

## OPUS | OCTOBER 2019



Opus October 2019

### In This Issue

#### News at CCM

#### Practicing, A Team Sport

#### Meet New Faculty Member Stephen Marotto

#### CCM 2019 – 2020 Concert Series

#### CCM Dates to Know

### News at CCM



## **Trial Private Lesson Week, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**

Choose a free trial lesson for banjo, bass, cello, clarinet, flute, guitar, percussion, piano, trumpet, violin, viola, and voice. [Sign-up today>>](#)

If you choose to sign-up for a trial lesson, that lesson slot will be your lesson time for the semester (one trial lesson per person). Financial assistance is available.

You must have an instrument or call us to make arrangements for an instrument. For those interested in instruments not listed in the trial week, please call CCM at (978) 369-0010 to schedule a time.

### **Clarinet Ensemble for Adults and Advanced High School Students**

Join us on Saturday, October 19th, at 1:00 pm for a free trial session for this new CCM Clarinet Ensemble. The ensemble meets every other Saturday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. [Sign-up>>](#)

If you have never played in a clarinet ensemble before - it's great fun! You'll explore and play all types of music from various periods and styles. We welcome all B and E flat, bass and alto clarinets to the mix. We can double parts and also rotate parts to give everyone a chance to play different parts/instruments.

Clarinetist and teaching artist [Elizabeth Leehey](#) will lead the ensemble. As a music educator with more than thirty years of experience, Elizabeth has developed a style of teaching that both inspires and challenges students.

**October is Practice for Pizza Month**—All students who practice 30 days in October are invited to join us at the Pizza Party on Tuesday, November 5th, at 5:30 pm in the North Hall. We hope our students enjoy their practicing and have fun!

**Save the date for the CCM American Roots Benefit** on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at 6 pm. Plan on enjoying great bluegrass and BBQ! *Details to come soon.*



“Persistent practice leads to persistent individuals; small achievements build up confidence for big achievements; practice will improve your perseverance and self-esteem.”

*-CCM Faculty Member Cecilia Pinto*

Like a team sport, music students need support from their instructors as well as their parents. Instructors arm students with knowledge and techniques. Parents too can keep students on a lifelong path of music with a toolbox of strategies. It's all about staying motivated to practice and experiencing the joy of playing an instrument. To master skills and improve, practicing is key. According to CCM faculty Cecilia Pinto, she says, “Practice and motivation reinforce each other like in a circle: motivation leads to practice, practice leads to progress, progress leads to achievement, achievement leads to joy, joy leads to motivation.” She believes anyone can experience this virtuous circle spinning by committing to consistent practice.

Setting goals early in the semester helps students stay motivated to practice. Cecilia says, “Set small and achievable goals that you can accomplish consistently to make practice more rewarding and effective. Practicing and playing are not the same, and we need both to feel a sense of achievement and the joy of music.”

There's more to practicing than simply repeating scales. Hear tips, techniques, and strategies from Cecilia when she presents the [Best Practice Technique Talk for Parents](#) on Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30 pm (*for CCM parents only*).

"Many Olympic athletes have been cited as saying the six most important words their parents said to them were '**I love to watch you play.**' Knowing your hard work matters to your parents and that you matter more than your hard work is very powerful to a child at any age."

*-Violinist and Teacher Ann Montzka-Smelter*

Not only will Cecilia furnish parents with new strategies and techniques for getting their students to practice, but she'll also lead a lively discussion for truly engaged parents. Cecilia says, "In my personal experience as a student and as a teacher when you feel part of a community and understand you are not alone going through all the process, your motivation and commitment increase. Talking and learning from other parents will make your experience easier and happier."

In September, everyone is geared up to get back into the swing of things. To ensure students keep their momentum going, CCM also offers a great incentive with the Practice for Pizza challenge. Together, CCM, parents, and instructors join forces to propel their students' learning and growth.

We look forward to seeing the results of their hard work at their student recitals.

**Meet New Faculty Member Stephen Marotto**





As a teacher, [Dr. Stephen Marotto](#) aims to inspire students of all ages to ignite their passion for music and expand their musical horizons. His teaching philosophy includes building a fundamental understanding of the instrument through focused, slow practicing with intent, and a broad academic and theoretical approach to supplement. Stephen is comfortable teaching in the classical mold as well as jazz, contemporary improvisation, and eclectic styles of music. [Learn more about Stephen>>](#)

**CCM 2019 – 2020 Concert Series**



**CCM's 2019 -2020 Concert Series**—*mark your calendars or better yet, purchase your tickets today!*

**The Concord Conservatory of Music's 2019-2020 Concert Series** brings world-class performers to our local community. Thank you to our generous donors including Middlesex Savings Bank and Cambridge Savings Bank that have helped us bring the Series to our community.

**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** (\$20 for all tickets)

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

**CCM October Dates to Know**





- October 8 and 24, [Opportunities for CCM students to perform in the community](#), 3:45 -4:45 pm
- October 15 -21, [Free Trial Lesson Week](#)
- October 18, [Opera Workshop](#) with Greta Feeney, 6 – 7 pm
- October 22 (Tuesday), Best Practice Technique Talk for Parents, 7:30 -8:30 pm, [RSVP](#) (for CCM parents only)
- October 26, (Saturday) First recitals of the year at 1, 2:30, and 4 pm at CCM
- October 31 (Thursday), ConSPOOKatory, Show us your costumes and get some candy from CCM from 4 pm until 6 pm (*no private lessons after 5:00 pm and no group classes*)