

Spring Piano News 2019



Spring Quarter Schedule

March 4 - 8: Spring Lessons Begin. [Tuition Installment #1 + Recital Fee Due.](#)

March 25 - 29: Spring Break. No Lessons.

April 1 - 5: [Tuition Installment #2 Due.](#)

April 13: AMTA District Auditions. Birmingham Southern College.

April 27: Recital Rehearsal. 10 - 11 am. [Please RSVP.](#)

May 1 - 7: [Tuition Installment #3 Due.](#)

May 5: Spring Recital. 2 pm. Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

May 10: [Letter of Intent Due.](#)

May 11: AMTA State Auditions. University of Alabama.

May 13 - 17: Last Week of Spring Quarter.

May 20 - 24: Spring Quarter Makeup Week.

The schedule for Summer Quarter and the 2019-2020 school year is now available on our web site [calendar page](#). Performance dates will be added later.

Spring Recital **May 5, 2 pm**

Our Spring Recital will be held on Saturday, May 5, at 2 pm, at Episcopal Church of the Ascension. 1912 Canyon Rd, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216.

Students should dress for a special occasion. Several students have asked me if they may wear a costume that coordinates with their piece. I can't resist adorable kids in costumes; therefore the answer is yes. You may wear dressy recital clothes OR a costume.

The church will be opened up for practicing at least thirty minutes before the performance begins. Plan to be in your assigned seat fifteen minutes before show-time. Please use the restroom before being seated. Students will not be permitted to leave during the performance. Recitals usually last about an hour.

Performers will sit in a reserved seat in the choir area behind the piano, in the order of their appearance in the program. After performing, my youngest students (4K, 5K, and 1st grade) will go to their parents in the audience for the duration of the recital because I'm unable to monitor wiggles and giggles while directing the program.

There will be an award ceremony following the recital during which participation awards, AMTA certificates, and practice trophies will be presented.

At the beginning of the Spring Quarter, an \$8 per student recital fee is applied to tuition. This helps cover the facility expense, printing programs, awards, and purchasing trophies. If you have not yet paid your recital fee, [please take care of it now.](#)

AMTA District Auditions April 13

The Alabama Music Teacher's Association District Auditions are for piano students, age six through eighteen, and are held in March or April of each year. They are comprised of a Performance component of three pieces of contrasting style and a Theory component (scales, arpeggios, cadences, etc.) Students, age 10 and older, who receive an Outstanding rating in both Performance and Theory can progress on to the State level of this competition in May.

District Auditions will be held at Birmingham Southern University on April 13. Our district participants this year are Shambeau Das, Roshni Datta, Naomi Druxman, Mina Hu, Maliha and Anusha Mukherjee, Ishan Shah, Theo Simonton, and Veronica Zhang.

The State Auditions will take place at the University of Alabama on May 11. A handful of winners will be selected from State Auditions to participate in a Winner's Recital.



Summer Quarter Policy

The Summer Quarter will consist of six weeks of lessons plus the bonus week for make-up lessons. If absolutely necessary, during the Summer Quarter only, students may have the option of arranging their six lessons individually with me rather than having a regular weekly lesson time. This flexibility will allow students



to get in all of their lessons around their travel and summer camp schedule. Lessons will still need to be scheduled with me during my regular working hours and within the dates specified for the Summer Quarter.

Please understand that, without payment, it isn't possible for me to reserve spaces in the studio. The studio maintains a waiting list of interested students. Some students remain on the list for a long time before they are able to begin study. Lesson times will be offered to these students immediately when they become available. Some families actually prefer to start in the summer. Students who have terminated their lessons are always welcome to return, but please know in advance that availability could not be guaranteed after an absence.

Written notification is required one month in advance of ending lessons. Students who fail to give the one month notice will be billed for the month or will forfeit their deposit. No refund will be given for tuition paid in advance. Please complete the google form [Letter of Intent](#) or print and return the final page of this newsletter to me by May 10.

Summer Quarter Schedule 2019

June 24 - 28: Summer Lessons Begin. Tuition Installment #1 Due.

July 4: Independence Day Holiday. No Lessons. Make-up Day: August 8.

July 15 - 19: Tuition Installment #2 Due.

July 29 - August 2: Last Week of Summer Lessons

August 5 - 9: Summer Quarter Makeup Week.

You'll never know how far you can fly, until you spread your wings.

Spring Recital music is underway. Each participant has their own placeholder butterfly reserved for them. When recital pieces are 100% prepared, students will select a dimensional colorful butterfly to place in their spot on our display. It will be fun to watch the butterflies appear as our recital draws near. Spring Recital: May 5, 2 pm.

Recital Rehearsal **April 27, 10-11 am**

Most of my students have heard me tell the story about how I won my first piano competition in elementary school playing blindfolded. Just for fun, I challenge everyone to make their own epic vaudeville debut by performing their recital piece blindfolded at our recital rehearsal. Try it if you dare. We'll all cheer you on. [Please RSVP if you plan to attend.](#)



Letter of Intent 2019

Due May 10, 2019

Please indicate your intent regarding your continued enrollment in piano.

Summer Quarter: June 24 - August 2

You may also sign the form digitally by clicking [this link](#).

- I will be continuing my piano lessons and will see you in the Summer Quarter.
- I want to continue my lessons but I have a challenging scheduling problem to work around and need your help making a plan.
- I would like to terminate my lessons. Please add me to the waiting list for a future opening in the studio. I understand that an opening can't be guaranteed after an absence.
- I would like to terminate my lessons and have no plans to return in the future.
- I can't attend any lessons during the Summer Quarter, but I plan to pay the Summer Quarter tuition before June 24, 2019, to reserve my space in the studio.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____