



newsletter

# Music Matters

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## Did You Know? *The Community Music School Addition*

Sure, you know about your Community Music School location, but did you know that there are three CMS sites? CMS has branches in Battle Creek, Hastings, and Marshall, as well as satellite programs at Vicksburg High School, Fuller St. Elementary School in Nashville, and in Bedford for the Gull Lake Homeschool Partnership. Our program continues to grow – thank you for the part you’ve played in that!

**More than Private Lessons: Classes, Bands, Ensembles**  
CMS offers private lessons on most band and orchestra instruments, piano, voice and guitar, as well as a variety of classes for students ages infant all through adult. There are

also CMS chorus opportunities for children in Marshall and Hastings, and a Concert Band in Battle Creek. (More chorus opportunities are available through The Music Center for children and adults in Battle Creek.)

**Spotlight on – Performing!**  
All CMS locations hold Spotlight recitals, onsite or in a community venue. These are great opportunities for students to showcase their hard work and musical skill for an appreciative audience. Interested? Talk with your private instructor to sign up!

**Audience Opportunities**  
Did you know that adult CMS students can get tickets at **50% off** and CMS students under 18 and faculty mem-

bers are **one free Battle Creek Symphony ticket for every concert?** It’s true! There are four more concerts this season. The next is The Nutcracker Ballet on December 17. Contact Desi Rottman, Marketing and Ticket Manager, at 269.565.2199.

For more information about any of these opportunities, you can always contact your site coordinator. Our office phone numbers are just under the title of this newsletter. You can also find information on the web at [YourMusicCenter.org](http://YourMusicCenter.org), by following us on Twitter ([CommMusicSchool](https://twitter.com/CommMusicSchool)), and by “liking” the Community Music School Facebook page.

*-submitted by Ayesha Franklin,  
Coordinator, CMS-Battle Creek*

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Music is the universal language of mankind.

*-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



## Knowbody

Karaoke is a popular entertainment where someone sings along to recorded music using a microphone. The singer chooses from a variety of songs available on the machine and then sings while the machine plays the song, minus the lead vocals. A screen displays lyrics and guides the singer, by changing the color of the words or using a moving symbol so they sing on cue. Songs can be performed by individuals or a group at a time. The word “karaoke” comes from two Japanese words- “kara” meaning empty,

## Karaoke, anyone?

and “okesutora,” meaning orchestra. It is believed that karaoke was first developed in Japan in the 1970’s. Popular musician Daisuke Inoue was asked to provide a recording of his music so friends could sing along on vacation. This sparked an idea in Daisuke and he made a machine that would play a song for a 100 yen coin, leasing the machines to restaurants and hotels, where it caught on as a popular form of entertainment. However Daisuke Inoue did not patent his new machine. Filipino inventor Roberto del Rosario developed

a similar system called “Minus-One” in 1975 and patented it in the 1980s. The 1990’s saw the popularity of karaoke spread around the world. It became a popular form of nightclub entertainment. It also became popular to rent a karaoke machine with a jockey to provide entertainment at private parties. Now karaoke is available in video games, on cell phones, on computers and even in cars, encouraging much enjoyable singing practice and entertainment!

*-submitted by Christianne Statler,  
Coordinator, CMS-Hastings*



## Meet Katrina and Jared Vaden

### Focus on...

The Vadens have been a part of CMS since 2007, first as students, and most recently as employees. Katrina and Jared have taken private lessons in piano, voice, and violin. They also sang in Battle Creek Boychoir and Girls Chorus. Being part of our student body seems to have given Jared and Katrina a taste for the wonderful world of non-profit music schools, as both have recently joined our staff, Katrina as piano teacher at CMS-Battle Creek, and Jared as office assistant for CMS-Marshall.

Katrina has attended Hillsdale College and is currently enrolled at KCC. She is

considering studying music as her major. Jared is in high school and studying violin and voice. He would like to continue his musical studies, as well as studying computer sciences in college. Parents Cliff and Dinah Vaden have been great advocates for Jared and Katrina and for the CMS. Dinah expressed appreciation for the School—its opportunities for her children and the community, and the variety of music offered in lessons and recitals. CMS thanks the Vaden family for sharing their gifts with us for the last 4 years, and (hopefully) for many years to come!

*-submitted by Alexis Stark,  
Coordinator, CMS-Marshall*



## Calendar

- Dec 3 CMS-Marshall Spotlight Recital, Trinity Episcopal Church, 10am
- Dec 4 CMS Concert Band & KCC Choral Union Images Concert, Binda Theater, 3pm
- Dec 10 Music Center Choral Christmas Concert, 1st Congregational Church, 7:30pm
- Dec 13 Hastings Kids Choir and Others, Christmas Concert, 1st Baptist Church, 7pm
- Dec 14 CMS-Battle Creek Spotlight Recital, Music Center 7pm
- Dec 17 CMS-Hastings Christmas Spotlight, State Grounds Coffee House, 9am-1pm
- Dec 17 Battle Creek Symphony, The Nutcracker Ballet, W.K.Kellogg Auditorium, 7:30pm
- Dec 19-23 and Jan 2-6 Make up weeks for private lessons (days vary by location-ask your teacher for details)
- Dec 24-Jan 1 Christmas break
- Feb 11 Battle Creek Symphony, Classical Jewels, W.K.Kellogg Auditorium, 7:30pm
- Feb 18 Ars Voce Cabaret, Love and Chocolate, Music Center, 7:30pm
- Feb 25 GuitarFest, Music Center, 8:30am-12:45 pm
- Mar 7 CMS-Battle Creek Spotlight, Music Center, 7pm
- Mar 17 Music Center children's choruses, St. Patrick's Day Concert, 1st Pres Church, Battle Creek, 7pm
- Mar 20 CMS-Hastings Spotlight Recital, State Grounds Coffee House, 6:30pm
- Mar 24 Battle Creek Symphony, Back to the Fifties, W.K.Kellogg Auditorium, 7:30pm
- Apr 16-May 25 Spring session Music First
- Apr 16 Summer registration opens to returning students
- Apr 21 CMS-Hastings Shareathon, 1st Baptist Church, 9am-1pm
- Apr 21 CMS-Marshall Shareathon, Trinity Episcopal Church, 2-5pm
- Apr 22 CMS-Battle Creek Shareathon, Music Center, 1:30-5:30pm
- Apr 18 Community Chorus Spring Concert, 1st Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, 7:30pm
- May tba Homeschool Partnership Recital, Music Center
- May 1 Hastings Kids Choir Concert, 1st Baptist, 7pm
- May 5 Battle Creek Symphony, Gilmore and Brahms, W.K.Kellogg Auditorium, 7:30pm
- May 7 Summer registration opens to all students
- May 12 CMS Concert Band Spring Concert, Binda Theater, 7pm
- May 12 Boychoir and Girls Chorus Spring concert, 1st Pres Church, 7:30pm
- May 18 Spring Into the Arts, Commerce Pointe, 5-9pm
- May 22 CMS-Hastings Spotlight Recital, State Grounds Coffee House, 6:30pm
- May 29 Memorial Day, no classes or lessons
- May 30-Jun 1 make up week for private lessons
- Jun 4-Aug 24 Summer semester (break week Jul 2-6)

**Free Tickets!**  
to Music Center concerts for  
CMS students under age 18  
with purchase of an adult ticket.  
50% off ticket price for  
CMS adult students.

