



# Cambridge Academy of Music and Arts

## NEWSLETTER

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### Spring Recitals

Our Spring Recitals will be held on Sunday, April 29 and Saturday, May 26 for the Chamblee school at England Piano in Doraville and Saturday, May 19 for the Alpharetta

School at Steinway Piano Galleries in Sandy Springs.

Two recitals will be scheduled for each day.

Students should sign up for one of the recitals on the Recital Sign-Up Sheets which will be available at the front desk. Alpharetta students should sign up from April 16 to April 28, and Chamblee students should sign up from March 19 to 31.

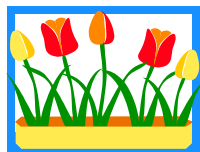
Piano students will perform one solo piece by memory. Memory is not required for instrumental students. If you need a piano accompanist, please let us know and we will arrange one for you.

Each performer will receive a music trophy at the end of the recital. Piano Guild and ABRSM certificates and "Most Improved Student" awards will be presented.

### Summer registration

Our summer registration package will be mailed out the week of April 23. You will be given the opportunity to sign up with the teacher of your choice, at a time that is convenient for you.

The deadline for summer schedule requests will be Saturday, May 12.



### Spring Break

There will be no regular lessons during the public schools' spring break week. Our office will be closed from Monday, April 2 to Saturday, April 7.

Tuition is still due on April 10. You may drop off the tuition payment in person by Saturday, March 31, or mail the payment to us postmarked by April 10. Otherwise, a late charge will be incurred.



### Federation Festival

Our National Federation of Music Clubs Junior Gold-Cup Festival audition was held on Saturday, February 24 at our Chamblee school. 100 students participated in the events, including Piano Solo, Piano Concerto, Vocal in Arts Song and Vocal in Musical Theatre. Students received encouraging comments and positive critique from the judges and points toward the gold cup awards.

The following students will receive their gold cup at the upcoming recitals. These students are: **Stephanie Lui, Anusha Sthanunathan, and Shannon Wong.**

Besides piano and vocal events, string students, woodwind students and guitar students can participate in the Festival Audition also. If you are interested in participating in this Festival, you may discuss it with your teacher.

Thank you to the teachers, Lisa Bong, Lois Finlay, Margaret Liu, Troy Palmer, Mary Parsons and Chiu-May Yu, who worked very hard in preparing the students for the event.

### Mark Your Calendar

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events.

#### **ABRSM Practical Exams**

*Wednesday, April 18 to Sunday, April 22*

These exams will be held at our Chamblee and Alpharetta locations.

#### **Piano Guild Auditions**

*Tuesday, May 1 to Saturday, May 5*

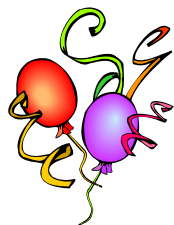
The auditions location will be changed to Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church on Chamblee Tucker Road. Teachers will have audition schedules in April.

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Chamblee school *Sunday, Apr 29* - England Piano  
Alpharetta school *Saturday, May 19* - Steinway Piano  
Chamblee school *Saturday, May 26* - England Piano



## Happy Anniversary!



March 15, 2007 marks the eighth anniversary of the incorporation of Cambridge Academy of Music and Arts. Providing "Quality Music Instruction in Your Community" is our slogan. We will continue to strive to achieve this in the years to come.

## Reminders!

### Payment By Check Or Cash

Please remember to write the current date on all checks. We cannot accept post-dated checks.

Please prepare exact change when you make a cash payment. We only keep a minimum amount of change in our cash box.

### Discussion After Class

In order for our teachers to keep to their tight teaching schedules, we ask that parents not carry on lengthy discussions with teachers following students' lessons. Please arrange to discuss any concerns you might have with your teacher over the phone, or at another time.



## ABRSM Exam & Workshop

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Exams will be held Wednesday, April 18, Saturday, April 21 and Sunday morning, April 22 at our Alpharetta school and Friday afternoon, April 20 at our Chamblee school.

ABRSM Workshop will be held on Friday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at England Piano. This free workshop will be conducted by the examiner, Ms. Gillian Williams from the UK. This workshop will give you an in-depth knowledge of the Associated Board exam program and rating system. Teachers and parents are invited to attend.

Each year over 600,000 students take these exams in more than 90 countries around the world knowing that their achievements will be recognized internationally. The subjects for exam include piano, voice, strings, woodwinds, brass, guitar and percussions.

The ABRSM has the authority of the four leading conservatories in the UK—Royal Academy of Music, Royal College of Music, Royal Northern College of Music, and Royal Scottish Academy of music and Drama.

## Theory Classes

We will offer Music Theory classes during summer months from June 1 to August 15. The purpose of these classes is to enhance private lessons, increase students' understanding of music rudiments, the essential knowledge and building blocks in becoming better sight readers and skilled musicians. These classes will also help prepare students to take the ABRSM theory exam and the College Board AP music theory exam.

Detailed information will be available in April.



## Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 8, 2007

## Happy Birthday

### MARCH

- 1 **Frederic Chopin**, Polish composer
- 7 **Maurice Ravel**, French composer
- 21 **Johann Sebastian Bach**, German composer and organist; would have been 322 years old if he was still alive today
- 25 **Bela Bartok**, Hungarian composer
- 31 **Franz Joseph Haydn**, Austrian composer

### APRIL

- 1 **Sergei Rachmaninoff**, Russian composer
- 6 **Andre Previn**, German/American conductor, pianist and composer
- 22 **Yehudi Menuhin**, American violinist
- 23 **Sergei Prokofiev**, Russian composer
- 30 **Duke Ellington**, American jazz pianist and composer



## Student News

**Emily First** and **John Reimer** participated in the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) 2007 All-State music event on March 1 to 3 in Savannah, Georgia. **Emily** was 2nd chair in the saxophone section of the All-State Symphonic Band, and **John** was 2nd chair in the saxophone section of the Middle School All-State Band. Both Emily and John are students of Adam Pendleton. Congratulations to these two students and their teacher.

