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Letter from the President

Dear Students, Parents, Patrons, and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Faculty, and Staff, I wish to thank you for your continued support of The Music Academy. It is gratifying to realize that, in these difficult times, we still have the backing of those who feel as we do that the Arts must be nurtured and made to flourish and must not be neglected.

We continue to explore new ways to remain viable and relevant, to offer new courses, and to expand our client base. This semester for the first time we will be partnering with OLLI (the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) to provide musical opportunities especially designed for active retirees.

It is our hope that you will continue your support of The Music Academy and will have an opportunity to visit us during the coming year.

We wish you all a happy New Year. May your days be filled with the gift of beautiful music.

Sincerely yours,

Pat Kelley
Patricia M. Kelley
Board President

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*Music is a moral law.
It gives soul to the universe,
wings to the mind,
flight to the imagination,
a charm to sadness,
gaiety and life to everything.
It is the essence of order
and lends to all that is
good and just and beautiful.*

Plato

Join us For the Faculty Recital

1:30 PM, Sunday
February 21, 2010
Foxdale Village Auditorium
500 E. Marylyn Avenue
State College, PA

Everyone's Welcome



2009 Mary Lee Eyer Scholarship Winners

Erin Redwing, daughter of Joan and Ronald Redwing was awarded First Place in Elementary Division. Erin is a seventh grader and a student of Carol Pharo.

Hope Bodenschatz, daughter of Mark and Heather Bodenschatz, was awarded Second Place in Elementary Division. Hope is a fifth grader and a student of Carol Pharo.

Michaela Clark, daughter of Shawn and Elisabeth Clark, was awarded First Place in Junior Division. Michaela is a ninth grader and a student of Carol Pharo.

Sheridan Woika, son of Shirley and Dale Woika, was awarded Second Place in Junior Division. Sheridan is an eighth grader and a student of Arthur Goldstein.

Faure, Mozart, Scarlatti, Durante, Bizet, and Bach are some of the composers whose works were performed by these talented students.

Spring Scholarship Competitions

Continuing our school's tradition of scholarship opportunities for students from The Music Academy and the community, we will again sponsor the Mary Lee Eyer Scholarship Competition on April 8, 2010 and the Vera Kochanowsky Scholarship Competition on May 15, 2010.

The **Eyer Competition** welcomes students studying any instrument at The Music Academy in Elementary (grades 5, 6, and 7), Junior (grades 8, 9, and 10), and Senior (grades 11 and 12) divisions, and is not open to the public.

The **Kochanowsky Competition** will be held on May 15, 2010 and welcomes any piano student in grades seven through eleven demonstrating musical ability. Any area piano teacher may recommend a student for this competition. This bi-annual event is open to the public and is an exciting opportunity to experience our area's finest young musicians in a concert setting.

Please contact The Music Academy or visit our website for more information about these Spring competition events.

Chamber Music

The Easterly Chamber Players appeared at the Palmer Art Museum noon time series on Wednesday, January 20. That series is called Moments of Change in art and music.

On Saturday, January 23, Diane Gold Toulson performed with the York (PA) Symphony a Pops concert with the famous group ABBA at 8 p.m. at the Strand Capital Theatre in York, PA.



Choir Notes

The Music Academy Camerata presented a wonderful Christmas program Dec 9th. Music for the spring concert will feature Flor Peeters' beautiful Te Deum. New members are welcome.

We Welcome OLLI

The Music Academy has forged a partnership with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to provide music education in voice and piano during daytime hours. This exciting opportunity is available to any adult student and instruction will take place at The Music Academy. **It's Never Too Late to Sing** (five sessions) with Wendy Levin and **Beginning Adult Piano Group** (nine sessions) with Irene Bernstein are just two offerings; see The Music Academy website for more information (www.scmusicacademy.org).



The Music Academy's Children's Choir, directed by Carol Pharo, wows them at Eisenhower Auditorium!

What's New at The Music Academy

The Little Orchestra, directed by Carol Pharo is a unique opportunity for developing ensemble skills in elementary-aged string players. With the aid of multiple instructors, students will be matched with others of similar level and encouraged to perform as soloists, in small groups (duo, trio, quartet, etc.), and in a comprehensive string orchestra setting.

