

CCM Preparatory Department

September, 2009

Newsletter



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

CCM Prep is pleased to welcome back current students and are eager to meet our new students. We anticipate a great year with many new and exciting learning and performing opportunities for our students and faculty. I hope to greet many of you at our Open House during our first Saturday of classes, September 12. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any concerns. Of course, any of our very able, trained and competent staff can also assist you with your questions!

The quality of your experience here at CCM Prep is my number

one priority. To that end, we are working on implementing a curriculum for theatre arts, music and ballet that guides and informs what we do. This curriculum is a work-in-progress that so far represents many, many hours of hard work by our faculty. I believe that this will ensure that your experience at CCM Prep is the very best in arts education that you can find in this area. We are the only community arts school in Ohio that is accredited by the National Schools of Music, Theater and Ballet.

These accrediting organizations are responsible for evaluating and assessing both the college programs here at CCM as well as our programs. We will be going through a renewal of our accreditation in the spring of 2011 and are already preparing for this comprehensive process. We are proud to be one of the few Community Schools of the Arts in the country that has a fully accredited multi-disciplinary school of the arts!

Amy Dennison

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

We are implementing an online registration system that will make your registration and payment process much easier. We hope to have this up and running for the beginning of our Spring semester. We will keep you updated on this exciting addition to our office operations!

OPEN HOUSE, SEPTEMBER 12

First day of classes! Come join us in the Baur room between 9-12pm to:

- Meet our staff and program directors
- Support our scholarship fund at our bake sale
- Take a theory placement test
- Additional activities
- Sample ongoing classes and register

- Auditions for ensembles (CYWE, Jr CYWE, Accent, CJS) – call the office for an audition time
- 9am Suzuki string informational meeting (3250 MEH)
- 11am Tours of CCM and Tangemann University Center
- 12pm Prep faculty recital (3250 MEH)



HS Theatre Arts Summer Workshop

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Jonnie Lynn
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**“It is so unusual
to find a group of
high schoolers
so driven and
excited about
arts than the
ones here.” (HS
summer camper)**

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AUDITIONS – call 556-2595 (unless otherwise noted for audition time)

Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble:

Auditions scheduled for September 11-13 for students in grades 9-12. Ensemble rehearses at CCM on Sunday evenings.

Cincinnati Jr. Youth Wind Ensemble:

Auditions scheduled for September 12 and 13 for students in grades 6-8. Ensemble meets at CCM on Sunday evenings.

Cincinnati Jr. Strings:

Please call 513-791-7815 for audition time. For string students in grades 3-9. Auditions are September 12 and 13 at the Center for the Arts, Wyoming. En-

semble rehearses at the Center for the Arts on Sunday afternoons.

Accent Chamber Music:

Auditions on September 12. Please contact

Dorotea.hoffman@uc.edu or 513-375-8765 for more information. All instruments and voice welcome.

Prep Brass Choir:

Contact Paul Hillner at 513-556-9478 or paul.hillner@uc.edu for audition information.

Jazz Explosion:

For students in grades 7-9. Ensemble meets at CCM on Mon. nights. Auditions are scheduled for Sept. 21 or 28.

Jazz Combo: For high school

students. Auditions for placement on Sunday, September 27. Combo rehearses on selected Sunday afternoons at CCM.

Cincinnati Children's Choir:

Robyn Lana, Artistic Director
For young singers grades 2-12. Meets Tuesday and Thursday nights at CCM. Contact

www.cincinnati choir.org or 513-556-0338 for more information.

Cincinnati Girl Choir and Young Men's Chorus:

For High School age singers (changed voice boys). Contact www.cincinnati choir.org or 513-556-0338 for more information.

CCM Youth Ballet Company

Saturday, September 12, 2:30pm

NEW! PRICING OPTION

We know that the cost of training in the arts is not cheap. We believe that each and every student here at Prep deserves the very best experience. Our teachers all have extensive performing and teaching experience with several of our faculty holding

doctorates in their specialty. We work very hard to keep your tuition at a manageable level. To that end, we have implemented a tuition cap for each of our areas. These caps represent a significant savings for the student. Details are

in our program book, on our website or for more information, please contact Elizabeth Boland, our Assistant Director at 556-9467.

We also offer gift certificates for tuition in any denomination. These are great gifts to give to any CCM Prep student!

NEW THIS YEAR!

