

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Congratulations to all of our OMEA participants!

We are so proud of these students for their hard work and superior ratings in Solo & Ensemble!



Claire S.



Preston B.

Ava N.



Gavin L



Abigail D.





Ethan G.





Our director, Virgil Lupu, continues to stay busy as a violinist! He recently returned from a 2 weeks concert tour of Japan, where he performed as concertmaster & violin soloist with the Hollywood Festival Orchestra. The ever popular film music was shared on major stages such as Tokyo, Osaka, Sapporo, Yokohama, and many more!



Avery C. Natalie C. Sophia D. Ryker D. Piper D. Bridget D. Zachary E. Liliana F. Brad F. Savannah F. Graham F. Jane F. Emma G. Mariano G. Kayla G. Priya G. Reena G. Mia H. Tyler H. Nina H. Jackson H. Nicholas H. Jack H. Peter H. Sara H. Raymond H. Kahi H. Francis H. Michael H. Michelle H. Jessica H. John J. Suzanne J. Rachel J. Paul J. Ali K. Noelle K. Jason K. Arthur K. Brandon K. Evan K. Hannah L. Jia L. Dan L. Mike M. Jim M. Alexander M. Kolton M. Brendan M. Maria M. Yassmen M. Isaiah M. Legacy M. Broly N. Lillian N. Isaiah N. Molly O. Sadie P. Eliana P. Theodore P. Erin P. Izzy P. Ryan R. Duane R. Matt S. Croix S. Logan S. Jackson S. Siya S. Drew S.

2023

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RATED

Welcome 92

New Students!

Roman A.

Drew A.

Sargon B.

Ienna B.

Kimberly B.

Hudson C.

Stryker C.



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

Benjamin - Drums/Percussion



Ben is a percussionist, electronic musician. engineer. audio and educator from Buffalo, New York. He has been a clinician, speaker, and soloist for the Percussive Arts Society International Convention, TEDx Talks, International The soundSCAPE Festival. Hiroshima The Junior Marimba Festival, and many more. has had the pleasure of Ben performing throughout Europe, Asia, North America, and Central America, and recording with artists such as Keiko Abe, Sō Percussion, Karolyn Natasha Stonefelt. Farny, Doc Severinsen, and Bernard Woma.

He currently holds the timpani position for the Perrysburg Symphony and the principal percussion position for the Warren (PA) Symphony. Ben is also a member of the World Percussion Group, an international chamber organization. Ben has enjoyed many diverse opportunities during his career so far. He has worked for the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, served as a Percussion Mentor for the Detroit Civic Youth Orchestras, an audio engineer for several organizations, and taught K-12 music in the Western New York and Northwest Ohio areas. He currently teaches K-8 General Music at West Side Montessori.

Ben holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from SUNY Fredonia and a Master's degree in Percussion Performance from Bowling Green State University. He also holds two performer's certificates from the Toho Gakuen School of Music in Chōfu, Japan. In his spare time, Ben enjoys spending time with his fiancé, two cats, and horse, playing Pokémon, and practicing martial arts.



Brian - Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, **Trumpet, French Horn**

Sebastian S.



Brian is a trumpet player in the Toledo area primarily working in musical theater. He was formerly a public school music teacher until the birth of his daughter. In the 22 years since he picked up the trumpet, he has had to navigate many hurdles with his physiology and health to keep up his performing standard. After high school, he decided that he would become a music teacher to help other musicians to mitigate the challenges he faced in his musical upbringing.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Education in Music degree from The University of Toledo, Brian gained many tools to aid students in their musical success. In order to become more efficient on a podium in front of ensembles, Brian earned a Master of Music Performance in Conducting degree from The University of Toledo. Though he enjoys directing many students in an ensemble setting, Brian prefers individualized instruction to students to help them with their own personal set of hurdles to success.

Brian has been a clinician for schools preparing for festival/contests in the Monroe, MI, and Toledo, OH areas. He has performed with various orchestras, wind ensembles, and jazz ensembles throughout southern Michigan and northern Ohio. His focus for all of his students is for them to understand the necessary mechanisms of their physiology and their instrument to produce the best sound possible for their musical expression.

Cora T. Griffin T. Sofia V. JoAnn W. Elijah W. Nicole W. **Reginald W.** Jaymar W. Ka'mari W. Levi W. Preston W. Krishika Y. Elijah Z. Adam Z.

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



TUESDAY

5:30 - 6:00 PM **Pre-Schoolers:** Age: 3 to 5 y.o. **Class Length: 30 min**

THURSDAY

6:00 - 6:30 PM School-Age: Age: 5 to 7 y.o. **Class Length: 30 min**



NEW GROUPS!

