



April Newsletter

Upcoming:



April 3 - 6:30 - 7:00 PM - Joey performs at BCAN Showcase - Franciscan Center at Lourdes College

April 13 - 11:30 - 1:30 PM - Piano Recital - Kingston Care Rehabilitation - Sylvania

From the studio of Melanie Z.

April 21 - Closed for Easter Sunday

Welcome 40

New Students:

Sameeh A.

Shafay A.

Ryan B.

Micah C.

Jaren C.

Cameron C.

Priya D.

Dennis D.

Aya D.

Giles D.

News:

**Forté won Best Place for Music Lessons
for the second year in a row!**



Thank you so much for voting for us!

40 New Students

Continued:

Marly D.

Chloe E.

Sylvia F.

Sharod G.

Katie G.

Brea H.

John K.

Daidreon L.

Donald L.

Cameron L.

Aerionna M.

Mandy M.

Kenneth M.

Maggie M.

Performing Artist

Forté instructor Seth Johnson performed in *Candide* with the Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT).



MOT is a nonprofit organization, established in 1973 based on the philosophies of David DiChiera, of serving the entire state and presenting a full range of opera and musical theatre that was "not just a musical experience but a vital

theatre experience as well"

Seth performed the roll of the Grand Inquisitor, Vanderdendur for the four total performances between March 9th and 17th.

Seth has enjoyed the wonderful opportunity to perform with MOT and the enriching experience he has gained in doing so. Forté is proud to have such talented faculty.

Jake M.

Dana O.

Maggie O.

Seamus O.

Phoebe O.

Jackson P.

Alanna R.

Averi S.

Jacob S.

Michele T.

Audrey W.

Claire W.

Conor W.

Jessica W.

We are very excited to welcome Alberta Reed to our Forté Family!



Alberta Reed is a native of Toledo and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Albert L. Reed. She graduated from St. Ursula Academy and went on to U of M to obtain a Bachelor of Music, and a Master of Music from BGSU with both degrees in the area of Voice Performance. While at BGSU, her Master's thesis was entitled, "The Use of the Call and Response Technique as Employed During the Slavery Era."

Ms. Reed enjoys teaching and has had a voice studio of more than 30 students. Currently, she teaches at Forte Music School, and hosts open master-classes to coach vocal students on auditioning. During the summer of 1995, Ms. Reed traveled to Cortona, Italy where she studied and performed with the Studio Lirico program sponsored by the University of South Carolina.

Alberta Jean has received many accolades for her vocal ability, including: Finalist in the West Palm Beach Opera Vocal Competition in 1998, Finalist in the Middle Tennessee Choral Society's Orpheus Vocal Competition in 1999, and being named the International Grand Prize Winner of the Leontyne Price Vocal Arts Competitions in 1999. She performed a debut recital at Carnegie Hall in New York City to a standing ovation. Other recitals she has hosted include: A Celebration of Negro Spirituals, Songs of Love and Life, An Afternoon of Praise, and An Epiphany of Song, a yearly recital for her voice students.

Ms. Reed is a member of Christian Life Center Church in Ypsilanti, where Rev. Henry J. Healey is the Pastor. In addition to her responsibilities as a professional Liturgy Cantor at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church, she regularly worships with Warren AME Church, Upton United Methodist Church, and Mount Pilgrim Church locally.

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

Monday:

Adam (guitar/piano) – 3 Openings

Ben (piano) – 2 Openings

Bogdan (violin/viola) – 2 Openings

Chelsie (voice/piano) – 1 Opening

Dana (violin) – 2 Openings

Dianne (voice/guitar/ukulele) – 2
Openings

Jim A. (cello) – 2 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

**Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) – SOLD
OUT**

Meredith (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/ukulele/mandolin/banjo) –
3 Openings

Scott (drums) – 3 Openings

Sy (piano) – 1 Opening

Tuesday:

Adam (guitar/piano) – 1 Opening

Bogdan (violin/viola) – 3 Openings

Catherine (piano) – SOLD OUT

Chelsie (voice/piano) – 1 Opening

Dianne (voice/guitar/ukulele) – 2
Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) – 1
Opening

Melanie (piano) – SOLD OUT

Randy (violin/viola) – 1 Opening

Ron (guitar/ukulele/mandolin/banjo)
– 3 Openings

Sam (drums) – 2 Openings

Seth (voice/piano) – 1 Opening

Sy (piano) – 2 Openings

Wednesday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – 3 Openings

Catherine (piano) – 1 Opening

Chelsie (voice/piano) – 2 Openings

Jim A. (cello) – 3 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Kelly (piano) – SOLD OUT

Kevin P. (piano) – 1 Opening

Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) – 1
Opening

Lucas (voice/guitar) – SOLD OUT

Melanie (piano) – SOLD OUT

Randy (violin/viola) – 1 Opening

Ron (guitar/ukulele/mandolin/banjo)
– 2 Openings

Sam (drums) – 2 Openings

Sy (piano) – 2 Openings

Thursday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – 2 Openings

Dana (violin) – SOLD OUT

Dianne (voice/guitar/ukulele) – 1
Opening

Diego (brass/piano/guitar) – 1 Opening

Jim S. (voice/piano) – 2 Openings

Kelly (piano) – SOLD OUT

Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) – 1
Opening

Lucas (voice/guitar) – 1 Opening

Melanie (piano) – SOLD OUT

Nancy (piano) – 1 Opening

Peter (guitar/bass/oud)– SOLD OUT

Randy (violin/viola)– SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/ukulele/mandolin/banjo) –
2 Openings

Scott (drums) – 2 Openings

Sy (piano) – 1 Opening

Friday:

Bogdan (violin/viola)– 2 Openings

Corey (voice/trumpet) – 1 Opening

**Diego (brass/guitar/piano) – SOLD
OUT**

Gina (violin) – 1 Opening

Jerin (drums) – 1 Openings

**Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) – SOLD
OUT**

Lucas (voice/guitar) – SOLD OUT

**Peter (guitar/bass/oud) – SOLD
OUT**

Randy (violin/viola) – 1 Opening

Ron (guitar/ukulele/mandolin/banjo) –
1 Opening

Seth (voice/piano)– 2 Openings

Saturday:

Alberta (voice)– 3 Openings

Ashley (clarinet/saxophone) – 3
Openings

Bogdan (violin/viola) – 1 Opening

Corey (voice/trumpet) – 1 Openings

Jim A. (cello) – 3 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

**Kevin M. (guitar/piano) – SOLD
OUT**

**Peter (guitar/bass/oud) – SOLD
OUT**

Ron (guitar/ukulele/mandolin/banjo) –
1 Opening

Sandra (piano) – 1 Openings

Sy (piano) – 2 Openings

Tierney (flute) – 2 Opening

Sunday:

Alberta (voice) – 2 Openings

Chelsie (voice/piano) – 2 Openings

Gina (violin) – 2 Openings

Kevin P. (piano) – 2 Openings

Lucas (voice/guitar) – SOLD OUT

Meredith (violin) – SOLD OUT

**Peter (guitar/bass/oud) – SOLD
OUT**

Scott (drums) – 2 Openings

Seth (voice/piano) – 1 Opening