



November Newsletter



Halloween Costume Contest

On the week of Halloween Forté hosted its annual spooky costume contest. We were so excited to see you get creative! Thank you ALL for making that week unforgettable!



Welcome Our
New Students:

Adam A.

Adya M.

Akshaya K.

Anna L.

Anthony M.

Ashton C.

Audrey B.

Austin M.

Cam R.

Cameron S.

Carlos L.

Carmetta C.

Claire T.

Colin H.

EXCITING NEWS!

"Forté Music School expands to keep students and families safe"

Forté Music School in Toledo, the largest private music school in the area, serving the community for over 15 years, is now proud to announce the opening of its second-floor location by adding 8 more spacious studios. Forté Music School is now the happy home of over 700 students and families, and 43 teachers, in a beautiful space of over 6,000 SF and 22 spacious studios.

Many music schools around the country have been forced to close their doors or suspend classes altogether until further notice, but Forté Music School fights to go in the opposite direction. Over the past 2 years, Forté Music School director Virgil Lupu has been working tirelessly to expand the school to the second floor and add 8 more spacious studios.

"I never thought it would take us this long. It was not easy to find contractors to get the job done during a pandemic! Mostly everything was on backorder, overpriced, delayed, or postponed, but we somehow pulled through."

"When everything shut down, we lost over 100 students in 30 days due to several families losing their jobs. It was tragic! Luckily, we had a lot of support from the community who understood that if they do not stick with us during this time, we might not make it out of the pandemic! Thankfully, most of our wonderful students understood and were there for us! We were able to keep going through online lessons, and slowly we were able to rebuild back to where we were 2 years ago. We slowly transitioned back to in-person lessons, but it was not easy. When we reopened, we went far and beyond to ensure the safety of our teachers, students, and parents. We have a lot of safety measures in place. Of course, we instituted the normal temperature checks, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, masks, social distancing, limited occupancy for the waiting area, etc, but we went a step even further, installing UV lights in our HVAC systems, placing MARV 13 air filters in the HVAC system, and extra air purifiers in our waiting areas."

We are very thankful to live in an area that is surrounded by art institutions such as the wonderful Art Museum, the Symphony Orchestra, the Opera, several dance companies, art galleries, etc. Art and education, in general, are so important, particularly these days when children are constantly surrounded by distractions. Music education has a particularly major impact on the development of the brain, which cannot be replaced by other activities.

"Despite all our efforts to provide quality service, we could not have survived without the help of our clients, and I must say, I am very proud of our community for understanding the value of music education! This expansion is our way to give back to the community by creating extra space and breathing room, and to show appreciation for being there for us particularly over the past 2 years! We promise to continue to constantly improve and provide the highest level of private music education."



News

NOW
ENROLLING!
REGISTER
TODAY



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



"Kids absolutely love these classes! Seeing their smiles every time they come to class and every time they get a new instrument is priceless and pays off for all the struggles we had to overcome during the expansion and during the launch of this new program."

Benefits Of Music FunTime



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.



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.



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, kazoo, flutophones, and recorders.

Music FunTime is an innovative, structured, and progressive curriculum derived from Johns-Hopkins Research exploring the magical connection between math & science through music for children newborn through 7 years of age. Small groups of 4-6 kids per classroom focus on singing, movement, instrument play, nursery rhymes, games, crafts, worksheets, stories, and ear training activities. It is a fun and exciting way to explore and nurture a strong music foundation that becomes a way of life, thus gaining all the benefits of uniting both hemispheres of the brain. Not only will your child be exposed to musical concepts such as rhythm, melody, and beat, but they will also have a great time!



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Dale B.

Daniel L.

Diana R.

Dominic C.

Dominic F.

Elbert V W.

Elena H.

Ellie S.

Elsa A.

Emilly T.

Eric M.

Evan H.

Evelyn O.

Gus K.

Isaac S.

Jacob K.

