

**CCM PREPARATORY
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NEWSLETTER**

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

I can't believe the school year is almost over. Where does the time go? I want to especially thank all our committed students and parents who spent a great year with us. We do value and appreciate your patronage and want you to know that we are constantly exploring ways that we can make your CCM Prep experience the best it can be.

To that end, we will ask you to complete our annual evaluation form. We want to know how your thoughts and concerns about our program. I promise you I read every comment and take them all into consideration. Here is the link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=cZKO1d1FLbFTY1_2fQz_2f_2bMrg_3d_3d

We are also working with a marketing consultant, Brava Consulting, who specializes in arts programming. They have included some questions in the survey that will help us as we work on new marketing strategies.

Finally, I have started a blog that is directed towards our activities here at CCM Prep. My intention is to connect what we do to the larger picture of arts education, particularly in skill building and appreciation. I hope you join me and I'd love to hear your comments! My blog is at <http://oboeamy.wordpress.com>

LISTEN!

Sunday, May 17 at 7pm on WVXU 91.7FM, Amy Dennison and Dee Anne Bryll will be discussing the CCM Prep summer program!

END OF THE YEAR PERFORMANCES

As always, we have plenty of culminating performances by our many talented students. Here is a run down:

5/10 **Cincinnati Jr. Strings**, 3pm PCT

5/16 last day of Saturday classes.

Theatre Arts Showcases:

9:00 classes – voice and dance in PCT

10:00 classes – voice and dance in PCT

9:00 Intro to Acting in 3705CC
Acting classes in 3250 MEH

10:00 Acting classes in 3250 MEH

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11:00 Acting classes in 3250 MEH

12:00 Acting class in 3250 MEH

1:00 Certificate Acting Showcase in PCT

7:00 Musical Theatre Intensive Showcase in PCT

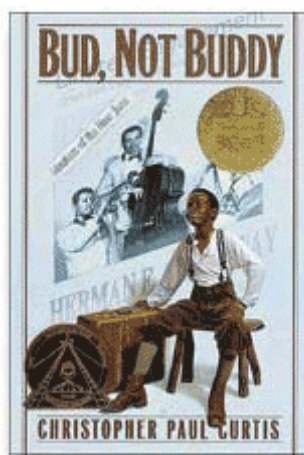
Ballet:

4:00 Ballet classes and company recital in PCT

5/17 **Jazz Explosion** concert, 3pm Werner

BUD, NOT BUDDY PROJECT!

Saturday, May 30 at 1pm at the Freedom Center.



CCM Prep students participating in this project will present a joyous celebration of this Newbery award-winning book at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center! The author, Christopher Paul Curtis will be at the finale to participate in this grand event! You are all invited to this grand event. Thanks especially to the CCM Music Education program, The Fine Arts

Fund, The Deans Special Project Fund, the UC Center for Community Engagement and the UC Just Community Fund for their support of this project.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION!

Spaces for our summer camps and workshops are still available. Please check out our website for details and a registration form.

ACHIEVEMENT FESTIVAL NEWS

Saturday, May 2, 2009

The Achievement Festival was a great success! Approximately 180 of our music students participated in 14 different recitals held on May 2. Each student received a certificate of participation and will receive valuable comments from Prep faculty. In addition to the recitals, the faculty donated tasty baked goods for all families to enjoy after the recitals! We also took pictures of the students and hope to make those available to families very soon. This annual event keeps getting bigger and better! What a wonderful way to bring all our talented students together! Thanks to Music Registrar *Peggy Grant* for organizing this important event.

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the Clifton Music Club competition:

First place: **Jennifer Carpenter**, Cincinnati Cello Choir

Second Place: **Kaori Matsui**, Starling program

Honorable Mention: **Ben Fryxell**, Cincinnati Jr. Strings

Kurt Carpenter, CJS, Cinc. Cello Choir

Dominic DeFrancesco, Starling program

Sean Hanning	UC-CCM	Music History-
Will Hershey	Baldwin Wallace	Trumpet Performance
Tim Howard	O.U.	Trumpet Performance
Kevin Monk	Brandeis Univ.	Neuroscience & Biology
Wesley Park	Ohio State U.	Pharmacy
Hannah Rocheleau	Mich. State U.	Music Therapy
Maggie Sant	OH Northern	Pharmacy
Kaitlin Tucker	BGSU	Mus. Education--Tuba

Claire Piorkowski, CCM Prep Student, was recently chosen as 1 of 10 Semi-Finalists in the "Let's Talk About Love" national singing contest sponsored by Build A Bear. The top 5 determined by popular vote will become Finalists and receive a 3 day trip to LA to appear before music industry judges where 1 winner will be awarded \$10,000 and record the song. Voting online for Claire begins Monday, May 11th and ends May 26th. You can vote DAILY for Claire @

www.buildabear.com/lovehugspeace/contest.aspx

-OR- go to www.buildabear.com. Click on

Peace,love,hugs... then click on CONTEST. Thanks so

much for your support!

Kristopher Dean, a voice student of Chris Neeley and a freshman drama major at CCM, was hired by Cortland Repertory Theater in upstate NY. He has been cast in *Damn Yankees* as Mickey and *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde* as George Bernard Shaw and Alfred Wood, as well as a children's show called *A Bagful of Fables*. He leaves May 15 and finishes August 15.

Richard Oliver, a voice student of Chris Neeley and freshman at UC studying fashion design and business, was accepted to CCM in their B.A. music degree program with a voice concentration. He was very happy to receive a partial scholarship as well.

Billy Fang, piano student of Eunbyol Ko won 1st place of Eleanor McCann Piano Competition of the Youth from the Dayton Chamber Music Society last Saturday with \$1,000 cash award. (Billy also participates as a violin student at Starling and plays the instrument incredibly)

Jackie Tso was on the cover of Cincy Magazine this month as one of the most interesting people in Cincinnati. The article noted her performance with the Cincinnati Symphony and her attendance at the Great Wall International Music Academy in China.

2009 Prep High School Graduates

Congratulations to the following high school grads!

If you're graduating, please let us know so we can add you to our ongoing list!

Katie Bissler	UC – A&S	Biological Sciences
Jacob Elkin	UC-CCM	Trombone Performance
Allen Guttag	UC-CCM	Music Education



CCM Prep Theatre Arts Production of
"Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr."