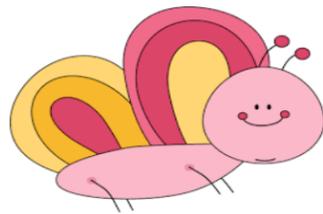


## Happy Birthday to our May students!

Jack D.	Anna F.	Haven L.
Sophie D.	Maddy D.	Nimisha S.
Carli P.	Harper G.	Andrew M.
Grace O.	Cameron D.	Giuliano D.
Nicholas B.	Audrey S.	Clara G.
Alex M.	Rhia N.	Zoe N.
Julia S.	Rohan N.	Caroline W.
Isabel H.	Katelyn O.	Ellie L.
Bea B.	Julia V.	Lillian B.
Melanie H.	Mia G.	Maeve D.
Clare L.	Chloe B.	Carlo L.
Molly E.	Chloe P.	Tess M.
Natalie H.	Ian D.	Kate D.



## Mark Your Calendars!

### MAY IS INTERNATIONAL DRUM MONTH!

5/1-5/6..... Be Kind to Animals Week  
 5/2 ..... National Teacher Day  
 5/5 ..... Cinco de Mayo!  
 5/7 ..... Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's Birthday  
 5/7 ..... Johannes Brahms Birthday  
 5/14..... MOTHER'S DAY  
 5/7-5/13 ..... Teacher Appreciation Week  
 5/20..... Armed Forces Day  
 5/18-5/21 ..... HAIRSPRAY Performances (MMT)  
 5/29..... Memorial Day (closed)

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# NOTES & PHRASES

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## MMT PRESENTS: *Hairspray Jr.* (May 18 - 21)



The 1950s are out, and change is in the air! *Hairspray*, winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, is a family-friendly musical, piled bouffant-high with laughter, romance and deliriously tuneful songs.

It's 1962 in Baltimore, and the lovable plus-size teen, Tracy Turnblad, has only one desire - to dance on the popular "Corny Collins Show." When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob, Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network... all without denting her 'do!

Performances will be held at Lyons Township High School (South Campus) Performing Arts Center, located at 4900 Willow Springs Rd, Western Springs, IL. They will take place on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm. For ticket information and to make purchases, please visit: <https://mmt.yapsody.com/>

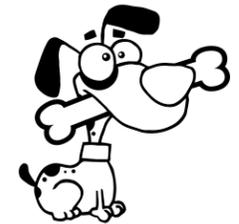
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## Kiddie Korner

### Riddle Time

What is the most musical bone?



The tom-bone!

### Joke Time

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Little old lady!

Little old lady who?

I didn't know you could yodel!



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# Why Do a Recital?

"What has keys, but can't listen to the beauty it unlocks? A piano." —Jarod Kintz

## The Benefits

So, your child has been taking lessons for a while now—at least a few months. Recitals are quickly approaching. Here at Music Makers, we do not require our students to participate in the recitals—but we would like to share with you why they **should**.

In life, we are always preparing for **something**. We study our homework to prepare for that exam. We study our notes to prepare for that presentation at work. We make out a list of things we need from the store, or things we have to remember to pack for vacation. In essence, we are always preparing for a **goal** or an **end result**. Preparing for a recital will be a wonderful opportunity to help teach your child this skill.

Kids tend to work harder at their practice in preparation for a recital, much like athletes training for a big meet/game. Think of it as preparing for the playoffs!



By participating in a recital, your child will gain performance experience. Over time, through performing in front of an audience, students learn how to take control of nervous energy and anxiety. They learn how to work through mistakes. They learn how to perform under pressure. These are all great skills that can carry over into everyday life. Once the recital is over, they can breathe a sigh of relief and know they have accomplished a goal! This can boost a child's self-confidence tremendously!

Now, say your child has only been taking for a short period of time. If they are not comfortable just jumping in the deep end and doing the recital, then we suggest they attend and watch the recitals. It will give them a chance to see that recitals really are not so scary after all! It will also give them a chance to hear their peers perform, and (hopefully) encourage them that they can do it too!



## Spring Recital Information

Our recitals are completely free of charge!

We encourage you to bring family and friends to our June Recital Event!

Our recitals will take place over the weekend of Saturday, June 11 (10am – 5pm) – Sunday, June 12 (12pm – 6pm), except for the students of Marissa Ostrego, who is holding her recital on Saturday, May 13 from 11am – 12:30pm. Recitals will be held at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church of Western Springs, located at 4300 Howard Street. Most recitals will be followed by a light reception afterwards. To see a complete list of the teacher's schedules for the weekend in June, please go to:  
[www.musicmakerstudio.com/recital-schedule](http://www.musicmakerstudio.com/recital-schedule)



Please join us in welcoming our **new** and **returning** students who have recently joined us for lessons!

**Everleigh D.**  
**Maddy D.**  
**Maya G.**  
**Evan S.**  
**Sophia S.**  
**Declan W.**  
**Phil R.**  
**Andrew A.**  
**Sherwin L.**  
**John R.**  
**Andrew M.**  
**Eli M.**  
**Jack B.**



## A Note from the Directors

Happy May to our Families!

We are so excited about all of the many things happening at Music Makers! Our K-2 kids just completed a very cute run of Willy Wonka Kids. We are just always blown away by how well these kids can learn lines, songs, and blocking at such a young age! This month, we are presenting our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Hairspray. We do hope you will join us for what is sure to be an amazing production! A reminder that summer registration is open!

Next month, we will be having our June Recitals. Please see the article on page 2 for more information. We encourage all of our students to participate in the recitals, even if their teacher is not hosting one. Your child is welcome to perform their piece(s) at any of the scheduled recitals. It is a great way for you and your families to see how practice and working towards a goal can cumulate into a performance setting.

Lastly, we would like to wish all the mothers a very Happy Mother's Day!

*Jeremy & Gwen Michor*

## TEACHER FEATURE!

Music Makers is pleased to announce the addition of a new teacher to our faculty!

### ISAAC STEVENSON

(Drums, Piano, Music Technology)

"The best way to keep students engaged and passionate about music is to relate what they are learning to their goals from day one. I work with students to set individualized, concrete goals, which keeps them motivated and excited!"

Isaac Stevenson received a degree from DePaul University in Percussion Performance and Audio Engineering, studying primarily with Ed Harrison, Eric Millstein (Lyric Opera), and Ian Ding (New Music Detroit). Stevenson is skilled in a variety of musical styles, including classical music, performance art, new music, hip-hop, and metal. Stevenson is frequently seen performing with mocrep, a Chicago-based new music ensemble that combines music, theater, and performance art. Stevenson also plays drums in the hip/hop-free jazz fusion group Not Lovely, and bass in the band Sin Vacas.

For more information on our faculty, visit:  
[musicmakerstudio.com/meet-the-faculty](http://musicmakerstudio.com/meet-the-faculty)