Jase C.

Jasmon H.

Jennifer K.

Jordyn S.

STUDENT SHOWCASE WINTER 2021

December 2, 3, 4

14 x 30 Minute Recitals - With Social Distancing

Thursday, December 2nd - 6PM & 7PM

Friday, December 3rd - 6PM & 7PM

Saturday, December 4th - 9AM, 10AM, 11AM,
12PM, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM, 4PM, 5PM, 6PM

Refreshments after each recital

Sign up at the front desk or with your teacher

**Harvest Lane Alliance Church
5132 Harvest Ln, Toledo, OH 43623**



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**Sign up for your performance at
your teacher or the front desk!**

*Live streams will be available
on Facebook and Youtube.*

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

Chloe Wagenhauser – Voice & Guitar



Singing is Chloe's biggest love! She began playing acoustic guitar at age 14 as a way to channel her passion for singing and songwriting.

She attended St. Ursula Academy, where she sang and

played guitar in church bands, musical theater productions, and choir.

While studying Biology/Chemistry at the University of Toledo, Chloe recorded an 8-song album of her original songs. This album opened the door and helped her discover her passion for playing live music!

Chloe now works as a self-employed musician and has performed more than 500 shows regionally and locally with her folk-rock band Chloe & the Steel Strings. She has extensive vocal performance experience in the pop, rock, folk, and singer-songwriter genres. Chloe declined a medical school acceptance in late 2018 to continue pursuing music as a career. She loves meeting new friends and working with kids, and can't wait to help you discover your confidence and passion for music!

 New Students

Continued:

Kayla H.

Laura M.

LeoF.

Leoni M.

Logan A.

Luke L.

Lydia J.

Marco L.

Mary B.

Maxwell M.

Milan W.

Miles D.

Miles W.

Momin S.

Naseem K.

Nico C.

Peter G.

Philbert G.

Raunav M.

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Darius McBride – Voice & Piano



Darius hails from Rochester, NY. He attended Malone University in Canton, OH to pursue a degree in Choral/Vocal Music Education (grad. 2016). During his time at Malone, he has participated in Malone's Opera Theatre under the direction of Dr. Cynthia Wollschlager.

In MOT, he has held roles such as Nemorino in Elixir of Love, Alfredo in La Traviata, Rodolfo in La Bohème, Gabriel von Einstein in Die Fledermaus, King Kaspar in Amahl and the Night Visitors, and Don Curzio in The Marriage of Figaro – Malone's first-ever performance of a full opera!

Darius was part of the University Chorale and Chamber Choir where he served as student conductor (2013-2015) and tenor section leader (2011-2015) under the direction of Dr. David Donelson and Dr. Jon Peterson. Darius also served as the One Voice Gospel Choir director (2013-2015). Aside from his work and studies at Malone, Darius served as Music Director for 2 community productions: Carrie the Musical and Heathers the Musical. Darius currently lives in Findlay, OH, and is entering his 3rd year as the 7-12 Choir Director at Fostoria Junior/Senior High School.

Darius studied voice with Professor Cynthia Wollschlager, Professor Angela Rose, and Professor Charles Spencer, conducting with Dr. David Donelson and Dr. Jon Peterson, composition/orchestration with Dr. Jesse Ayers and Dr. Jack Ballard, and piano with Professor Mark Greer.

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Seth Johnson – Voice & Piano



Seth Johnson is an accomplished singer and teacher with a passion for opera. Originally from Illinois, he is a graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance. During his time in Peoria, his interest in opera was piqued through his work with groups such as Opera Illinois and Opera Youth Outreach.

Shortly after graduating, Seth moved from Illinois to Ohio where he began the work of breaking into the local opera scene. Since then, he has worked with several different opera companies in several capacities, including as a performer in various roles with Toledo Opera and Michigan Opera Theatre, both front of house manager and resident artist at Ohio Light Opera, and education administrator at Great Lakes Light Opera. Throughout his time on the stage, Johnson has performed such roles as Nemorino in *L'elisir d'amore*, Archibald Grosvenor in *Patience*, and Vanderdendur in *Candide* with both Ohio Light Opera and Michigan Opera Theatre.

