addie A.
Jack B.
Mariam B.
Eli B.
Elliott B.
Sam B.
Michael B.
John B.
Alexa C.
Lindon D.
Avi D.
Ella E.
Raphael F.
James G.
Emily G.
Madilyn H.
Abdul H.**

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Tyler – Violin & Viola



Tyler is a second-year master's student at Bowling Green State University working towards his Master of Music in violin performance. He was appointed a graduate teaching assistantship upon acceptance and now works closely with Dr. Elaine Colprit in the String Methods undergraduate course. He currently studies under the tutelage of Dr. Penny Thompson-Kruse (Professor of Violin at Bowling Green State University). His previous teachers include Daniel Mason (Professor of Violin at the University of Kentucky),

Ms. Lauren Wright, and Mr. Aaron Breeck. Tyler has also performed in masterclasses taught by Jeffrey Multer (Concertmaster of the Florida Symphony Orchestra), Dr. Laura Kobayashi (student of string pedagogue Dorothy DeLay), Dr. Solomia Soroka (Professor of Violin at Goshen College), Miro Hristov (Professor of Violin at the University of Tennessee), and Daniel Mason (Professor of Violin at the University of Kentucky).

A native of Kentucky, Tyler holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Performance with a minor in Psychology from the University of Kentucky. He has taught alongside student teachers and faculty in the University of Kentucky Strings Project, engaged in teaching and audition workshops with the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestras, and has been a local private teacher in the Lexington-Fayette area since 2016. He currently holds an online teaching position as Violin/Viola Instructor with the Central Music Academy in Lexington, KY. This past year, Tyler also worked with and mentored students in the Detroit Symphony Youth Orchestras as part of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Youth Ensembles Mentor Program. As a dedicated performer and teacher, Tyler hopes to share his passion for music by developing the next generation of musicians. He is currently based in Bowling Green, OH, and is both an active performer and teacher within the Northern Ohio area.

Lilly H.

Catelin H.

Connor H.

Johanna J.

Carter J.

Ezra J.

Conor K.

Duncan K.

Jordan K.

Alexis K.

Vernon L.

Anthony L.

Mallory M.

Layla M.

Ian M.

Shae M.

Leah M.

Leo M.

Nature M.

Erica N.

Carter P.

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Nolan – Piano



Nolan has been taking piano lessons since 5th grade, one year before starting at Toledo School for the Arts where his main focus was classical piano until graduation. While in high school he was part of Glass City Steel, TSA's steel band, which frequently performed both locally and out of state.

He was also a member of their jazz outreach band, the Urban Jazz Collective, for four years which catalyzed his love for jazz piano.

Throughout the years, before college, he had the opportunity to take part in many masterclasses, OMEA Solo & Ensemble competitions, Monday Musicale recitals, and other TSA and the University of Toledo sponsored events as well as recitals for his private instructor, Vivienne Sommerfield. Nolan was honored to receive a scholarship from the University of Toledo.

Following the events above, Nolan was honored to receive a scholarship from the University of Toledo. He is currently studying with Dr. Michael Boyd and Scott Gwinnell through the University of Toledo.

Jen P.

Avianna R.

Advika R.

Medha R.

Djesi R.

Ryker R.

Alexia R.

Anthony R.

Dakota R.

Joseph S.

Lydia S.

Jayla S.

Lena S.

Reese S.

Aliyah S.

Serenity S.

Claire T.

Coral T.

Adler T.

Doug V.

Daniel W.

Frankie W.

Forté is Filling up! Here are the remaining teacher openings!

Monday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Chavar (guitar) - 3 Openings

Chelsea (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Dana (violin) – SOLD OUT

Daniel (piano) – SOLD OUT

David (guitar) - SOLD OUT

Jim A. (cello) – 4 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Jordan (drums) – 2 Openings

Julia (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Justin (piano) – 1 Opening

Kevin S.(winds/brass) - SOLD OUT

Lucas (voice/guitar) - 1 Opening

Melissa (violin) - SOLD OUT

Michael (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar) - 2 Openings

Scott (drums) – 4 Openings

Seth (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Sy (piano) – SOLD OUT

Tuesday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Chloe (voice/guitar) - SOLD OUT

Connor (guitar) - 3 Openings

Dianne (voice/guitar) – SOLD OUT

Douglas (trumpet) - 2 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Jordan (drums) – SOLD OUT

Julia (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) – SOLD OUT

Melanie (piano) – 1 Opening

Nolan (piano) - 2 Openings

Tuesday (continued):

Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT

Randy (violin/viola) – 1 Opening

Ron (guitar) – SOLD OUT

Sam (drums) – Online Only

Seth (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Sy (piano) – SOLD OUT

Taylor (guitar/piano) – SOLD OUT

Wednesday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

David (guitar) - SOLD OUT

Haleigh (violin) - SOLD OUT

Jim A. (cello) – 2 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Julia (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Kevin P. (piano) – SOLD OUT

Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) – SOLD OUT

Melanie (piano) – SOLD OUT

Michael (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Nicole (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT

Randy (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar)– SOLD OUT

Sam (drums) – SOLD OUT

Sy (piano) –SOLD OUT

Thomas (guitar) – 2 Openings

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Thursday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Dana (violin) – SOLD OUT

Dianne (voice/guitar) – SOLD OUT

Jim A. (cello) - 3 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Jordan (drums) - 3 Openings

Kevin S. (winds/brass) – SOLD OUT

Lucas (voice/guitar) – SOLD OUT

Marjorie (piano) – SOLD OUT

Nicole (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Randy (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar) – SOLD OUT

Scott (drums) – 2 Openings

Seth (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Sy (piano) – SOLD OUT

Taylor (guitar/piano) – SOLD OUT

Friday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Brandon (piano) - 1 Opening

Corey (trumpet) – Online Only

Dan (guitar) - 1 Opening

Diego (brass/piano/guitar) – Online Only

Jordan (drums) – 3 Openings

Joslynn (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Julia (voice/piano) - 3 Openings

Justin (piano) – SOLD OUT

Melissa (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Peter (guitar) – Online Only

Randy (violin/viola) – 1 Opening

Ron (guitar) – SOLD OUT

Seth (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Saturday:

Amy (flute) – 3 Openings

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Christopher (guitar) - 3 Openings

Corey (trumpet) – Online Only

Darius (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

David (guitar/piano) - SOLD OUT

Emily (clarinet/saxophone) - 3 Openings

Jim A. (cello) – 3 Openings

Jordan (drums) – 1 Opening

Nicole (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Peter (guitar)– SOLD OUT

Rebecca (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar) – SOLD OUT

Sunday:

Alyssa (piano/voice) - SOLD OUT

Cam (guitar/piano) - 2 Openings

Chavar (guitar) – SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Daniel (piano) - SOLD OUT

Darius (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Haleigh (violin) - SOLD OUT

Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings

Joslynn (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Kevin P. (piano) – SOLD OUT

Nicole (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Peter (guitar) - 2 Openings

Scott (drums) – 3 Openings

Thomas (guitar) – 1 Opening

Tyler (violin/viola) - 2 Openings