

September 2015

Notes from the UNM Music Prep School

The UNM Music PREP School

23 years preparing Albuquerque-area children to be musical people in the world!

“When is the best age to start my child on an instrument?” I get this question a lot! Zoltan Kodaly, composer, philosopher and visionary teacher, said music education should begin “nine months before the birth of the mother.” Kodaly also said, “To teach a child an instrument without first giving him preparatory training and without developing singing, reading and dictating to the highest level along with the playing is to build upon sand.”

We are proud of the Music Prep School’s selection of early childhood music classes for young children and our highly qualified early childhood teachers who provide playful, preparatory training for our youngest children. The National Association for the Education of Young Children defines early childhood as including children, ages 0-8. We agree with Zoltan Kodaly: THE BEST way to prepare children for a lifetime of musical development is to get them singing, moving, and expressing rhythm and beat in community with others, in a variety of developmentally appropriate and *playful* ways. This is exactly what happens in our early childhood music classes.

If your child is in one of our piano or guitar classes, thank you for helping her or him remember to practice during the week and come prepared to class with books, practice pages, instruments and other materials requested by your child’s teacher. Learning to play a musical instrument requires practice and preparation!

Whether your child is in one of our early childhood classes, in our non-auditioned children’s chorus program, or in one of our piano, guitar, marimba or world percussion classes – thank you for entrusting your child’s musical development to the UNM Music Prep School!

If I can ever be of assistance with regard to your experience at the Music Prep School, or your decisions on behalf of your child’s musical journey, please contact me anytime.

Musically yours,

Julia Church Hoffman, Director

No Classes

Fall Break

October 9 & October 10

or

Thanksgiving Break

November 25, 27 & 28

Fall 2015

Performance Schedule

Music Is . . .

November 14, 2015 Noon-1:00

a free family concert in Keller Hall!

Stay tuned for more information soon!

Music Prep School Sharing Day,

Saturday, December 5

Guitar, World Percussion

& Marimba Classes

in Keller Hall - 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

watch for a schedule in November

UNM Children’s Chorus Concert

Wednesday, December 9

Keller Hall - 6:00 PM



New Mexico folk traditions, old and new, will take center stage during an afternoon of captivating music at *Música del Corazón*, A Celebration of Nuevo Mexicano Music!! The annual John D. Robb, Jr., Concert will begin at 3 p.m. Oct. 4 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th St. SW in Albuquerque. Preceding the concert, at 2:15 p.m., Guest Curator Enrique Lamadrid will share his deep knowledge of the state's rich musical traditions in global context in a pre-concert talk. Also at 2:15 p.m., Sylvia Ernestina Vergara will present a pre-concert demonstration of Spanish-Colonial

dances that have been popular in New Mexico for centuries. Pick up your FREE TICKETS beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the National Hispanic Cultural Center box office. Here's the lineup for this year's concert: Venerable New Mexico guitarist Frank McCulloch will bring his favorite melodies; Los Martínez. Rob and his brother, National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Fellow Lorenzo Martínez, with special guest Lorenzo, Jr., will present folk and mariachi music; Dueto Alegre. The energetic couple from Villanueva, Ramón and Lydia Saiz, will perform popular and folk tunes; Familia Ruiz. Chuy Martinez and Oti Ruiz will be joined by the Ruiz family to perform a selection of Mexican melodies from Veracruz. The event is being presented by the UNM John Donald Robb Musical Trust and the National Hispanic Cultural Center. For more information, please email the Robb Musical Trust or call 505.277.8967.

Time to start planning ahead for Spring 2016 at the Music Prep School!
Registration will be available by December.

Beginning Marimba Band at 9:00 AM with Mr. Mike -- SPECIAL DEAL! ONLY \$75 tuition for Spring 2016!!

The marimba is a beautiful wood percussion instrument with the same keyboard as a piano, only played with mallets instead of fingers. Parents are invited to play with their children.

All Fall 2015 **Piano, Guitar, Marimba Band & World Percussion** students will continue in the SAME class they are in this semester. **Remember to re-register for Spring 2016.**

All of our Wednesday evening **UNM Children's Choruses - Farolito Singers, Lobo Choir, Para Cantar & High School Singers** - will reopen for new & continuing singers.

Musical Play Parent-Child Classes for ages 0-3 and 3-5, as well as Fun with Singing (ages 4-6) and Musical Mosaic (ages 4-7) - a NEW name for Ms. Holly's Classes - will reopen for new and continuing students.

You will need to re-register for all our Spring 2016 classes. Start making plans and encourage your friends and family to join you! Registration will be ready by December.

Parking at UNM



Please be sure to read & FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF YOUR PARKING PERMIT. The UNM Music Prep School is never responsible for parking citations. Lost permits or 2nd permits may be available for \$10.00 in the Music Prep School Office. UNM is a busy campus! We will try our best to let you know when large events may impede parking, but we don't know about everything that happens on campus, or always have the opportunity to get the word out. Thank you for understanding.

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UNM Music Prep School Cancellation

Policy Due to Weather

or Other Circumstances Beyond our Control

If we feel it is unsafe for families and teachers to travel due to weather conditions, or if the Center for the Arts is closed on the order of the Provost's Office, we will cancel our classes. If we must cancel, depending on the circumstance, we will do our best to let you know. We will try to put a message on our voice mail (277.8816), add our name to the cancellation list that is published on television stations, websites and apps; sometimes we will be able to shoot you an email informing you of the situation. **There will not be make up classes or refunds if we have to cancel.**