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### News at CCM



**Congratulations to Claire Jennings, Alex Valle, and Allyson Gee** - It's always great to applaud student accomplishments, and we have a few to share with you this month.

CCM clarinet student Claire Jennings will join the Junior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble for the 2019-2020 school year. She participated in the highly competitive audition process and came

out on top!

Claire, along with two other talented CCM clarinet students Alex Vallee and Allyson Gee, auditioned and were accepted into the Concord Middle School Wind Ensemble for the 2019-2020 school year. We applaud their dedication and hard work with practicing to achieve this milestone.

### **Ukulele Taster on Tuesday, September 10, No Experience Necessary**



Get ready to have fun playing the easiest instrument to learn! Join us for the Ukulele Taster at Reasons To Be Cheerful in West Concord on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 – 8:15 pm. After an hour, you'll fall in love with playing this happy and cool instrument and will probably want to join a class with your new friends. Bring your uke and be prepared to jam. We'll have some ukuleles available to use for the evening, but it is advisable to bring your own if possible.

All skill levels welcome. Plan to learn a song and then treat yourself to some delicious ice cream! [Sign up today](#) or show up at the door with your ukulele.

CCM faculty member and professional musician Phil Sargent will guide you and have you strumming along in no time. You'll learn how to hold the ukulele and learn some basic chords. You'll end up playing a foot-tapping song by the end of the ukulele taster. Reasons to be Cheerful is located at 110 Commonwealth Avenue, Concord.

### **Discovery Day Open House at CCM**

Instrument Petting Zoo on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 3 pm



Bring your entire family to our Discovery Day Open House and play a variety of instruments. Where else can you try out the drums, banjo, cello, guitar, piano, and violin in one afternoon? And, adults can get in on the fun too. Whether you are 4 or 94, the petting zoo enables you to explore many instruments in a hands-on way. CCM faculty will demonstrate how to hold, play, and experience all the instruments.

Attend the Open House and enter the raffle for a chance to win a free CCM Group Class for the 2019 fall semester!

Additionally, anyone registering for a group class at the Open House will receive a 15% discount.

### **The Furniture Trust donates chairs to CCM**

We'd like to thank The Furniture Trust of Boston for donating 27 arm chairs to CCM. We now have comfortable seating for parents and students waiting for lessons. The Furniture Trust makes a positive community impact with used office furnishings, while providing the most economical and environmentally responsible solutions to local businesses.

### **The Gaab Lab at Boston Children's Hospital Research Study**

We are passing along news from a former CCM student who is looking for children ages 9 - 12 to participate in a Boston Children's Hospital research study.

What is the relationship between music and reading? How can research on speech and music help people with developmental dyslexia? They are looking for children ages 9-12 with and without musical training, and with and without dyslexia to help answer such questions. The study involves activities and computer games that can tell us about your child's speech, language, reading, and musical abilities. Your participation will help scientists interested in improving teaching methods and early diagnosis of learning difficulties.

If you are interested in participating or want to know more about our studies, please call 857-218-4629 or email [gaablab@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:gaablab@childrens.harvard.edu)

### **Group Classes this Fall!**

Develop your music skills in a relaxed, collaborative setting with people like you. Learning music in a group setting can be motivating and fun for students of any age and skill level.



Introduce your young musician to music through [Group Keyboard](#) or [Group Guitar](#). Or, if singing is their thing, check out [Beginner Vocals](#) and the new [Concord Conservatory Girls Chorus](#). And, make sure your violinist takes advantage of the [West Side String Program](#).

CCM is the place to be for group classes for adults. You'll be happy that you made time for a CCM group class.

[Group Classes for Kids](#)

[Group Classes for Teens](#)

[Adult Group Classes](#)

If you or your child is interested in joining a jazz combo, string ensemble, or rock band, we'll work on finding you a spot. Questions? Please call (978) 369-0010 or [email us](#).

**Financial assistance is available.**

## **CCM Welcomes Cellist Joseph Gotoff to Our Faculty**



[Cellist Joseph Gotoff](#) is recognized as a thoughtful and passionate performer, scholar, and teacher. He began playing the cello at age 10, and from an early age developed a love for chamber music. We're thrilled to have such an accomplished performer and musician join the faculty. [Read more on Joseph.](#)

**CCM 2019 – 2020 Concert Series**



**Saturday, October 5 at 11:00 am, Justin Roberts Family Concert** (\$25 for premium seating and \$15 for regular admission at 51 Walden, Concord center)

**Friday, November 22 at 7:30 pm, Barnes, Gordy, Walsh Trio** – a bluegrass concert (\$25 for adults, free for students 18 and under)

**Friday, February 7 at 7:30 pm, Mile Twelve - Bluegrass** (\$25 for adults, free for students 18 and under)

**Saturday, February 29 at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm, Brady Rymer and the Little Band that Could**

**Friday, April 17 at 7:30 pm, CCM Jazz** (\$25 for adults, free for students 18 and under)

**CCM September Dates to Know**



- Tuesday, September 3, private lessons start
- Saturday, September 7, Discovery Day Open House
- Monday, September 16, Group Classes begin (*some exceptions, please check the CCM website for your class*)
- Wednesday, September 25, MAP Kick-Off Party/Info Session, 5:30 pm
- Sunday, September 29, CCM Family Dessert (*time announced soon*)