

# community music school news



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*faculty and featured student recital series*



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Our faculty and students will take the stage in this special concert series new for 2007-2008. Selected CMS students will perform alongside their teachers for an evening of wonderful collaboration and music performances you will not want to miss!

CMS families are dedicated and care deeply for their children's progress in music and school. Our students are talented, high achievers with big plans in mind for college and careers. The only thing missing for our students sometimes are the opportunities to go out and advance further in their studies and possibly receive scholarships. This is the basics for the creation of our Faculty and Featured Student Recital Series — two recitals in which students are selected by audition to perform alongside and with our faculty members.

Our faculty are simply the best in the area, having impressive teaching and performing backgrounds. Performing with our faculty is

a great honor, bringing students to a higher level, a chance to have "real world" professional music experiences and gain deeper respect for their teachers. CMS students deserve the opportunity to be recognized for their hard work and talents. They deserve to be seen and heard as our future symphony players, entertainers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, bankers, scientists, or wherever their dreams and goals take them.

To qualify for the Faculty and Featured Student Recital Series, each student participated in a private audition and interview in January, with adjudicators consisting of faculty, staff and Board members. Based on this process students were then selected to perform in the upcoming concert.

We invite you to join us on March 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, 3313 Wade Avenue. This concert is free and open to the public so please bring a friend. Special thanks to The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation for support of this program.

### *faculty and featured student concert*

Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

3313 Wade Avenue, Raleigh

FREE

For more information, call the CMS office at (919) 856-7344.



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## CMS staff Community Music School's administrative staff



The past year has brought some new individuals to the CMS family and we would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the staff. It is our hope that this brief introduction will ease your concerns about where to direct your comments and inquires. We look forward to meeting each of you!

**Daniel Shattuck**, a Senior Anthropology major from NC State, is our intern for the spring semester. Daniel will be assisting CMS in the office, during lessons, recitals, with the web-site, and other events.



**Anne Everhart**, Program Director, has held this position since May 2006. Anne stays very busy in this part-time position while overseeing the design, development, implementation, assessment and evaluation of all CMS programs. Anne holds a Bachelor of Music degree in K-12 Music Education from Appalachian State University, and has instructed individual



and group Clarinet lessons since 1997. Prior to Community Music School, Anne served as Assistant Director of the Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir, NC and Clarinet instructor for the James C. Harper School of Performing Arts, also in Lenoir. Anne may be contacted at [anne@cmsraleigh.org](mailto:anne@cmsraleigh.org) or 919-856-7345.

**Kristina Mitten Sanders**, Executive Director, joined the Community Music School in March 2007. In her part-time position, Kristina balances her time at CMS between fund-raising, marketing, and public relations. Kristina holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Studies from the University of Indianapolis. Her background includes over thirteen years of nonprofit management, marketing and sales experience. Kristina earned a Certificate in Fund Raising Management at The Center of Philanthropy at Indiana University. She is currently working towards her Masters in Philanthropic Studies through Indiana University. Kristina may be contacted at [kristina@cmsraleigh.org](mailto:kristina@cmsraleigh.org) or 919-856-7344.



## stay in tune with Community Music School

### *office space – not the movie!*

CMS is in need of office space and we need your help! CMS will be moving our administrative offices soon! As of June 2008 CMS will need to find a new space for all of our 'behind the scenes' tasks and to store our instruments. If you know of an office location located in Raleigh or know someone that may, please contact Kristina at [kristina@cmsraleigh.org](mailto:kristina@cmsraleigh.org) or 919-856-7344.

*Thank you!*

### *volunteers needed!*

We are always looking for people interested in giving your time to CMS! We have a variety of volunteer needs and something to fit your schedule and talents. Contact [kristina@cmsraleigh.org](mailto:kristina@cmsraleigh.org) for more information on how you can join the CMS family and help us bring quality music education and instruction to children in Raleigh and Wake County.

### *a new web site debuts!*

[www.cmsraleigh.org](http://www.cmsraleigh.org)

November 1st marked the debut of the new CMS web site! If you have not been to the site please visit soon. You will find information on our programs, giving, volunteering, events and much more. A huge thanks to Diana Gazzia for her design work, Dwayne Perry for launching the site, and Amy Mitten for her photography work.

### *every friday and saturday*

CMS lessons are held each weekend at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 125 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh. Would you like to see our students and faculty in their learning environment? Join us for a tour and a chance to discover the talent that Community Music School supports. Please contact Kristina Mitten Sanders to set up your individual tour today! Please note, due to limited staffing CMS tours will only be given with a previously scheduled and confirmed appointment. Please call 919-856-7344 or e-mail [kristina@cmsraleigh.org](mailto:kristina@cmsraleigh.org)

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For more information about upcoming events or making a tax-deductible gift to Community Music School, please contact Kristina Mitten Sanders at 919-856-7344 or [kristina@cmsraleigh.org](mailto:kristina@cmsraleigh.org).

