

Krysti's Music Studio

Newsletter - August 2013



What an Amazing Year!!!

We have had a wonderful year!! Here are a few of the highlights:

- New Students: We have started MANY new lessons since August 2012, including 5 Art students, 7 voice students, 9 violin students, 13 guitar students, and 56 piano students!!! Wowzers!!

- Current Students: We have been so blessed by how our students have been continuing their performing and studying! We have seen students pass over difficult hurdles in their lessons and come out better students, and we have seen students become inspired by watching a performance or a video and saying "I want to do that!" Bravo to our students for sticking with it, working hard and never giving up!

- Ribbon Fest: We had 41 students participate in this event at Bluffton University last November! After playing their memorized piece, students received a ribbon and comments back about their performance! Deadline to enter for this event this year is Oct. 20.

- Christmas Recitals: This year we had nine Christmas recitals!

Students performed in one of the nine recitals. Locations included nursing homes and assisted living homes from Lima to Pandora. The residents always enjoy seeing young people using and improving their musical talents, and it's a wonderful way for students to serve our communities and our elderly by playing their pieces for them! Additionally, several of the Christmas recitals were held at Bluffton's own Common Grounds! It was a nice change of location and was a ton of fun!

- New Teachers: We've been blessed with several new teachers who each bring valuable skill to offer our students! New teachers include Rebekah Ricker (piano, woodwinds, voice), Florin Simioanca (strings), and as you'll read later, Tori Watkins & Mandy Huston (art).

- Studio Renovations: (see page 2) The studio space has become more flexible, useful, and above all, colorful!!

- Music Evaluation Day: In March, five students participated in a series of music tests held at Bluffton University. The tests consisted of theory & ear training, sight-reading, technique, and repertoire. All of our

students succeeded brilliantly!

- Spring Recital: We had nine separate recitals this spring, all held at Rockport UMC. We received many kind comments from parents and community members who are so grateful for students using their talents, and some say they can notice the great improvement in a student from year to year! So never stop working hard, students, because you never know who's cheering you on!

- Art Camp: New this year! (see page 3 for more info!)

- Performathon: Last year marked the 5th annual fundraiser for Campus Life/Youth for Christ, and students helped raise approx. \$3,500 for YFC! This year was our 6th annual Performathon, and it was held at the farmer's market this year. Students helped raise \$4,122 for YFC!! Awesome!!!! Thank you to all who helped.

- K & P to NCKP Conference: Krysti & Phil attended the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy, which was incredibly refreshing and inspiring! (see page 3).

We are excited to see what the 2013-2014 school year has in store!

Fall Lessons Start Aug. 26!

We offer lessons in Piano, voice, guitar, oboe, saxophone, clarinet, bassoon, flute, cello, violin, viola, theory & composition, as well as art classes and now drum lessons!

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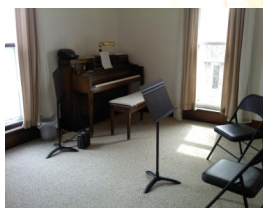
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Studio Renovations



This past school year, the studio portion of our house underwent some considerable renovating!

We were so excited when we'd first moved in because we could teach two lessons in the studio at once - that's twice as much as when we first started! But then as the Lord blessed us, we steadily outgrew our accommodations.



Before: One open room to be shared

Our plan then was to break up the larger room into smaller rooms similar to a university or college-sized practice room in a music building. We split the larger room into three smaller rooms to maximize the space, added a new window, installed double drywall and laid new carpet for soundproofing.



In Progress: A Huge Mess!

Other improvements to the studio included new paint jobs and other visual

enhancements (still a work in progress!)

Last August, the waiting room received a warm reddish-pink makeover with white painted cabinets and new carpet, the bathroom was painted a soft lavender color with new flooring installed, and the studio hallway was painted blue throughout, with help from piano student and artist Celeste Stauber, who painted a color swirly mural for added effect!

To top it all off, we placed old vinyl records above the stairway for a striking visual, and we also had light fixtures installed in the hallway to increase lighting, especially during those dark, winter months!