More Classes - Now

The Magical Connection between 11:00 - 11:30 AM Math/Science and Music is now available to you with an innovative

School- Age: Age: 5 to 7 y.o. new preschool group music program. **Class Length: 30 min**

WE PROVIDE A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

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

Monday: Amy L. (flute) - SOLD OUT Chavar (guitar) – SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano)- 1 Opening Chloe (voice/guitar) - 1 Opening Conner (guitar) - SOLD OUT Dana (violin) - 2 Openings

Daniel B. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT David (guitar/voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Evelyn (violin/viola) - 2 Openings

Jim A (cello) - 1 Opening Jim S. (voice/piano) – 1 Opening

Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT

Julia (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Katherine (piano/brass) - 2 Openings Kevin L. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Kevin S. (winds/piano) - SOLD OUT Melissa (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT Ron (guitar/banjo) – 3 Openings Scott (drums) – SOLD OUT Sy (piano) – 1 Opening

Wednesday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) - 2 Openings Brian (flute/clarinet/sax) - 2 Openings Cam (guitar/piano) - 1 Opening Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT David (guitar/voice/piano) - 1 Opening Evelyn (violin) - 1 Opening Greg (guitar) - 2 Openings Jim A. (cello) - 1 Opening Jim S. (voice/piano) - 2 Openings Julia (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Katherine (brass, piano) - 1 Opening Kevin P. (piano) - SOLD OUT Kevin S. (winds) - SOLD OUT Melanie (piano) - SOLD OUT Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Randy (violin) - SOLD OUT Ron (guitar/banjo) - 1 Opening Sam (drums) - SOLD OUT Sy (piano) - SOLD OUT Tajj (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Friday:

Benjamin (drums) - 3 Openings **Bogdan (violin) - SOLD OUT** Brandon (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Brian (trumpet) - 2 Openings Corey (trumpet/online) - 2 Openings Dan (guitar) - 2 Openings Daniel H. (voice) - 3 Openings Greg (guitar) - 2 Openings Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT Julia (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Melissa (violin) - SOLD OUT Nolan (piano) - 1 Opening Orlando (piano) - 2 Openings Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Randy (violin) - SOLD OUT

Sunday:

Ayanna (violin) - 2 Openings Cam (guitar/piano) - SOLD OUT Chavar (guitar) - SOLD OUT Chelsea (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Daniel B. (piano) - SOLD OUT Daniel H. (guitar) - 1 Opening Darius (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Jim A. (cello) - 1 Opening

Tuesday: Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT Chelsea (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT Chloe (voice/guitar) - 1 Opening Connor (guitar) - 1 Opening Danielle (piano) - SOLD OUT Evelyn (violin) - SOLD OUT Gracie (violin) - 1 Opening Jane (trumpet) - SOLD OUT Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings Jim S. (voice/piano) – 2 Openings Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT Joseph (guitar) - 1 Opening Julia (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Katherine (brass, piano) - 1 Opening Kevin S. (winds) - SOLD OUT Melanie (piano) - SOLD OUT Melissa (violin) - SOLD OUT Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Randy (violin) - SOLD OUT Ron (guitar/banjo) - 1 Opening Sy (piano) - 1 Opening

Taylor (piano) - SOLD OUT

Thursday:

Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Dana (violin) - 1 Opening Danielle (piano) - 2 Openings David (guitar/voice/piano) - 2 Openings Evelyn (violin) - 1 Opening Jim A. (cello) - 1 Opening lim S. (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT Joseph (guitar) - 1 Opening Katherine (piano) - SOLD OUT Kevin L. - 2 Openings Kevin S. (winds) - SOLD OUT Lucas (voice/guitar/uke) - SOLD OUT Marjorie (piano) - 1 Opening Orlando (piano) - 2 Openings Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Randy (violin) - SOLD OUT Ron (guitar/banjo) - 2 Openings Scott (drums) - SOLD OUT Sy (piano) - 2 Openings

Saturday: Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Corey (trumpet/online) - 2 Opening Danielle (piano) - 1 Opening Darius (voice/piano) - 1 Opening David (guitar/voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Deja (voice/piano) - 3 Openings Grace (sax, clarinet) - 3 Openings Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT Joslynn (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Nolan (piano) - 2 Openings Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Ron (guitar/banjo) - SOLD OUT Ryan (drums) - SOLD OUT Yana (violin/viola) - 3 Openings

Sunday Continued: Joslynn (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Kevin P. (piano) - 2 Openings Orlando (piano) - 1 Opening Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Sara (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Scott (drums) - SOLD OUT