This year we will be presenting free informational talks open to all Prep families. Upcoming sessions are:

September 19, 12:15pm
3250 MEH: **Stage Presence**
(Dee Ann Brylle)

October 17, 12:15pm
3250 MEH:

College Auditions
(Andrea Maisonpierre, CCM)
November 21, 12:15pm
3250 MEH:

Vocal Care (Jill Dew)

We have exciting new opportunities here at CCM Prep:

Saturday Storytime for ages 3 and 4 - Saturdays at 9am
Boy's/Men's Ballet class - Saturdays at 12:30pm

Can't Stop Singing for Boys - Saturdays at 10:00am
Pilates class - Fridays at 5:30pm

Guitar for Kids - Saturdays at 9am

Keyboard Skills and Musicianship Class - Saturdays at 2 or 3pm

Shortened theatre arts classes for high school students! Ballroom Dancing, Hip Hop, College auditions, Improvisation, Alexander Technique and more!

See our program book for complete information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12: First day of classes and Open House
 September 19: Parent meeting for spring musical
September 25/26: Clavinova Connection Fundraiser (call office for invitation)
October 10 and 17: auditions for spring musical
October 13: College Performing Arts Fair, TUC 7pm
October 24: Homecoming; no classes
October 25: Gino DiMario Memorial Scholarship Student Recital Fundraiser
November 6: Gino DiMario Memorial Scholarship Faculty Recital Fundraiser
November 7: General student recital
November 11: Veteran’s Day; no classes

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Most of our students attend our program to increase their artistic talent and creativity as well as their love for the arts. However, there are added benefits for the individual that goes beyond the artistic goals. That is the physical and emotional benefits of making music. Here at CCM Prep we are pleased to offer opportunities that promote the healthy benefits of music. We are partners in the Clavinova Connection keyboard classes for seniors that are held throughout the area. In addition, we have two trained facilitators for

HealthRHYTHMS, a drumming program that promotes wellbeing and reduces stress. Both these programs are research based and engages the student in active music making in a non-threatening and enjoyable manner, while providing healthy benefits. For more information on either of these programs, please contact Amy Dennison, a trained facilitator for HealthRHYTHMS. She can offer demonstrations for your group, school or organization.

Amy Dennison blogs at oboeamy.wordpress.com about arts and education. Feel free to comment!

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!

NEW FACULTY

We have several new teachers we are welcoming to our program this year!

MUSIC

Simon Tillier, Assistant Conductor, CYWE
 Naoko Tanaka, Suzuki piano
 Lucy Lewis, Suzuki strings
 Matthew Quick, piano
 Mary Ann Powers, voice

THEATRE ARTS

Doug Schmutter, voice
 Ben Walker, Hip hop
 Patricia LaRosa, Ballet/pilates
 Jessica Hendy, drama
 Suanne Pollock, drama
 Amber Feldman, drama
 Ashton Byrum, drama

BALLET

AmyTevlin



CCM Youth Ballet Company taking a break during rehearsal, May, 2009

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



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CCM Prep Suzuki Cello Group

2008-2009 YEAR

Despite challenges with the economic situation in our community, CCM Prep celebrated a wonderful year of learning and performances. Highlights included the CCM Youth Ballet Performances with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the partnership with CCM Music Education for the integrated arts class, *Bud, Not Buddy* with a performance at the Freedom Center that included a visit from the author Christopher Paul Curtis, and the debut of an exciting high school theatre arts camp that included eight out-of-state students! CCM Prep faculty and students also performed at various library branches throughout the city as part of the "On the Same Page" program. CCM Prep students presented 135 performances for over 30,000 people!

Internally, CCM Prep was very busy with a focus on the future. Our first strategic planning retreat was held in December with a small group of faculty and staff who tackled difficult and challenging issues of expansion, marketing and curriculum development. From this valuable retreat we created a series of tasks and a timeline for these. As part of our marketing efforts, we hired a marketing consultant group which provided valuable information on our demographics, and other critical information to move us forward. We are now taking this information and this next year will be seriously looking at how we can meet the needs of even more potential students, through location and program design. Stay tuned!

We are also implementing an online registration system that will make your registration and payment process much easier. We hope to have this up and running for the beginning of our Spring semester.

CCM PREP ADVISORY GROUP

As a result of our strategic planning and marketing consultancy, a new CCM Advisory Group is being formed. The purpose of this committee will be to offer advice, support, insights, and expertise to the CCM Preparatory Department. This group will consist of area teachers, Prep faculty, staff, parents, students, and local collaborators and others who support the goals of our program. We will meet four times a year. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Director.

CCM Prep's production of Godspell, Jr. July, 2009