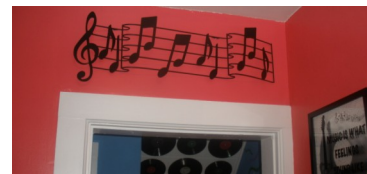


We have enjoyed having the improved space, as it allows more freedom in scheduling for us and our other teachers - we hope you have been enjoying the improvements as well!



New waiting room colors and records!

After: the three new rooms! Kevin teaches guitar in the blue room, while the brown and green rooms hold pianos!



Moving in the piano - DON'T try this at home!

Now offering lessons at Shawnee Alliance Church in Lima!!

Starting with our fall session (the week of Aug. 26) we will be offering lessons in Lima at Shawnee Alliance Church!!

Teachers will be Rebekah

Ricker (piano, voice, woodwinds) and Dennis Crites (drums/
Percussion!!!). If you are interested in this

option just let Krysti know!



1st ever Art Camp!

Art Camp was July 15-18 this year! We had about 24 students total that participated in



the camp! We had a morning session and an evening class as well.

Throughout the camp, students worked on sketching, painting projects, shaving-cream art, sculptures, and a collage! We learned about Leonardo da Vinci, and had a special visit from Krysti's Aunt Della Salter, who is an accomplished artist!

Mandy Huston, a Bluffton University art major and recent graduate, was the teacher for the week.



Though it was a HOT week outside, everyone seemed to have a fun time and hopefully learned a lot about art!

Now offering 1-on-1 Art Lessons



Mandy Huston, art teacher

We are now offering private art lessons with Mandy (Bluffton University graduate & art major) and with Tori (Bluffton University art major and senior this year). Just let Krysti know if your child would like to try a private art class!



Tori Watkins, art teacher

Krysti & Phil attended NCKP

(National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy)((Piano Teaching!))

This was a wonderful experience, including inspiring lectures, spellbinding performances by both student and celebrity, and fresh perspective from fellow piano teachers across the country!

Held every other year in Chicago, the conference visits many topics which professional piano teachers like us benefit from hearing about. Keynote addresses helped remind us of the proven benefits of music study and reaffirm our profession as a vibrant one, and

we also gained new insight into the lives of classical musicians. Some were much more than just performers or composers, but were true lovers of humanity and ambassadors of their time.

Amidst the insightful sessions of business tips, new music showcases, exhibit-exploring and hobnobbing with our favorite composers (whose pieces you play in lessons!) we were also treated to fantastic recitals! One was comprised of winners of the MTNA student

competition. These students played music so intensely incredible we almost couldn't believe it! We were also treated to Jarrod Radnich, composer of the famous YouTube sensation "Incredible Piano Solo - Pirates of the Caribbean," which he played for us!

The conference helped us gain refreshment and new resources which not only makes us better teachers, but helps us make our students better musicians. We enjoyed it!

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Did you Know?

- Krysti is the IMTF (Independent Music Teachers Forum) chair for Ohio, and is also the Co-Vice President for Marketing and Membership for the Middle-West Ohio Music Teacher's Association!
- Phil has tuned approx. 125 pianos in the past 3 years!
- We're now up to approximately 160 students total!

Upcoming Events!

- Fall lessons starts the week of Aug. 26th!
- Ribbon Festival is Nov. 23. Sign ups to Krysti due by Oct. 20.
- Christmas Recitals in early December!
- Duet Recital coming this spring!! Always a big hit!

Fall lessons start Aug. 26!!

Does your piano sound a little honky-tonky?

Pianos should be tuned at least once a year to maintain instrument quality. (Krysti is picky and sometimes has Phil tune the pianos in the studio 3 times a year...haha!). 3 times a year times 4 acoustic pianos at the studio...that's a lot of tuning!



Over time, pianos go "out of tune", and the pitch on a given note can be too flat or sharp. Tuning restores the pitches so that it sounds correct when you play. Often, students will mention, "This piece sounds a lot different when I play on my piano at home!" Most likely, the cause is the piano is out of tune.

Students will most likely feel happier about practicing if the piano sounds good!! If the sound is consistent on the home piano and studio piano, it will be easier to transition from home practice to the lesson.

Call Phil at 419-889-7333 to schedule a tuning - cost is \$60.

