

Event Information

- Online performance class are required and will be assigned using the online scheduler.
- Events are decided by June 1st for the next school session.
- All dates are subject to change. The studio website has the most current dates.

Performance Class – Online attendance required before each event.

- Purpose: To give students an opportunity to play in front of a controlled audience. Students learn how to test out the piano, take time to adjust the bench under pressure, perform a piece which is very different from practicing a piece, and also how to say thank you to the audience appropriately.
- Details: Each performance class lasts around 30 minutes and will only be available online. There is no dress code. This event is run by GFMS.

Jazz Festival

- Date: Saturday, November 9th
- Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairfax
- Purpose: To promote the study and performance of the America Jazz Form by vocal, piano, and other instrumental students of all ages and levels in a non-competitive setting.
- Details: Participants perform two pieces by memory which may be arrangements. Memorization is a requirement for solos. Both pieces must be a minimum of 16 measures. There are two judges and an audience of other performing students and their families. Students rated Superior Plus by both judges will receive a special award and will be invited to play in the Honors Recital. Jazz Festival is a great way to keep students interested and enjoying music during the summer and expose them to a different and fun genre. A professional drummer is on the premises on the day of the event. Students can perform their jazz pieces in a fun and informal setting as an ensemble with the drummer. This event is run by SMC.

Spring Festival

- Date: Friday - Saturday, March 7-8th
- Location: First Baptist Church of Springfield, Springfield
- Purpose: To promote study and stimulate interest in American and world music literature. To encourage each participant to reach a high standard of musical achievement. This festival is not a competitive event, but an opportunity to perform and receive evaluation.
- Details: Students must perform one of the required compositions plus one choice composition memorized for solo entries. Entrants receive comment sheets, certificates, and points based on their level of performance. Gold Cups are awarded after a certain number of points are accrued. 3 years of superiors (15 points) = 1st tier Gold Cup. There are two judges and an audience of other students who will also perform and their families. This event is run by SMC.

Time requests are organized into blocks.

Block 1 is Friday @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Block 2 is Friday @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Block 3 is Saturday @ 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Block 4 is Saturday @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Block 5 is Saturday @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Block 6 is Saturday @ 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Sonatina Festival

- Date: Friday – Saturday, May 10th
- Location: First Baptist Church of Springfield, Springfield
- Purpose: To encourage students to learn and perform compositions written in sonata form.
- Details: Each student must play one memorized movement of a published Sonatina/Sonata. Any number of movements may be played. All participants who display a good effort will be awarded a trophy. There are two judges and an audience of other performing students and their families. This event is run by SMC.

GFMS Annual Recital – Attendance required for all students.

- Date: Saturday, May 31st
- Location: The Woman’s Club of Arlington, Arlington
- Purpose: To celebrate the hard work students put in over the school year with one last performance in front of other performing students and their families. To allow parents an opportunity to record and take pictures during the performance which is not allowed in most other events.
- Details: Students perform a piece or two from memory. Ensemble pieces and long pop songs do not need to be memorized. There is a reception following the event. This event is run by GFMS.

Volunteer Information

Labeled as “V” in Event Chart

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