

CCM Preparatory Department

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Newsletter

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

This past month has gone by so quickly! It's great to see all of you here. We appreciate the extra effort you make so that you or your child can study here at CCM Prep. We pride ourselves in providing the very best in arts education in the city and I am also ready to hear your concerns or suggestions. Please do not hesitate to contact me at amy.dennison@uc.edu if you have any questions or comments.



CCM Prep will be presenting "Getting to Know the King and I" in March, 2010. These are pictures from our summer 2004 production of the same musical!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, October 10: **Voice Master Class** 12:15, MEH 3250

Tuesday, October 13: **College Performing Arts Fair** 7-9pm TUC

Saturday, October 17: **Spring musical audition** 1:30-5:30pm 3640/3650 Corbett

Saturday, October 17: **Starling Showcase**, 4pm, Werner

Saturday, October 17: Free Saturday topic: **Preparing for college auditions** 12:15 MEH3250

Saturday, October 24: **Prep closed for Homecoming**

Sunday, October 25: **Gino DiMario Student Fundraiser Recital**, 3pm Werner

Saturday, October 31: **Spring musical audition** 1:30-5:30pm



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

If you are interested in pursuing a career in the arts we have some helpful resources for you:

- Attend the Performing Arts College Fair at TUC on Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 7-9pm. College representatives from programs all over the country will be here to provide information about their programs.
- A free talk by CCM's Admission's Manager, Andrea Maisonpierre Fitzgerald, will be presented on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 12:15 in MEH 3250. She will be discussing preparing for college auditions.
- Participate in the Overture Awards. Held annually, the Overture competition awards thousands of dollars in scholarships. CCM Prep can nominate up to 12 students in Theater, vocal music, dance and instrumental music. Auditions are held in January. All applications must be received in the CCM Prep office by Saturday, November 7. Applications are available in the office.

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Gino DiMario

THE GINO JAMES DIMARIO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Gino DiMario was four-and-a-half years old when he began taking lessons in the CCM Preparatory Department's Suzuki Piano program. Gino loved music – starting with Kindermusik when he was two, singing in the church's Cherub Choir and later playing the drums. He died tragically on February 19, 2005, after performing in his first CCM concerto Competition at Werner Recital Hall.

His love of music moved his parents and the CCM Preparatory Department to establish an endowed scholarship in 2006. The money

raised for this fund will further the education of students and faculty in the Preparatory Department who show the determination, commitment, and creativity that Gino embodied.

Each year we remember Gino by awarding scholarships for deserving students as well as raising funds for the scholarships. All information is on our website.

Gino DiMario Memorial Student Recitals

Students pay a fee to perform on the recital to be held on Sunday, October 25 and Saturday April 17, 2010. Deadline for the October recital is October 10. Performances are held in the beautiful

Werner Recital Hall.

The Fourth Annual Gino James DiMario Memorial Faculty Recital Friday, November 6, 2009

This recital will be held at the home of Paul and Kathy Alexander. Several of our talented faculty will perform. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 a couple. To reserve a space, please call 556-2595.

Gino James DiMario Scholarship

Open to all private music students who have participated in the May 2009 Achievement Festival. Up to six \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Application and information is on our website: www.ccm.uc.edu/prep. **Deadline is October 3, 2009.**

CCM Prep is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, Schools of Theater and Schools of Dance

SUZUKI HAPPENINGS AT CCM PREP!

Opportunities for Suzuki families

The Suzuki teachers at CCM are planning a series of free events for Suzuki parents "Parent Hootenannies." The first one is a Betty Douglas' house in Park Hills KY. We will be serving ice cream and talking about the first chapter of Edmund Sprunger's book *Helping Parents Practice*. The date is October 1st and it is at 7:30 at 1050 Altavia in Park Hills.

CCM PARTNERS WITH CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CCM Prep is proud to announce a partnership with the Cincinnati Public Schools in order to provide students the finest in arts educations.

The CCM Prep Suzuki program will partner with the Suzuki Cooperative of CPS. Cello students who are part of the Cooperative will receive group classes and performances at CCM through the Preparatory Department.

Now in its 25th year, the Suzuki Cooperative of CPS provides up to 150 children at Dater, North Avondale, Sands and Winton Montessori schools the opportunity to learn and play violin, viola, cello or flute within a highly supportive environment.