Most recently, Seth completed his Master's in Vocal Performance at the University of Toledo. When he is not performing, Mr. Johnson teaches Voice, Class Piano, and Music Business at Owens Community College in Perrysburg, OH as well as private lessons in both voice and piano.

 New Students

Continued:

Rishil M.

Sallie H.

Scott H.

Shreel P.

Snow W.

Sophie E.

Ty R.

Vinayak A.

Wenxin O.

Yvonne C.

Zach L.

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

Monday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT

Chavar (guitar) - 2 Openings

Chelsea (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Dana (violin) - SOLD OUT

Daniel (piano) - SOLD OUT

Dennis (guitar) - SOLD OUT

Dianne (voice/guitar/ukulele) - SOLD OUT

OUT

Jim A. (cello) - 4 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Jordan (drums) - 2 Openings

Julia (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Justin (piano) - SOLD OUT

Kevin S.(winds/brass) - SOLD OUT

Lucas (voice/guitar) - SOLD OUT

Melissa (violin) - 1 Opening

Michael (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) - 1 Opening

Scott (drums) - 2 Openings

Seth (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Sy (piano) - 1 Opening

Tuesday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Chloe (voice/guitar) - 2 Openings

Dianne (voice/guitar/ukulele) - SOLD OUT

Douglas (trumpet) - 2 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT

Julia (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Justin (piano) - 2 Openings

Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) - 1 Opening

Melanie (piano) - 1 Opening

Tuesday (continued):

Peter (guitar) - 1 Opening

Randy (violin/viola) - 1 Opening

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) - SOLD OUT

Sam (drums) - Online Only

Seth (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Sy (piano) - SOLD OUT

Taylor (guitar/piano) - 1 Opening

Wednesday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Haleigh (violin) - SOLD OUT

Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Julia (voice/piano) - 3 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/bass/mandolin/banjo) - 2

Openings

Sam (drums) - 1 Opening

Sy (piano) - SOLD OUT

Thomas (guitar/bass/ukulele) - 2 Openings

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Thursday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Dana (violin) – SOLD OUT

Dianne (voice/guitar/ukulele) – 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) – 1 Opening

Nicole (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Randy (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) – SOLD OUT

Scott (drums) – 2 Openings

Seth (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Sy (piano) – SOLD OUT

Taylor (guitar/piano/ukulele) – SOLD OUT

Friday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Brandon (piano) - 2 Openings

Corey (trumpet) – Online Only

Dan (guitar) - 5 Openings

Diego (brass/piano/guitar) – Online Only

Jordan (drums) – 3 Openings

Joslynn (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Justin (piano) – 2 Openings

Melissa (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Peter (guitar/bass/oud) – Online Only

Randy (violin/viola) – 1 Opening

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) – SOLD OUT

Seth (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Saturday:

Amy (flute) – 3 Openings

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Corey (trumpet) – Online Only

Dan (guitar) - 5 Openings

Darius (voice/piano) - 3 Openings

Emily (clarinet/saxophone) - 4

Openings

Jim A. (cello) – 3 Openings

Jordan (drums) – 1 Opening

Nicole (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Peter (guitar/bass/oud)– SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) – SOLD OUT

Sunday:

Alyssa (piano/voice) - 2 Openings

Cam (guitar/piano) - SOLD OUT

Chavar (guitar/bass) – SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Daniel (piano) - 2 Openings

Haleigh (violin) - 1 Opening

Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings

Joslynn (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Kevin P. (piano) – 2 Openings

Nicole (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Scott (drums) – 3 Openings

Thomas W. (guitar/bass/ukulele) – 1

Opening