

Music Education Centers Quarterly Newsletter



Ian Hutter Sings at the Garden Café – Pieter's Family Life Center

Sign up Now!

We still have openings for students to enroll in our classes at the Pieter's Family Life Center and CDS Wolf Transitions Center.

Dates to Remember!

- *Round Table #1 – Saturday January 23rd Practice Strategies and Goal Setting for Parents & Musicians*
- *Round Table #2 – Wednesday March 10th - 'Social Stories and Music Instruction'*
- *Student Concert – April 6 in the Garden Café at the Pieter's Family Life Center 7:00pm*

MEC Update – January 2010

WELCOME to the first edition of our newsletter! We will be publishing one every quarter. The aim is to keep our current clients updated and informed as well as let future clients in on the goings on in our community.

In order to accommodate our expanding client base, we will be making some huge changes to the way that we do business in 2010. We hope that these changes will improve our level of service and allow us to focus on offering great programs.

One new service that we will begin offering this year is our 'Round Table Talks' Series.

Space is limited so please fill out the registration at the bottom of page 3! The first talk will be on January 23rd at the Pieter's Center!

Please take a few moments to read through the different sections and get to know the layout.

Have a Happy New Year!

Concert News!

We had our 4th annual student holiday concert on December 12th. It was held at the CDS Wolf Transitions Center on Hard Rd in Webster.

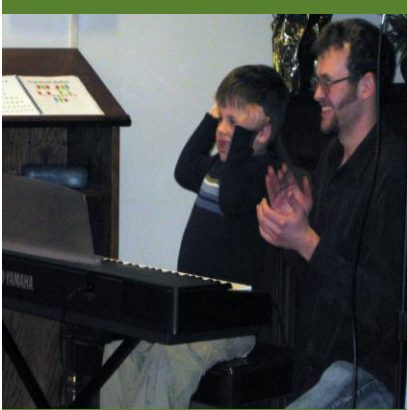
All of the students performed outstandingly! Thank you to all of the parents and friends that came out and attended the event.

As more students continue to participate, the events get more exciting!

We look forward to the next concert in April that will feature mainly small groups and to the Recital in June that will be a more formal event featuring solo performers!



A group of MEC students, led by Christian Schenk, got together to form 'Dogma.' Here they perform at the Wolf Transitions Center on December 12th.



Hunter Cheers after a stellar opening performance at our winter concert held at CDS Wolf Transitions Center!

So – What is New? We are glad you asked!

The biggest single change will be our new Phone Number. Since we have had many issues with the voicemail over the past year, we have begun using a toll-free number and voicemail service.

The Studio's new number is **877-632-6833**. The old number is still functional, but if you were having difficulty contacting us, please use the new number.

The next major change is the way that we will handle scheduling. The teachers will have studio cards that they can give out that have their information included. If you need to reschedule a lesson, you can call the teacher directly.

And speaking of rescheduling...we are going to be moving towards a monthly/quarterly rate billing system, which will be mentioned in detail on page 3...

Lessons will be rescheduled instead of cancelled or credited. We will implement this policy to all new clients at the beginning of 2010 and it will be employed for all clients in September.

On January 23rd we will be hosting our first 'Round Table Discussion' at the Pieter's Family Life Center.

"It is so exciting to see small groups of students working cooperatively together to achieve a common goal."

Feature Teacher – Christian Mendell

A very influential instructor suggested that Christian move to California in order to study music at Calvary Chapel School of Worship. After completing his degree, he started a successful teaching business with California Music Studios where he taught individuals and groups on a variety of instruments.

Many of his students were individuals who were passed along by frustrated instructors. Either they were too young or they had special learning needs due to an Autism, ADHD or related diagnosis. These students have always intrigued Christian because of the challenge in finding their hidden talents.

Christian has been playing music since 1989, teaching since 1996 and started at MEC last July when a family tragedy brought him back to the Rochester area. Upon arrival, he was determined to find a school that embraced his innovative teaching style.

Music Education Centers is that place. "There is sense of caring that I've not seen at other music schools and a passion for "doing whatever it takes" to help the student succeed. The teachers are always developing fresh new ways to break through the challenges that students are facing every day."

"Those who are gifted have special needs; those with special needs have extraordinary gifts."



Christian Mendell - Instructor

I want all of my students to become well-rounded musicians by:

- Learning more than one instrument
- Discovering the structure of music theory
- Performing in front of a crowd.
- Composing their own songs.
- Learning how to interact with others in a musical group setting.
- Most Importantly - Have fun while developing new skills!

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Admin Corner

Beginning in January of 2010, one of the administrative changes we will implement will be the monthly and quarterly rates. It will replace the weekly or price-per-lesson rate that we currently use. Understanding that change takes time, this policy will not be required of current clients until September when we will have completely phased out the current pricing model.

Nova's Notes...

"Growth means change and change involves risk, stepping from the known into the unknown." – Author Unknown

Just want to take a moment to thank you for your time in reading our first newsletter! This is one of our many steps we are taking to improve communication with our 'people'.

Life is a dynamic journey, and we are so honored and pleased to have shared in the experience with all of our students – past, present, and future – and their families and support circles.

We hope you have found what you are looking for in your experience with MEC, and as you can see things will be changing – for the better for all we hope!

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and inspiring 2010 – we look forward to hearing all that will be created and shared this year!

How does monthly billing work?

Monthly and quarterly billing is very simple. It supplies a client with 12 lessons per quarter. Detailed rate information is posted on our website.
www.MusicEdCenters.com

Meet the Staff

Sean Conlon – Supervisory Instructor

Christian Mendell – Instructor

Bridget Paddock – Instructor

Kayleigh Miller – Instructor

Christian Schenk – Director of Program Development and Student Accounts

Nova Schenk – Business Director

Round Table Talks – Registration Form

Round Table Talk #1 – Saturday January 23rd at 10:30am – Pieter's Family Life Center
Practice Strategies and Goal Setting for Parents & Musicians

Round Table Talk #2 - Wednesday March 10th at 7:30pm – Webster Studio – Space is limited
Social Stories and Music Instruction

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

I plan on attending:
(Circle all applicable)

Round Table Talk #1

Round Table Talk #2

Please return this form to the Webster office one week prior to the class to register!
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