Dr. Shinichi Suzuki, founder of the Suzuki Method, believes that through education, all children can develop talent. Dr. Suzuki also believes learning should be fun. Through the Suzuki process, children develop confidence and self-esteem, determination to try difficult things, self-discipline and concentration, as well as a lasting enjoyment of music, and the sensitivity and skill for making music. In addition, a parent

attends every lesson and helps the child with their daily practice. Parents are encouraged to participate in free talks and events sponsored by CCM Prep to enrich their children's music study.

Under the direction of Nadine Monechourt, Director of the CPS Suzuki Cooperative, and Ellen Shertzer, CCM Prep Suzuki cello faculty, students of both programs will attend biweekly classes at CCM and also perform on CCM's world class stages. Approximately 50 students will benefit from this partnership this year.

October 10 is the next series of Suzuki piano group classes.



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PARKING

Parking can be frustrating and complicated here at UC-CCM Prep. We'll do our best to make it as simple as we can.

PARKING PASSES:

You can purchase value passes for parking in the CCM garage. It's a great value - \$40 for 25 hours of parking. You must be a registered Prep student to receive it. We send all the names to parking services. Go to our website at www.ccm.uc.edu/prep and find the link to order online your pass.

A reminder that IF the parking gate bar is in the up position as you go out, still swipe your value pass. If you don't, the counter will think you are still in the garage and you will run out of time.

The parking booth will soon be unmanned. Your credit card or

money can be used in the payment machine. This makes the value pass even more valuable. It will save you time and money!

HOME FOOTBALL GAMES:

Two hours prior to kickoff time for football games, Corry Blvd is one way in only, up until approximately ½ hour after kickoff. During that time, all traffic is directed to exit from the CCM Garage/Area via Backstage Drive to Corbett to Calhoun St.

If you are in the garage and you have car issues, please call the UC police at 556-1111 or pick up the blue help phone in the garage. The UC motorist assistance van will come and assist you.

Please do yourself a favor and purchase a parking pass. This is the easiest way to park here at CCM.

NATIONAL MUSIC CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Dr. Takako Hayase, CCM Prep piano teacher, has been accepted into the College of Examiners of Royal Conservatory of Music Examination of Canada (RCME) and the United States National Music Certificate Program (NMCP). RCME has been offered over 100 years and the American version of RCME was established in 2003 as NMCP. These nationally standardized music examinations are offered a few times a year nationwide and more than 100,000 students participate in the program. In some school systems, this program is accepted for high school credits and college courses. We are proud that Takako has completed her apprentice requirement, becoming the first examiner from CCM Prep.

For more information about NCMP, visit www.nationalmusiccertificate.org

Congratulations Takako!



Takako Hayase

Please be sure to visit our website frequently. We'll be adding upcoming performances, free lectures and talks, and other activities of interest to our families!

We are always looking for pictures, videos and information about our students. Please email to amy.dennison@uc.edu

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to Dorotea Hoffman's viola students:

Deena Rahman: 1st chair CSYO
Victor Hu: 1st chair BAYSO
Rachel Finch: 1st chair CJS

CCM Prep Musical Theatre Intensive students and CCM Prep Youth Ballet students will be performing with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, November 21, 2009 as part of the Lollipops family concerts.

The Ballet Company will perform to Glazunov's "Autumn" and the theatre students will sing a variety of songs appropriate for the Thanksgiving season. For tickets, please contact the CSO at 381-3300.



FROM THE CINCINNATI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

Dear CCM Prep Family:

We'd like to introduce you to our new Sunday matinee concert series, **Pathways**. Designed to enlighten, entertain and inspire, this exciting NEW SERIES has several unique features created in response to audience feedback:

Shorter length. Sunday concerts are approximately one hour with no intermission. Each program is approximately 90 minutes total, including the post-concert discussion.

Lower prices. We're thrilled to offer single tickets to this new series at 25% off regular prices. Students 6-18 are just \$5 per ticket. Use **PROMO CODE 4128 to save an additional \$5 per adult ticket** for the Sunday, September 27 season opener.

Entertaining and interactive post-concert discussions. Immediately following each performance, Music Director Paavo Järvi, CSO musicians, select guest artists and hosts from WGUC 90.9 FM will gather on the stage to share their insight and take your questions. Learn more about the music, composers and musicians through fun and engaging multi-media presentations and discover the elements that make an incredible world-class orchestral experience.

The Pathways series of 4 concerts takes place on Sundays at 3 PM in Music Hall. As always, please call us at 513.381.3300 with any questions.

Sincerely,
Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Sales Team

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