Students from the public schools and from private teachers in State College and beyond are welcome to become part of this exciting new ensemble. *Tuition fees have been waived (except for a \$25 registration fee) thanks to a generous grant from the Centre County Community Foundation.*
16 weeks, Fridays 3:45 to 4:45 PM beginning February 19, 2010
Registration fee: \$25

The Music Academy Children's Choirs, directed by Carol Pharo, are a unique opportunity for children between the ages of five and eighteen to train, at no cost, in an ensemble setting with attention to solo vocal development. The instruction encourages small groups, according to level, as well as the experience of a large choral group, and emphasizes the major European languages. *Tuition fees have been waived by a generous grant from the Centre County Community Foundation.*

18 weeks, Fridays 5:15 6:15 PM beginning February 5, 2010
Fridays; Boys only 5 PM; Full program: 5:15 to 6:15 PM
beginning February 5, 2010

Faculty Highlight - Diane Gold Toulson



Diane and friends with Sir James Galway



Diane's talented students

What led you to a lifetime of making music? Our family had a good grand piano and lessons in elementary school were fun and easy. I preferred practicing to playing baseball. I took up flute in seventh grade and got good quickly. Music was a natural for me and I enjoyed the creativity.

Do you have any favorite composers/performers? I prefer lively, happy, rhythmic music in my later years. Classical, Jazz, Brazilian and Latin, Piazzolla is a wonderful Argentinean composer whose tangos I love.

What's your philosophy of teaching? Find the inner expression of each person through discipline and technique. Find the student's level and progress forward in a creative and fun manner.

Describe a memorable even in your career: Last Saint Patrick's Day, drinking Guinness after a concert featuring James Galway with him in a hotel lobby until 2:30 a.m. Concerts with various orchestras. Chamber music in Switzerland, Czech Republic, and England.

If you hadn't chosen music, what other profession piqued your interest?
Napping

How do you inspire your students: Through example; listen to many artists for ideas, perform at the "drop of a hat". Through understanding the harmonies comes appreciation of the whole piece.

What's your idea of perfect happiness?

Well played music which is satisfying to listen to. Beyond careful into creative ideas of great musicality is supreme.

Fall Donors

Each Fall, community members demonstrate their support for The Music Academy through generous donations.

We gratefully acknowledge this year's donors and thank them for their recognition of our school's value.

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Spring 2010 Calendar

First Day of Spring Semester ~ Feb 1

Faculty Recital ~ Feb 21

Spring Break ~ March 7-14

Recital Preparation Workshop ~ April 4

Student and Senior Recitals ~ April 17 & 24

Adult Recitals ~ April 28

Clarinet Workshop ~ May 13

Honors Recital ~ May 2

Mary Lee Eyer Competition ~ May 8

Kochanowsky Competition ~ May 15

End of Spring Semester ~ June 13

Make-up Lessons ~ June 15 - 20

Student Exams ~ June 16 & 17

First Day of Summer Semester ~ June 22

Faculty Members

Irene Bernstein
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Diane Gold Toulson
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Summer Camps - Plan the Fun!

Piano Camp for Children

(Piano Exam Level Grades 1-8)

Monday, June 21 to Friday, June 25
with Carol Pharo 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Winnie-the-Pooh Drama/Musical Theater Camp for Children

Grades 1-4 Monday, June 28 to
Friday, July 2 with Carol Pharo
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Rock Camp with Charlie Heim and George Malek

WEEK ONE Monday, July 19 to
Friday, July 23 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

WEEK TWO Monday, July 26 to
Friday, July 30 10:30 am to 12:30

Strings Camp

July 12 - 16, July 19 - 23, July 26 -
30 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Please Join Us for these Upcoming Events

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| Faculty Recital | February 21, 1:30 PM | Foxdale Village |
| Student Recitals | April 17 | Trinity Lutheran Church |
| Senior Recitals | April 24 | Trinity Lutheran Church |
| Adult Recital | April 28, 7:30 PM | Unitarian Universalist Church |
| Honors Recital | May 2, 2:00 PM | Trinity Lutheran Church |
| Kochanowsky Scholarship | May 15, 1:00 PM | Trinity Lutheran Church |



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