## CMS faculty 2007-2008

Fran Brar	piano	
Hollis Brown	violin	#
Daniel Coleman	guitar	
Mike Cyzewski	clarinet	
Brian Gilman	clarinet & sax	
Gretchen Holmes	trombone	
Michael Isenberg	percussion	
Grace Lloyd	piano	
An'janeé Molock	flute	
Irem Ozay	piano	
Leslie Peterson	piano	
Waltye Rasulala	piano	
Tamrah Spiegel	piano	
Mark Stiles	cello, violin	
Tawanna Terry	piano	
Tom Vold	guitar	

## 2007-2008 CMS programming update

Community Music School began its 2007-2008 season with much excitement and success. We opened the year with 15 instructors, nearly 170 lessons and a waiting list of 65. This season also began with the continuation of our Honors Jazz Ensemble directed by Mark Stiles, and the inception of two new programs: The CMS Vocal Ensemble directed by Waltye Rasulala and the Faculty and Featured Student Recital Series. They have made remarkable progress this year. Keep up the good work!

### ensemble honors

Mark Stiles, orchestra director for Leesville Middle/High, has been instructing Violin, Cello and our Honors Jazz Ensemble since January 2007. This year, the following students have been selected to participate in the ensemble:

Brandon McCathern piano	Karlos McLean guitar
Douglas Watson percussion	Myriah Luke cello
Suzanne Maier flute	

Students did not audition for this opportunity; rather they were selected by their instructors. Those selected are honors students. They are consistent, dedicated, poised, focused and advancing in not only their studies at CMS, but in their school and other community activities as well. This ensemble meets weekly from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays at the Church of the Good Shepherd at no additional cost to students. **The CMS Honors Jazz Ensemble will perform Friday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, 3313 Wade Avenue. This concert is free and open to the public.**

Families and students have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to participate in a vocal ensemble or vocal lessons for years. This year, it has finally happened through the generosity and talent of Waltye Rasulala. Waltye has been teaching Piano on Fridays for CMS since 2006, and has a very impressive resume and background in music and community service. Also assisting with the ensemble is Irem Ozay as accompanist. Irem, one of our student teachers, has been accompanying CMS

student recitals since 2002 and teaching beginning Piano on Fridays since 2006. Students ages 6-12 auditioned on September 8, 2007 and January 5, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. for an opportunity to be selected for this new ensemble. Those selected were:

Jada Brown	Corey Handsom	Jayla Lyons	Ashlyn Mills	Ariana Perrin
Isaiah Bullock	Keiland Highsmith	Victoria Lyons	Danielle Mills	Megan Serem
Kiara Bullock	Alyssa Lyons	Olivia Maina	Gabrielle Mills	

Also selected to receive private vocal instruction was Brandon McCathern. These students meet bi-weekly on Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd. **The CMS Vocal Ensemble will perform Saturday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, 3313 Wade Avenue. This concert is free and open to the public.**

Anne H. Everhart Program Director

### free CMS spring concerts!

Mark your calendars and join our faculty, staff, families and students as we celebrate the remarkable progress and talent CMS encourages to shine.

#### faculty and featured student recital series

Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m.  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
3313 Wade Avenue, Raleigh  
See page 1 for more information.

#### the showcase of talent

Saturday, April 26 at 5 p.m.  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
3313 Wade Avenue, Raleigh  
Select honor students, high school seniors and talented faculty members will be featured at this concert.

#### end of year celebration

Friday, May 16 and  
Saturday, May 17  
Church of the Nativity  
8849 Ray Road, Raleigh  
Series of concerts featuring all CMS students.



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### to our dear friends and supporters

I am pleased to welcome you to the brand new format of our CMS newsletter! Spring is a time of rebirth and advancement, and CMS is poised for great strategic growth as we enter into 2008.

There are many opportunities to see our students perform in the coming months which have been highlighted throughout this newsletter. Our faculty, students and staff have been working on a collection of wonderful collaborations and music performances. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss a single performance! Also, be sure to check out our new web site which was recently launched this past November. You will find all the latest news, events and how you can help support our mission at [www.cmsraleigh.org](http://www.cmsraleigh.org).

We are also thrilled to welcome five new members to our Board of Directors; Waltie Rasulala, Rosemary Ritzman, John Manickam, Jacqueline Saed Wolborsky and Stephen Votino. Each new member brings an incredible breadth of knowledge, and experience to the Board. We are so grateful for their support and welcome them to the CMS family.

The achievements of our past and the incredible momentum we have built since our first lessons began in 1994 would not be possible without the steadfast support of our partners and donors, as well as the vision and commitment of our Board and staff. I want to thank all of you for your support and for your interest in creating the brightest futures for our talented young students. We hope you continue to share our passion and vision, because every child deserves to be applauded at least once.

I hope to see you at one of our spring events!

Kristina Mitten Sanders  
Executive Director



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