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Studio Events

Our **Christmas Recital** has been an Annual Event since 2008. This year, we are excited to hold it again at Wright State University in the Schuster Hall of the Creative Arts Center.

The Recital is for ALL our students and family and friends are encouraged to join us! And best of all, it's FREE!

Date: **Friday, December 20, 2024**

Time: **5:30p.m.**

To participate, students should be regularly attending lessons, select a piece to prepare that is cut to 1-1/2 to 2 minutes in length, and should send a message with the title of piece and any preference of placement in the program (i.e., early or late) **no later than Friday, December 13, 2024** to themusicinmestudio@gmail.com.

Students will be performing on a stage, so it's the perfect time to wear your favorite holiday outfit. Students may also dress in something appropriate for a character they may be portraying. All students will be using a handheld microphone for any solos, group songs, or monologues.

Location: Wright State's Creative Arts Center may be accessed by taking the N. Fairfield exit off 675 toward the Nutter Center. Turn left onto Colonel Glenn Hwy then right into the first entrance to Wright State. Parking is available in Lot 11. Enter through the glass doors into the back side of the lobby of the Creative Arts Center and the Schuster Hall will be on your right. There is a handicap accessible entrance to the Hall just past the main entrance to the Hall.

This is a link to the map of Wright State: <https://www.wright.edu/maps>



Upcoming Auditions

Avenue Q auditions at Dayton Playhouse run December 2nd & 3rd starting at 7pm

The Minutes auditions at the Dayton Theatre Guild will be held December 2nd & 3rd starting at 7pm

The Rocky Horror Show auditions will be held at Springfield Civic Theatre December 3rd, 4th, and 5th starting at 7pm.

The Dayton Dragons are holding auditions for the green team, hosts, and mascots for their 2025 season. Applications due December 13th! ([Apply here](#))

Deathtrap auditions produced by Lebanon Theatre company will be held December 16th & 17th starting at 7pm

**Julia Gomez is looking for Tech volunteers (Set, props, lighting, sound, etc.) for her show Failure: A Love Story produced by Springboro Community Theatre. Please email Julia for inquiries (juliamadridgomez@gmail.com)

December Shows

Congratulations to all of you in upcoming shows! Here's some suggestions for shows you can see on stage:

Winterfest at Kings Island with Casey M runs Nov. 29th – Dec 31st

Holiday Inn at LaComedia Dinner Theatre with Elliot C runs Nov 1-Dec 30!

Romeo & Juliet directed by our own Alan Bomar Jones will be presented at Dominion Academy in Dayton on Dec 5-6 at 7p.m.

42nd Street produced by Rise Up Performing Arts with Sophie C and Avery T runs Dec.5th-8th at the Sorg Opera House

Peter and the Starcatcher produced by Alter High School with Elle R, Willow H, Carley C, and crew member Lydia C runs Dec. 5th-8th at Alter High School's Auditorium.

Beauty and the Beast produced by Covedale with teacher Carly Shepherd runs Dec. 5th-29th at the Covedale Center for the performing arts.

The Nutcracker produced by Children's Performing arts of Miamisburg (CPAM) with Annie P runs Dec 13th & 14th at Parkview Church.

Santa Claus: The Musical produced by The Children's Theatre with Juno B runs Dec. 7th-16th at the Taft Theatre.

Sheep in Heavenly Peace produced by Epiphany Players with Kara W., Autumn M., Nia P., and Leah R. runs Dec 14th & 15th at Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Some additional fun events:

On Tuesday Dec. 10 catch all of the Centerville HS Choirs at their Songs of the Season concert at 7:30pm.

On Friday Dec. 13 at 7pm catch Elyse & Moses at Entropy Brewing Co in Miamisburg. Parents and friends over 21 can see them live in the downstairs space while students can join upstairs and listen. Elyse and Moses also play at Meridien in Centerville on Wednesday and some Sunday evenings.

Becky is directing the Southbrook Christmas Choir for Southbrook's Christmas Services. The choir includes Alan J, Lila H, Kara & Lori & Kent W, Avery T and Raegan is a featured Worship Team Leader. Service are on Dec 22 at 9 & 11am, Dec 23 at 4 & 6pm, and Dec 24 at 11a.m, 1 & 3pm.

Congrats to all of you who have recently been cast in shows, received a callback, and made it through a prepared and successful audition!

Wishing all the best to those of you with upcoming auditions, callbacks, shows, and concerts!!!



December Birthdays:

Amy C & Ellie S 12/04

Juno B & Elle R 12/06

Sophia H & Grayson R 12/08

Shiloh L 12/09

Kinsley K 12/10

Christine O 12/13

Christine D & Vanessa H 12/18

Connor Cusick 12/20

Caroline S 12/25

Laila M & James S 12/26

Max B & Sunny H 12/29

Keri G 12/30

**Please let me know if I missed any birthdays, shows or shoutouts.
We definitely want to include everyone!!!**

Studio News

Many of our teachers take a break during this month for celebrating with family and enjoying the season. Please check in with your teacher to see if they are choosing that option and let them know if you would like to take that time off, even if they are still teaching.



▶ Welcome to all our new students joining us this month: Natalie G, Rheyse F, Isabella M, Jay B, James S, Abby G, Raef N, Bridget & Elizabeth A!!!

If you haven't done so yet, please take a look at the studio policies document sent out earlier and sign it and return it to Becky Barrett-Jones or your studio teacher. For new students, this is included in your welcome letter and should also be signed and returned. Thanks for your attention to this and for all of you who have already turned them in!

Student and Parent Portals are on our website at www.themusicinmestudio.com under My Music Portal. Please check there for lesson times and invoice totals!

Inspiring Moments

I saw Sunset Boulevard on Broadway this past month. I've been amazed by the vocals of Nicole Scherzinger since she began singing with the Pussycat Dolls in the early 2000's. Nicole went to Wright State University and worked with several of my colleagues. She won the 2024 Laurence Olivier Award for Best Actress in a Musical for her performance as Norma Desmond in the West End revival of Sunset Boulevard. Seeing her perform on Broadway was incredibly exciting because she has been able to merge her rich musical theatre style vocals with her unique storytelling style as a commercial artist to create a vocal style that I've rarely heard before. Even Andrew Lloyd Webber commented that her gift is extraordinary!



▶ Many of you know I've been a fan of The Chosen Series directed by Dallas Jenkins. This fall, Dallas was able to release the movie version of the Best Christmas Pageant Ever. I was in the play version at Town Hall Theatre in the early 2000's and several of our students were in the musical version at Town Hall Theatre. The movie truly brings the story to life more than I've ever realized. It's a great reminder not to take things for granted, just because we've known them most of our lives.

And finally, I was able to see the Wicked movie on Thanksgiving Day. I know many of you have already seen it, some of you have even seen it multiple times. I agree with everyone that it is phenomenal. And as I approach most things, I listened for the vocal choices. The one that stood out the most to me is that Cynthia Erivo paid homage to the choices that Idina Menzel originally made vocally with a few minor tweaks of her own, until she got to Defying Gravity. Then she took her vocals to a whole new level. I've been a fan of hers for many years, too, so I'm so happy for her to have a vehicle like this to showcase her amazing talent!

Nicole has been building her career for over 20 years and finally made it to Broadway. Dallas has tried to make this movie for 20 years since he read the book and finally was able to make it happen. Cynthia has been wowing audiences for many years and is finally receiving national acclaim for her portrayal of Elphaba in Wicked. What do they all have in common? A gift that's been given purpose, preparation, practice, and perseverance. What a wonderful reminder to us to never give up on our dreams!

-Becky Barrett-Jones



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